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Walking through the historical old town of Teguise takes us back centuries, to times when the island was governed by Landowners, Lords and the Clergy (ecclesiastical). The architectural appearance of Teguise is that of another century, it looks like a town anchored between the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. In 1852 Teguise conceded Capital status in favour of Arrecife hence losing its growth of power obtained from previous centuries. Due to the profound economic crisis this created, there was a general construction paralysis and it thereby maintained its present day aspect as one of the most picturesque areas of the Canarian Archipiélago. A walk through its streets which are steeped in history allows you to learn about the town, its buildings, its people, its cultures and its art and gives you a real insight into Lanzarote and its cultures and traditions, which are still kept alive today by the local people.

GUIDED TOURS:

Wednesday "Historical Teguise"

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Sunday "Teguise and its surroundings"

A guided tour through the heart of Teguise, discovering streets and passage ways, and in particular viewing the traditional architecture such as ovens made from limestone, and visiting El Jable and the San Rafael Chapel.

Duration: 10:00 to 11:30

Meeting point: At the Timple Museum's doorstep

Difficulty: Easy

Languages: Spanish and English

Recommendations: Comfortable walking shoes and clothing (jacket).

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EDITORIAL

"Treat the Earth well. It was not a gift to you from your parents, it is on loan to you from your children."

Kenyan proverb

The Isle of 300 Volcanoes

Welcome to Lanzarote and welcome to Lancelot, the Island's quality magazine, now in its 33rd year of publication.

The major feature of this issue is devoted to the monitoring of volcanic activity. A fascinating subject which emphasises the role played by Volcanoes House, located on the upper level of Jameos del Agua tourist attraction. Known as Casa de Los Volcanes, the state-of-the-art seismographic equipment is connected to all 140 sensors strategically placed throughout the island. The panels on display explain how each system functions and which area of volcanic activity they cover. Due to its 300 volcanoes, the most in the Canarian Archipelago, Lanzarote is often referred to as Isle of the Volcanoes.

Timanfaya National Park, the home of the Fire Mountains, continues to be the island's most popular tourist attraction. Because this area devastated by a six year period of intermittent eruptions in the first part of the 18th century, has been carefully prepared for visitors, it presents a natural vista unchanged for close to 300 years. Timanfaya presents a truly unique tableau even when compared to the world's other famous volcanic regions.

Having enjoyed your holiday you may wish to buy a holiday-cum-retirement home on an island with 12 months in the year sunshine and only a few hours away from the UK, Ireland and most European countries. Have a wonderful vacation, a safe return home and enjoy a speedy return to the Isle of 300 Volcanoes. Our next issue is out on 1 June, adios till then.

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LETTERS TO LANCELOT



Guanche Lunch Box!

Dear Sir,

I know a cave in the north of the island that local people say has been used forever by goat herds sheltering from the sun and wind. Next time I visit, I will use it in the same way. But I need a traditional meal to eat in the cave. Goat meat, gofio, goat's cheese? What would a goat herd have taken for lunch a thousand years ago? And if he lit a fire to roast the meat, how would he have started the fire?

Duncan Reavey
Chichester, UK

GUINEVERE The lunch would have consisted of the vegetables, ce-

reals and meats you mentioned. According to historian Agustin Pallarés the Guanches used friction for fire-making by rubbing a stick through a groove in a piece of wood and kept the fire burning by adding herbs.

Duncan Reavey, who is Principle Lecturer Learning and Teaching at Chichester University, organises Adventure Education courses annually for his students at Pardelas Park, Orzola.

Los Troncos Puerto del Carmen

Dear Sir,

Back in 1977 my parents brought my sister and myself to Lanzarote on a family holiday and we stayed at some flats called Los Troncos in Puerto del Carmen owned by a young Welshman called Simon Trenton. We have returned to the island several times since with our own children and have never been able to find Los Troncos again.

They were two bedroom apartments not far from the Hotel Fariones where we spent a lot of our time in the evenings as it was the centre of the social life for local Brits.

I enclose a photograph and would be very grateful if you could help us locate the flats as we intend visiting Lanzarote again on our summer holidays to celebrate the 40th anniversary of our first stay and would like to meet up with Simon again if he is still on the island. Maybe he will even read this letter and drop us a line. The Lancelot was not around on our first visit but we have purchased a copy on every holiday since it first appeared in the mid-1980s.

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GUINEVERE We have shown the photograph to several local people including some of the first English expatriates but none can recall Los



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Troncos apartments or the name Simon Trenton. One former member of the Fariones Hotel staff believes the apartments in the photo are La Concha 2 located just off the beach avenue on the corner of Calle Rosiego adjoining Playa Club. We contacted Playa Club who told us that the Concha Apartments are now private and not for letting but you can always pop in when you are on the island and see if they are indeed where you stayed in 1977 and take it up from there. The only commercial apartment urbanisation called Concha in Puerto del Carmen is Concha de Mar at Matagorda which is almost half an hour's walk from C/ Rosiego. Should you have any luck please drop us a line.

Searching for Doña Dorotea

Dear Sir,

I have read about Doña Dorotea in your magazine as well as in guide

books. Apparently, she was the source of traditional pottery making on the island of Lanzarote. But I would like to know a little more about the woman herself. Can you help?

Harold Smith
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GUINEVERE Doña Dorotea, 1899-1997 was known as the mother of traditional pottery making on Lanzarote. She learned her craft from her own mother and grandmother and the other potters learned their art from her. The following is a description by two holidaymakers from England Nick Ponsford and Judy Price, who were as curious about her as you are and took the trouble to search her down during their first visit in the early 1990s.

'We had started our quest as a

result of having seen examples of her work in a small shop in Tegui-se, from among which we bought a three-legged camel, complete with removable side panniers. The three legs were an essential design feature, since the primitive nature of the sculpture was such that a four-legged version would have needed several beer mats or similar aids to prop up the inevitable shorter one!'

'It was purely by chance that we eventually discovered Doña Dorotea's home. We were intrepid explorers of the many byways of the island, most of which were in those days no more than rough rutted tracks. At one point, as we were making our way cross country from Tia-gua back to La Santa, we suddenly spotted a very small and discoloured sign saying 'Cerámica Dorotea,' with an arrow pointing to a very modest similarly discoloured single storey building just off the track.'



Doña Dorotea



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'Peering in through a small doorway we discovered Dorotea in her workroom, surrounded by lumps of dark brown clay, partially modelled figures and a few finished items. The room was small, poorly lit and cluttered with the detritus of many years work. We were greeted with a warm smile, and, to us, a totally incomprehensible torrent of Spanish. We tried our best to explain that we were tourists staying at La Santa and had been very impressed with her work, particularly with the camel we had bought. To illustrate our point we indicated another camel that was on display. We gathered that this one had not yet been fired, but Doña Dorotea promised to have it ready for us the following day.'

'After being given our newly fired camel we were shown the 'kiln' which seemed to consist merely of a pile of rocks in the middle of the yard beyond the house. It was surrounded by maize husks which were the only fuel available for firing the pottery. It became a regular part of our subsequent trips to Lanzarote to visit Doña Dorotea and to buy another small item from her. Sadly, we turned up one year for our regular visit, only to discover from her daughter that Doña Dorotea had died. We were greatly saddened by this news, because despite our language difficulties we had always enjoyed our meetings with her and felt sure she got some pleasure from

them as well.'

Norman Knight

Dear Sir,

We have just returned to Austria after our first visit to Lanzarote and bought a copy of your excellent magazine at the newsagents in the departure hall. In an article on history you refer to Juan de Bethencourt, a Norman knight who arrived on the island in 1402 as the first step to annexing all seven Canary Islands to Spain.

I have no prior knowledge of the subject but would like to know why, as a Norman, he did not annexe the islands to his native France. Was Bethencourt a well known 15th century explorer or adventurer and did he discover any other parts of the world. What was his background?

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GUINEVERE According to Tenerife historian Yann Even, 'Juan de Bethencourt was responsible for establishing the first European 'colony' in history...the Canary Islands were the start of the expansion of Europe throughout the world, the importance of which has not always been sufficiently recognised.' Before undertaking his journey he asked the king of France to finance his expedition but was turned down and

then tried Henry III King of Spain who offered his assistance on condition that the islands would become a Spanish possession.

Juan de Bethencourt was from the region of Caux and was appointed councillor to both King Charles V and King Charles VI of France. His uncle was Robert de Braquemont, Admiral of France, who was in the service of Castile and was probably responsible for introducing him to the Spanish court.

The Norman nobleman only remained in the Canaries until the two isles of Lanzarote and Fuerteventura had been subdued and was rewarded by the monarch with the title King of the Canary Islands and as such entitled to a share of one fifth "Quinto," of the values of all merchandise exported. Bethencourt then retired to his castle in Grainville where he died twenty-two years later. It took his successors until 1496 until they had subdued all seven islands. He had never previously explored any other overseas territory.


Tidal Wave Canary Islands

Dear Sir,

There were reports in the British press last September, mainly in the Daily Star and the Mailonline, about the danger of a volcanic eruption of the Cumbre Vieja on the island of La Palma in the Canaries. Apparently, this would trigger off a mas-



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sive landslide that could precipitate a mega tsunami that could destroy most of the cities on the east coast of America from New York to Miami and could even affect the south coast of Britain. "MEGA-TSUNAMI hell feared as killer wave could 'hit UK at ANY TIME"

Following the huge banner headlines on the top of the page a tiny disclaimer appears at the end of the piece stating that it might not happen for many thousands of years. Is there any basis at all for this frightening prediction?

Charles Mortimer
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GUINEVERE This unfounded rumour began circulating over seventy years ago and, as is explained in the major feature of this issue, Spanish volcanologists monitor the volca-

noes of the Canary Islands 24 hours a day throughout the year. Furthermore, they are connected to surveillance warning centres in every other volcanic region in Europe. The Volcanology Commission of Spain, unequivocally states there is absolutely no scientific evidence whatsoever to connect mega tsunamis and La Palma. Based on their knowledge of the present and past behaviour patterns of the volcanic history of this region there is no basis whatsoever for any of the theories put forward.

According to a few basic principles upon which all experts agree, geological processes which will take place on the islands in the next centuries will be similar to those which have taken place over the past few centuries or even millennium. Any foreseeable activity causing landslides will be purely erosive, which is a gradually evolving process and not a sudden upheaval triggering a massive landslide.

"Plastic Soup"

Dear Sir,

On my first holiday to Lanzarote with my family, my husband happened to pick a copy of the Winter Edition of Lancelot and would like to you congratulate for publishing the article entitled "The Destruction of Fish and Seabirds Commences in our Bathrooms" by Mandy Barker. I must admit I had never before in my life ever heard of the expression "plastic beads" or had any idea of how I and my family had been contributing to the pollution of the world's oceans every time we washed or had a shower. I am sure that the same applies to most of your readers as well as the British at large. I am attaching a campaign by Sky News to clean up the world's oceans led by the chief executive John Ryley. It makes fascinating reading and would be an excellent



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piece to follow up Mandy Barker's report.

Susan and John Goodrich
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GUINEVERE We must admit that nobody on our editorial staff had ever heard of it until Mandy Barker was invited to give a talk on Lanzarote by the Culture Department of the Cabildo Island Government on the initiative of Councillor Oscar Pérez. We thank you for taking the trouble to tell us about the Sky News campaign, (which took place in January. Ed) to help clean up the oceans by bringing the matter to the attention of so many millions of people.

John Ryley wrote: 'I love mussels. As well as being a delightfully tactile culinary experience, they instantly conjure up the sights and sounds of childhood. You know the kind of thing. Seabirds wheeling over



North Sea mussels contain on average one particle of plastic per gram of tissue

the cliffs, waves chasing you up the beach, splashing around in rock pools with a shrimp net, the heat of the sun, the sand between your toes.'

'It's a Proustian daydream that reflects our communal love affair with one of the most beautiful coastlines in the world. An inheritance that lies at the heart of our island history and shared sense of national identity. Passing on that legacy is one of

the great joys of parenthood, and it seems like only yesterday that I introduced my own children to its many delights. So imagine my shock when one day last summer while returning to a favourite seaside haunt, my son - currently studying marine biology - fixed me with a querulous smile as with a contented sigh I pushed aside the discarded remains of my moules marinière.'

"Do you realise what you've just eaten, Dad?" he asked. He didn't bother waiting for a reply. "North Sea mussels contain on average one particle of plastic per gram of tissue. They get it from the seawater which is polluted with plastics from cosmetics, synthetic clothing, packaging, you name it. So you've just eaten around three hundred pieces of plastic in the last 10 minutes. And it's still only lunchtime!"

'My son went on to give me a spur-of-the-moment lecture on what he sees as potentially the most

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dangerous environmental catastrophe confronting his generation. Namely, the whole-scale pollution of the world's oceans. Here are just a few of his 'Horrrifying Ocean Facts': between 4.8 million and 12.7 million tons of plastic end up in the world's oceans every year and can be found everywhere from the Poles to the Equator, on coastlines, on the sea surface, and on the seafloor. It will be a major challenge to put the legacy of pollution we are passing on into reverse, but we owe it to our children and future generations to acknowledge the problem and change our behaviour.'

'Plastic makes up 95% of the rubbish in our oceans, mainly in the form of bags, food and drink containers, and fishing equipment; from past studies it is estimated that as many as 90% of the world's seabirds have plastic in their stomachs. And so it went on. By the time he had finished, my plate of discarded she-

llfish looked about as enticing as yesterday's news.'

'It was one spur to Sky's subsequent decision to spearhead a campaign to tackle the overwhelming amount of plastic pollution threatening our seas. And that's why today, I am delighted to be able to announce the launch of the Sky Ocean Rescue project, and two days of coverage on the subject on Sky News and all its platforms.'

'The new campaign will focus on single-use plastics, those that are used for a matter of minutes and then thrown away. Initially our key focus will be on highlighting single-use plastic household waste - the equivalent of a rubbish truck load is dumped into the ocean every minute. Plastic bottles are the third most common ocean polluter after cigarettes and food packaging, and the number of plastic bottles washing up on UK beaches rose 43% from 2014 to 2015. Only about half of

the plastic bottles are currently collected for recycling, with 35 million plastic bottles sold in Britain every day - a staggering 200 a year for every man, woman and child.'

Sky is working to get its own house in order, eliminating disposable plastic in our canteens and running a major internal communications campaign. And we will spend the next two years and beyond helping to find solutions which work for the public in helping them reduce their single use plastic waste. Today the campaign launched on Sky News with two days of special coverage from Britain and around the world. On Tuesday at 8pm, Sky Atlantic ran a film, *A Plastic Tide*, outlining the reasons why as consumers we are all responsible for the impact of our behaviour. The film revealed new unpublished evidence of the risks of plastics to human life and ecosystems. The Sky campaign was highly praised by Prince Charles.



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Inheritance or Donation?

Karl Fuchs - Auditax NL International S.L.



Many people might already know about the changes in Inheritance and Donation Tax legislation, which was approved by the Canary Islands Government and came into force as from January 1st, 2016. In addition with a sentence passed by the European Supreme Court in October 2015, these new conditions have created a legal environment, which might entice people to think about their actions in terms of wills or other dispositions in relation to their estate.

During last year we have been asked many times about advice on these matters. There can't be a general rule for what to do, as every case is different, but there are some dispositions which are applicable to most of them.

We'd like to point out a few of these questions we've been asked by clients and try to answer those in an abbreviated form.

Do I have to make a will in Spain?

There is no obligation to make a will in Spain, but in certain circumstances its existence could speed up processing the necessary paperwork of inheritance. However, it is to say, that if nationals of the European Community have changed their resi-

dency to Spain, it's recommended to make such a will, in which it should state, which national law should govern the estate.

If this disposition is not included, the legislation of the country of residence will be applicable, according to the European Directive from August 2015. Please note, that citizens of the UK, Ireland and Denmark should seek individual advice.

Should I donate my assets or do I wait and bequeath them?

There is no simple answer to this question as many personal circumstances could play a role, but assuming the best case scenario we explain the difference and the corresponding fiscal treatment.

Please note, that the following considerations are only applicable for kinship groups I + II, meaning children of minor age (I) and spouses, parents, children and registered partners (II).

Inheritance

If the beneficiaries of a will are those belonging to aforementioned groups, Inheritance Tax levied on their individual shares of the estate ascends to 0.10% of the net value inherited. It is important to know, that under the current law, any Ca-

pital Gains obtained by a deceased is exempt from Income Tax, when transmitted by inheritance.

Donation

This form of asset transfer is usually done because of personal or other circumstances which make it preferable to an inheritance or legacy.

This operation has a different fiscal treatment, as it is a transaction between living persons or entities. Although the tax part for the beneficiaries is the same as it would be in an inheritance, the one concerning the donor isn't. If the donor obtained Capital Gains at the time of donation, it is subject to Income Tax.

One might say this is strange, because the donor doesn't receive anything for the donation, the law deems Capital Gains to be obtained by the donor. In general this doesn't apply to cash money, but it does to any other asset, which was obtained for a lesser value than that of its donation. In most of the cases it's applicable to real estate, but it also affects shares, insurance policies, financial products, etc.

If a donation is intended, it is advisable to consult your fiscal adviser on its implications before doing so, in order to avoid an unwelcome surprise afterwards.



A Brief Guide to Property Purchase

LANCELOT has prepared the following for the benefit of holidaymakers unfamiliar with the language and laws of Spain. It is not, and is not intended as, a substitute to advice from a solicitor and/or an estate agent.

Only buy from the office of an Estate Agent and seek the services of an independent solicitor.

It is not advisable to give anyone a **GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY**. Where necessary, it is prudent to grant a limited power of attorney (only) to an independent solicitor.

Do not believe that you are protected because the conveyance will be notarised, as the Notary presumes that you are acting on the advice of your Lawyer.

When buying property insist on the presence of an impartial sworn translator. By law a Notary can refuse to notarise a deed if the conveyance is not translated into the language of the party(ies) concerned.

Before you purchase make sure the Vendor has paid all back property taxes, *Impuesto sobre bienes inmuebles*, to the local Town Hall, by checking the receipts.

If, by purchasing, you will become a member of an Association of Owners, make sure that the Vendor has paid all his community bills. Also check on the liquidity of the Association itself, and examine their statutes, *estatutos*. Their rules may not permit you to keep your domestic pets.

Before buying land present a written enquiry at the local Town Hall (with a return address on the Island) asking if there is planning permission to build on the site of your choice and if any building restrictions apply there.

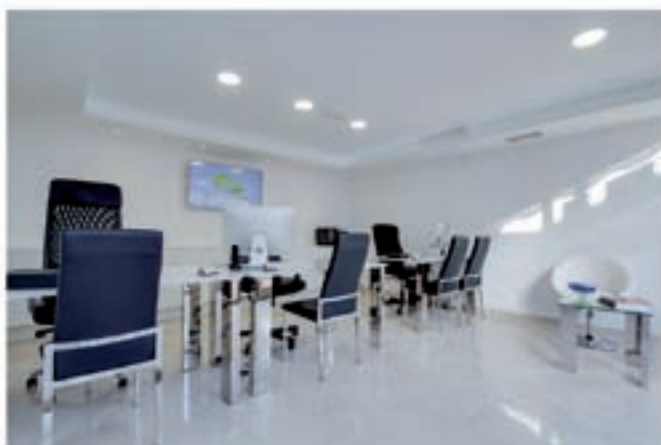
Instruct your solicitor to conduct a search at the Property Registry, *Registro de la Propiedad*, immediately before the conveyance and return there as soon as the notarised document can be collected from the Notary.

Make sure that your architect is one of the 24 members of the Canarian College of Architects working on Lanzarote, otherwise you will have to pay a second fee. If in doubt call the Colegio de Arquitectos in Arrecife on 928 800799 or fax: 928 800798. Spanish-speaking.

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“How to Get a Place at an English University”

Talk at CEP in Arrecife by Dr Duncan Reavey to Teachers and Students



Dr Duncan Reavey, Head Lecturer for Teaching and Learning at Chichester University spoke to local students on the subject of how to get a place at a university in England. Several of his students told the audience that they love studying at Chichester because of their approach to teaching and learning in a friendly supportive community which not only offers a unique learning environment, but an excellent mix of opportunities in a safe area where students can experience a bit of everything. s He had been invited by the head of the English-language executive Lanzarote Teaching Centre, CEP, in Arrecife, Carmen Gloria Morales.

The talk coincided with the seventeenth annual visit of Chichester University students to Lanzarote on a course of Outdoor Education led by Dr Reavey and four members of the staff. Over the past two years CEP invited students who are learning teaching at Chichester to give English lessons to pupils in nine Lanzarote schools, which they did in an honorary capacity.

Activities enjoyed on this year's visit by the 23 students and five teachers included lessons on Canarian Wrestling, “Lucha Canaria” at Haria Arena with Mayor Marciano



A group of Chichester University students

Duncan Reavey with Carmen Gloria Morales, head of English-language teaching at the Canarian Government's CEP Education Board on Lanzarote, where the talk took place



University teachers who accompanied the students, Pete, Matt, Duncan, Jon and Kirsty. Photos Liz



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A backlog of Lancelot issues used by the students as a reference library of Lanzarote's history and culture

Acuña among the crowd of onlookers. A friendly bout followed the exhibition, which was surprisingly won by the visitors. Also a brief visit to the Isle of La Graciosa for mountain biking. The group were accompanied by a film maker who made a promotional video for the Outdoor Education course, who brought a drone with him to show the island through a new pair of eyes. There is a small cave high up on the side of the small volcano above Las Pardelas - they say it was a place where the goat herders "cabreros" sheltered from the sun and wind - where 5 students joined their teacher for a traditional "Guanche" lunch of gofio and goats cheese followed by story-telling by a small campfire at the mouth of the cave. As on every visit they spent time at Las Pardelas Park, Orzola receiving talks on the environment by Director Carlos Dizy.



Students were on hand to answer questions from the Arrecife audience about the advantages of learning at Chichester based on their own experiences

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“Health Care for Expats in Spain to be Based on Reciprocity”

Gerard McGurk, HM Consul General and Regional Director for Europe South



In response to queries by British expatriates about health care, pensions and residency, the consul was only able to reiterate Britain's position as set out by Prime Minister Theresa May to the House of Commons, the very day he arrived on Lanzarote. He basically said that Britain and Spain has a lot in common with 1 million expats living in Spain and a large amount of Spaniards resident in England. There would most certainly be reciprocity in the manner these major subjects which are causing so much anxiety among the British population living here. It would be advisable, now than ever, for everyone to get registered on the padron at their local Town Hall and learn the language so as to be able to integrate with the local population. Expats who have decided they want to remain living in Spain whatever the consequences, will enjoy a much happier, and a more inclusive, life if they participate in cultural and social events arranged by the local town hall and could further benefit by joining local associations.

Just to refresh reader's memories this is the essence of what the Prime Minister said. The UK “cannot possibly” remain within the European single market, as staying in it would mean “not leaving the EU at all - as European leaders have stressed, the UK would have to accept EU rules and regulations and be bound by the European Court of Justice, instead, the UK will push for a new “comprehensive free trade agreement” giving it the greatest possible access to the single market.” Since then the Prime Minister made a successful trip to America, and was the first foreign leader to meet President Trump at the White House where both spoke about renewing the “special relationship”



Recently-appointed British Consul General Gerard McGurk on Lanzarote during his first visit to the Canary Islands. He is seen with Regional Consul Charmaine Arbouine, Vice Consul Las Palmas Esther Martín, Honorary Consul Lanzarote Sue Thain and Consular Assistant Nathalie Hassan. Photos Liz

that both countries had enjoyed for a very long time. This was followed by a brief visit to Turkey which culminated in a 100 million pound defence deal.

Lancelot invited Gerard McGurk to tell our readers something about his career to date. He responded as follow: ‘When I was 17 years old I had a choice of going to university or joining the Foreign Office and I decided on the latter. In a sense I was fortunate because I was posted to certain parts of the world in which major events occurred which have taken their place in the annals of modern history. The first was to Jordan where we covered major parts of the Middle East and even further afield from Mauretania to

Bangladesh. In 1990 I was a member of the British diplomatic team implementing the sanctions on Iraq in compliance with the United Nations Security Council's near-total financial and trade embargo following the invasion of Kuwait by Saddam Hussein. A year later I was stationed at the embassy in Athens when Kosovo seceded from Serbia and most EU countries were considering recognising the new state and I was asked to fly to Madrid to sound out the intentions of the Spanish Government who, we now know, joined all the other Member States their recognition of the independence of Kosovo. That was my first ever visit to Spain, never dreaming that I would be posted here one day.

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Central Southern Route La Geria

Puerto del Carmen, the island's largest tourist resort, has almost 13 kilometres of beaches and a picturesque fishing harbour in the Old Town. On the main Island highway close to the Puerto del Carmen turn-off, a road opposite leads to ASO-MADA. Drive through and turn left at the first T junction until reaching a main road. This is LA GERIA, the wine-growing region of Lanzarote where grapes are cultivated in a manner not used anywhere else in the world. The result is an unforgettable landscape dominated by the sight of thousands of shallow pits stretching as far as the eye can see.

The young vines planted inside are covered with layers of porous black volcanic grains which feed them moisture and protect them



Puerto del Carmen, La Tiñosa Harbour

from the harsh rays of the sun. They are sheltered from the constant Trade Winds by the semi-circular walls of dry volcanic rock above.

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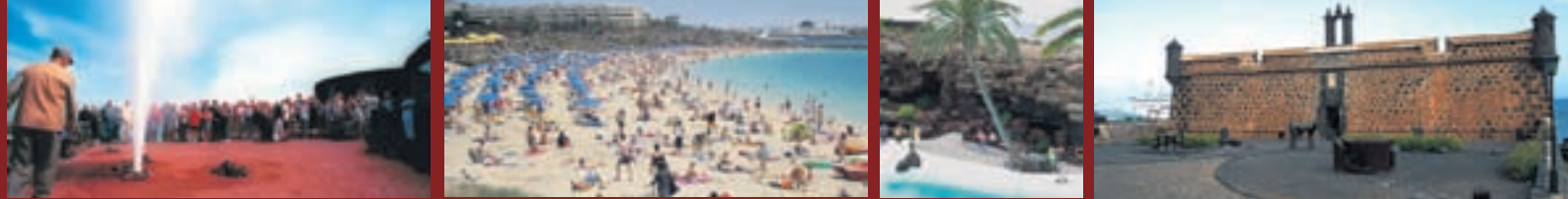


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Yaiza and El Golfo

Turn left driving past UGA village until rejoining the Island highway where YAIZA is soon reached. The town square contains several buildings typical of Lanzarote's traditional architecture with the Town Hall at one end and the ancient Los Remedios Church at the other.

To the right a few kilometres along after the town is a sign to CHARCO DE LOS CLICHOS, the GREEN LAGOON, (and neighbouring EL GOLFO village), which is reached after a short ride along a winding picturesque coastal road. A brief stroll round the corner brings us to the GREEN LAGOON. Scientists are not absolutely certain as to the source of its colour, some believe it is caused by algae, others attribute it to the green olivine semi-precious stone, found in abundance on the Island. (There are several good fish restaurants around the bay at EL GOLFO).

Returning along the coast there is a large parking area to the right. The seas below can frequently be seen battering away at the cliffs trying to force a way through. During the 18th century volcanic eruptions, lava thrown out by the volcanoes covered a large area of the ocean in this area which it has been attempting to reclaim back ever since.

Yet another pretty scene just



La Geria is the centre of the wine cultivation region

a few hundred metres along is presented by the JANUBIO salt ponds. Employing over one hundred workers at the turn of the century to provide sailing ships with salt for keeping food fresh, the salt works gradually fell into decline with the advent of refrigeration.



El Golfo

Playa Blanca Papagayo Beaches

Twenty years ago a tiny fishing village, PLAYA BLANCA on the south coast, is now a flourishing but tranquil resort with a beautiful beach bordered by a picturesque restaurant-lined promenade. The small harbour is used by ferries sailing to Fuerteventura, the Fred Olsen Express car ferry makes the 20 minute crossing six times daily.

Close by along the headland to the east several paths lead to the magnificenti PAPAGAYO BEACHES. Composed of several small bays and coves, many consider these golden sands to be the most beautiful in Spain.



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Marina Rubicón

This harbour at Playa Blanca combines the most modern and well-equipped docks for sea-going yachts with the olde-world charm of traditional island architecture housing amenities and facilities on the shoreline including an art gallery. Two new deluxe hotels overlook the marina and the coastal promenade.

The Fire Mountains

Returning north on the main road turn left in YAIZA to MONTAÑAS DEL FUEGO, the FIRE MOUNTAINS, part of TIMANFAYA NATIONAL PARK. This region was devastated by intermittent volcanic eruptions over a six year period, 1730 - 1736. The scenery is both breathtaking and vividly awesome, a few hundred metres to the left a string of camels await passengers for a scenic ride round the rim of a volcano.

The red and white barrier at a toll booth signals arrival at the road which leads to the parking area at Hilario's Plateau.

Here the DIABLO RESTAURANT serves meals from a grill fitted across a natural volcanic chasm, with geothermic heat rising from the bowels of the volcano cooking the food!

A coach fitted with multi-lingual commentary leaves to tour the nearby region of volcanic destruction taking a route offering the clearest indication of what took place here some two and a half centuries ago. There are stops for photographs and the 45 minute trip is included in the price of the admission fee to the Park. Open daily 09.00 - 17.00 hrs.

Timanfaya Information

On exiting via the barrier turn left and after two kilometres watch out for the Timanfaya Visitors Centre on the left before Mancha Blanca.



This is an excellent source of multi-lingual information about the Park and its volcanoes. Admission is free, open 7 days a week 09.00 - 16.45.

Mancha Blanca

Continue towards Mancha Blanca where every Sunday morning a market selling authentic Made in Lanzarote food products as well as Arts & Crafts takes place opposite the church. Or, take the road to Tinajo from the Monumento and watch for the turnoff to Mancha Blanca on your left.

El Monumento

Continue past Mancha Blanca to Tao, turn right until the next roundabout. The MONUMENTO AL CAMPESINO at the right of the road was one of the first creations of the late Cesar Manrique whose intention was to commemorate past generations of Lanzaroteans who stuck to their toil in the fields even after volcanic eruptions had devastated their most fertile land. These hardy early 18th century pioneers invented the irrigation method still in use throughout Lanzarote today. They had noticed that wherever an amount of black volcanic grains known as picon thrown out by the volcano had settled on fertile soil, some type of plant-life eventually emerged from the

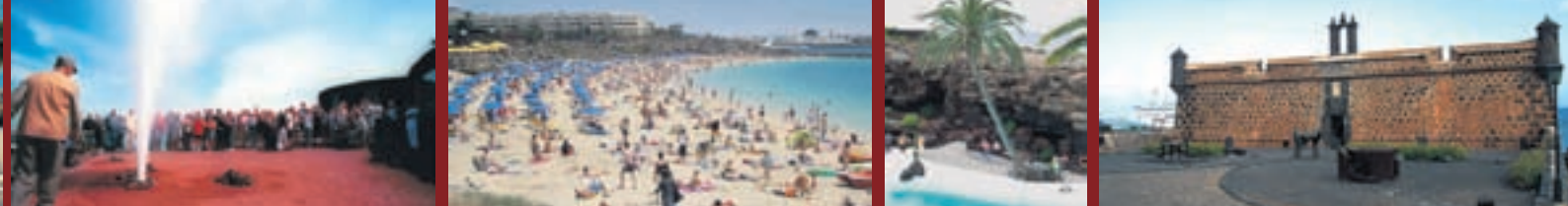
ground. Soon realising that the grains were porous, farmers began covering their fields with picon. The typical farm house contains a restaurant serving local cuisine. Nearby, the public can watch artisans create traditional arts and crafts which can be purchased in the souvenir shop. Open daily 10.00 - 18.00, restaurant 12.00 - 16.30, bar 10.00 - 17.45.

Wine Region

Turning right one enters Lanzarote's unique wine growing region. Each vine is planted in a deep pit and covered with layers of volcanic cinders, a semi-circular wall above serving as wind protection. The tableau of many hundreds of thousands of such pits is unique in the world. One soon reaches the oldest winery in the Canary Islands, Bodegas El Grifo, which dates back to 1775, and whose very beautiful Wine Museum is open to the public. A sculptured griffon, the vineyard's trademark, stands above the entrance. The museum is located in the wine region road San Bartolomé-Masdache and opens daily from 10.30 - 18.00. Guided tours daily at 10.30 from Monday to Friday.

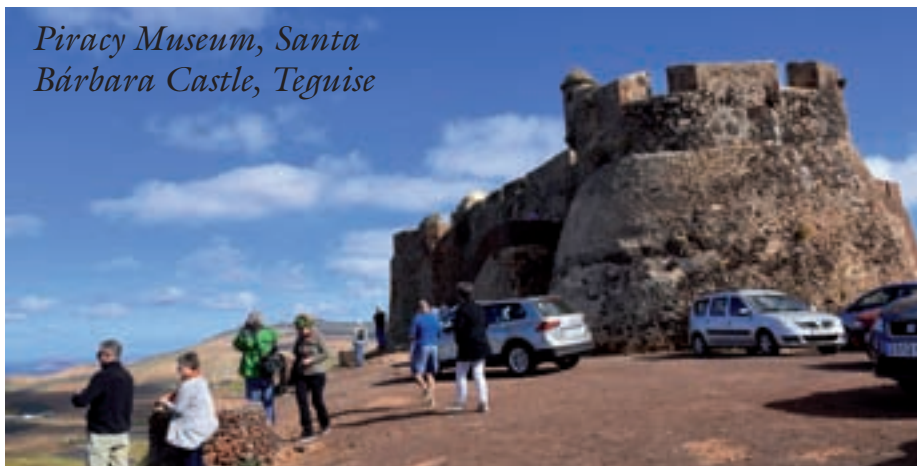
San Bartolomé

A short distance along take the right fork towards San Bartolomé.



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Piracy Museum, Santa Bárbara Castle, Tegui



This is the geographical centre of the island and an important agricultural region where vegetables grow in the sandy 'jable' soil, unique on Lanzarote. Sweet potatoes, water melons and squash are the main crops grown in this region. Buildings of interest in the town itself include the Casa Mayor Guerra, the 18th century home of the former military governor of the island.

Tanit Ethnic Museum

Close to the Town Hall is the Tanit Ethnic Museum which contains a display of the working and cultural life of the island over the past centuries. Open Mon to Sat 10 - 14, closed Sunday.

Cesar Manrique Foundation

On the outskirts of town cross straight over the main Monument-Arrecife road until passing some ruins on a plateau to the left. Continuing downhill round a sweeping curve for a few hundred metres the imposing white gateway of the FUNDACION CESAR MANRIQUE appears on your left with its adjoining spacious parking area. The Foundation is housed in what was originally one of the world's most uniquely beautiful homes built by Cesar Manrique for himself and where he lived for over twenty years.

Set in a sea of petrified lava and constructed on two levels by interlinking five volcanic bubbles, this residence has attracted journalists from the world's leading architectural magazines and as a work of art in its own right is certainly worth visiting.

In September 1992 only six months after the Foundation opened its doors Cesar Manrique was killed a few yards away in a car accident. Without his intuitive genius for enhancing without spoiling nature, Lanzarote would today look just like many other holiday resorts with sunshine and nice beaches. Open Monday to Saturday 10.00 - 18.00 hrs and Sunday 10.00 - 15.00 hrs.

Museo Agrícola El Patio

The buildings and grounds of El Patio Farm Museum represent an authentic and comprehensive reconstruction of traditional Lanzarote folklore and culture including its unique agricultural history. Take the Arrecife-Tahiche main road, turn right at Tiagua and follow the signs.

Mon - Fri 10 - 5.30, Sat 10 - 2.30.

Northern Route Tegui

The main road north from Arrecife leads to TEGUISE, the capital of Lanzarote for over 500 years until ceding the title to Arrecife in the middle of the last century. Moorish corsairs attacked this old town

many times murdering, pillaging and carrying its inhabitants off into slavery. A small alley at the side of the church in the main square is called Sangre - Blood - on account of Christian blood flowing through the nearby streets on many occasions. Opposite, the SPINOLA PALACE fronted by two stone lions was the home of a wealthy 19th century merchant family which has been restored and is open to the public. Every Sunday and Public Holiday a market is held in and around the square.

The resort of Costa Tegui has five beaches the largest of which is Playa de las Cucharas.

Piracy Museum Santa Bárbara Castle

Standing on Mount Guanapay overlooking Tegui is strategically placed to overlook the coastline on both sides of the Island and was originally built to warn the Island capital below if pirates were sighted.

A Piracy Museum is located in the medieval fortress with a wonderful array of interactive screens, panels and information boards with the names and histories of some of the most famous names of pirates and privateers in maritime history. British and North African buccaneers prowled the waters of the Canaries in search of booty as well as attacking individual islands such as Lanzarote which suffered a series of devastating raids from the 16th until the 18th centuries.

The Pirates Museum open Monday to Friday 9.00 - 16.00

Sunday and Public Holidays 10.00 - 16.00. Closed Saturday.

Timple Music Museum Palacio Spinola, Tegui

This museum in the beautiful interior of the 19th century Spinola





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Palace is dedicated to the “timple” miniature guitar whose strident tones are known as the “The Sound of the Canary Islands.” A timple is an integral part of every folklore group and the museum traces its evolution on the island since the start of the last century. Fifty-five instruments from all over world are on display, all of which create a similar sound to the “timple”, the most well known of these is the Hawaiian ukelele. Open Monday to Friday 9.00 - 16.00 . Sunday and Public Holidays 9.00 - 15.00. Closed Saturday.

Haria

The road north passes Los Valles an important agricultural village continuing past several laybys offering commanding views across to the opposite coast. Rounding some sharp curves cut through the cliffs the road descends to HARIA, nestling peacefully in the Valley of 10,000 Palms. Reminiscent of a North African oasis the town was a spa for wealthy Canarians in the past. The Artesanal Market every Saturday 10.00 – 14.30 is rated 5 Stars by Trip Advisor; Arts & Crafts Workshop Mon-Sat 10-14.00, 16.00-20.00.

Manrique House Museum

Follow the signs to the House Museum of César Manrique in Haria. It was the artist's second home where he spent the last few years of his life having converted his original residence into the Foundation at Tahiche which bears his name. Everything has been left in the original state it was in when he died. Open 7 days a week, but advance purchase of tickets is recommended due to limited capacity.

Mirador del Río

Continuing northward past Maguez village a road towards the cliff-top leads to Guinate Tropical Park. A short drive on the main road and



Mirador del Río

you arrive at MIRADOR DEL RIO, a belvedere with breathtaking views of the straights below and islands out to sea. Open daily 10.00 - 18.00 hrs.

The Green Caves

The route continues downhill towards the GREEN CAVES, (open daily 10.00 - 18.00 hrs.), on the opposite coast over a region known as Malpais de la Corona, ‘badlands’ caused by the eruption of nearby Monte Corona. During an eruption whilst debris is shot out skywards, volcanoes also often break out below ground, a molten lava stream forging a tunnel. One such volcanic tunnel, the Atlantida, is below the earth's surface at this point which at 7 1/2 kilometres is the longest in the world.

Jameos del Agua

This large grotto harbouring an underground lake forms the last section of the Atlantida Tunnel and came into being when the molten lava stream met the cooler waters of the nearby Atlantic Ocean. An amenity not to be missed in this wonder of nature embellished by Cesar Manrique, is the underground concert hall located in a massive volcanic cavern. Open daily 11.00 - 19.00 hrs. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights, 19.00 - 03.00 hrs.

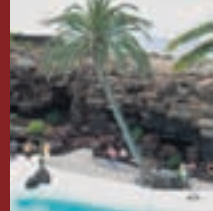
The Cactus Garden

The route south passes through several villages until reaching an area where the fields are all planted with cacti. Known as the ‘tunera’ cactus it attracts the female cochineal beetle from which carmine dye is extracted. Dusty white patches on the leaf indicate a colony of this parasite and if crushed turn to bright crimson. Guatiza village is the centre of this cactus crop and is the home of JARDIN DE CACTUS - the CACTUS GARDEN - the seventh and last of the Tourist Centres, which opened in March 1990. Open daily 10.00 - 18.00 hrs.

Arrecife

Continuing south the road leads past a white stone gateway leading to Costa Teguise, one of the three major tourist resorts on Lanzarote. Arriving at the capital ARRECIFE, home to half of the 70,000 inhabitants of Lanzarote, whose tree-lined promenades and SAN GINES Lagoon are beautifully landscaped. A colourful street market takes place on the promenade every Wednesday selling traditional island arts and crafts among other items.

The main shopping area is in and around Calle Leon y Castillo which has a drawbridge at one end leading to SAN GABRIEL Cast-



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le, the Arrecife History Museum. A drive around the NAOS fishing harbour past some abandoned windmills leads to another medieval fort, CASTILLO SAN JOSE, whose 18th century interior was converted by Cesar Manrique in 1974 to house the International Museum of Contemporary Art. Open daily 11.00 - 21.00 hrs. On the lower floor an excellent restaurant with panoramic views out to sea. Open daily 10.00 - 01.00 hrs

Marina Lanzarote

Just a short walk from the town centre along the seafront leads to the shops and restaurants of the luxury Marina Lanzarote, newly-opened in October 2014. A first class selection of shops and boutiques overlooking the colourful tableau of transatlantic yachts bobbing at their moorings



Charco de San Gines, Arrecife

await the visitors as well as dining facilities to suit every taste and every pocket, offering everything from local and international cuisine to smart snack bars and cafeterias.

La Graciosa & Fuerteventura Car Ferry Service

Lineas Maritimas Romero operate frequent sailings from Orzola Harbour to La Graciosa as well as excursions from Puerto del Carmen.

Other services include: Water-taxi Puerto del Carmen-Puerto Calero and Water-bus Playa-Blanca- Marina Rubicón-Papagayo. Departure and arrival times are convenient for tourists wishing to spend a whole or half day on Lanzarote's sister isle.

The neighbouring island of Fuerteventura is only 12 minutes away by Fred Olsen and Naviera Armas car ferry with frequent crossings from Playa Blanca to Corralejo.

Haría
Artesan Capital of Lanzarote

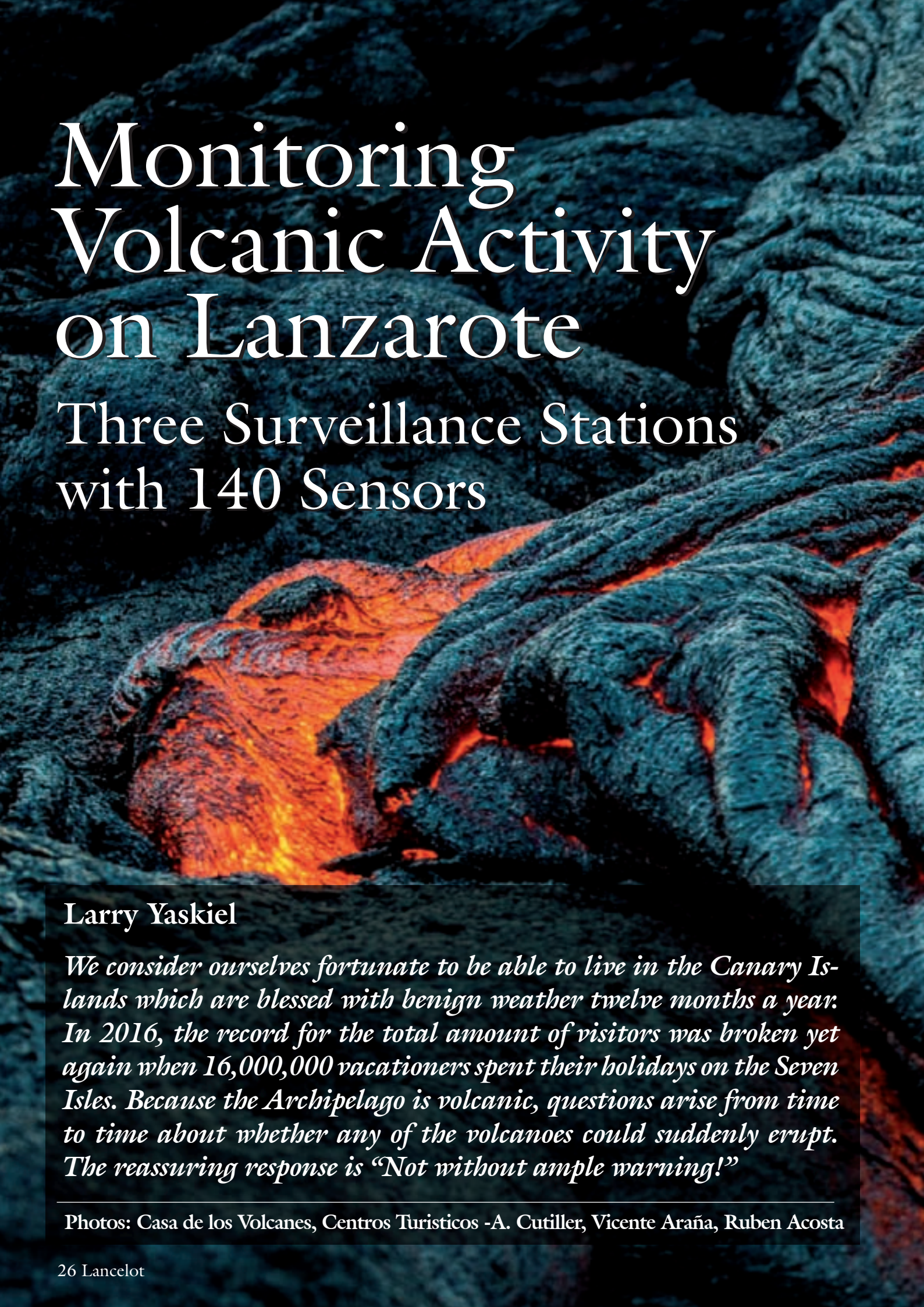
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Monitoring Volcanic Activity on Lanzarote

Three Surveillance Stations with 140 Sensors

Larry Yaskiel

We consider ourselves fortunate to be able to live in the Canary Islands which are blessed with benign weather twelve months a year. In 2016, the record for the total amount of visitors was broken yet again when 16,000,000 vacationers spent their holidays on the Seven Isles. Because the Archipelago is volcanic, questions arise from time to time about whether any of the volcanoes could suddenly erupt. The reassuring response is “Not without ample warning!”

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A seismograph records and measure seismic waves from movement caused by explosions in the earth's crust or from distant earthquakes



Hawaiian Category

Lanzarote's volcanoes and those in the rest of the Canaries come under the "Hawaiian" category whose major characteristic is that eruptions are signalled by a series of precursors lasting several months. These include minor earth tremors and smoke emissions from the ground, the peaks or the flanks of the volcanoes as well as the sea. When one hears of a volcano erupting a picture springs to mind of molten lava pouring out, which it does, but so do a host of other materials, all combining to create a new landscape in the surrounding area. This scenario is exactly what happened before the famous intermittent eruptions over a six year period from 1730 to 1736, which created the entire area

of the Fire Mountains in Timanfaya National Park.

Surveillance Centre

Three surveillance centres on Lanzarote check the soundings of 140 sensors, more than anywhere else in Europe and most other volcanic regions in the world. The main centre, based at an in-house laboratory at Casa de los Volcanes on the upper level of the Cabildo Tourist Centre, Jameos del Agua, comprises an integral part of the European volcanic zones early warning system known as SANARIS (Network for Natural Risk Monitoring). Under this EU scheme, to which Mount Vesuvius and the Azores also belong, Lanzarote transmits up to date volcanic movement activity every

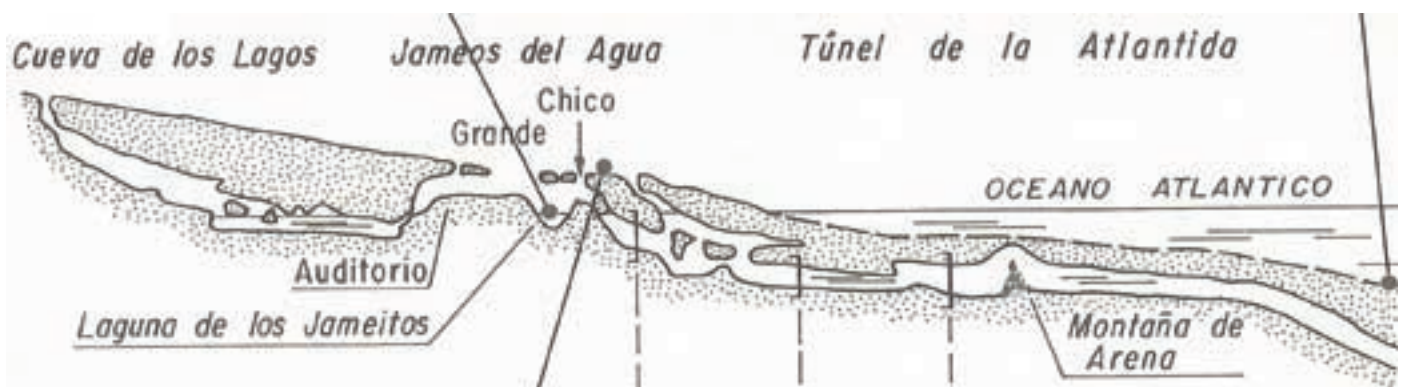
four hours to the Higher Council for Research in Madrid who relay it to other European observatories. The other two observation stations are at the Green Caves and in Timanfaya National Park. The precise location of the slightest tremor or movement is automatically pinpointed by the DAS Data Acquisition Systems and GPS and transmitted to all other volcanic regions. All four of the island's seismographs operate on broad-band with sufficient power to register volcanic activity as far away as Australia.

Atlantida Tunnel

The location of this central location is very suitable, as Jameos del Agua is part of one of the world's longest volcanic tunnels. Measuring



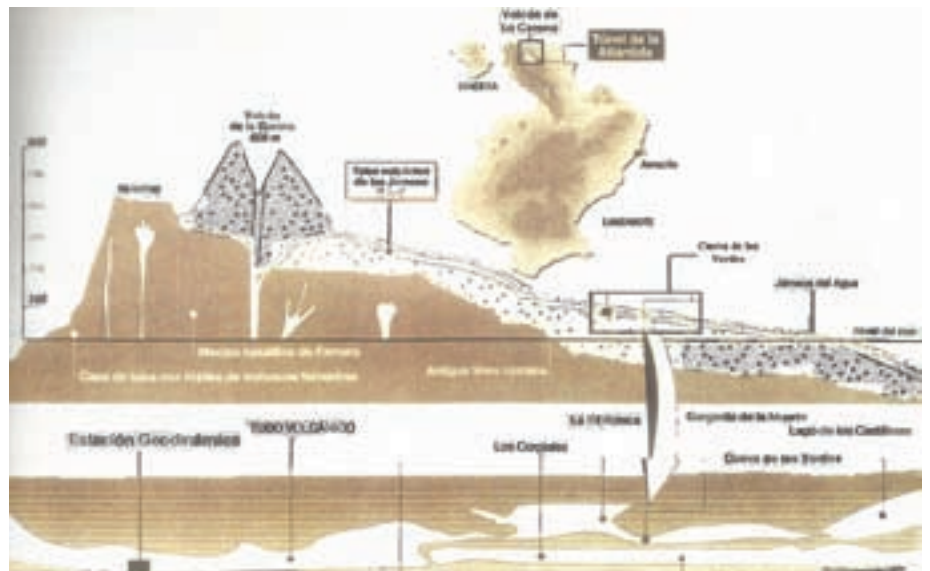
Ground deformation on the flanks is pinpointed and measured through aerial photography



The surface of the lava flows cannot always be seen



Deformation monitoring is the second most important means of forecasting volcanic eruptions



End and sensor of a 42m long water tube and a tiltmeter at the Geodynamic Station in Jameos del Agua which detect ground deformations

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7 ½ kilometres underground and extending for a further 1,500 metres into the sea, the Atlantida Tunnel was formed when the nearby Monte Corona volcano, which overlooks the entire area of scrubland, exploded thousands of year ago. When volcanoes erupt, besides explosions on the summits and flanks, there are sometimes simultaneous eruptions underground where streams of molten lava stream flow out forth with sufficient power to excavate tunnels along the path they forge.

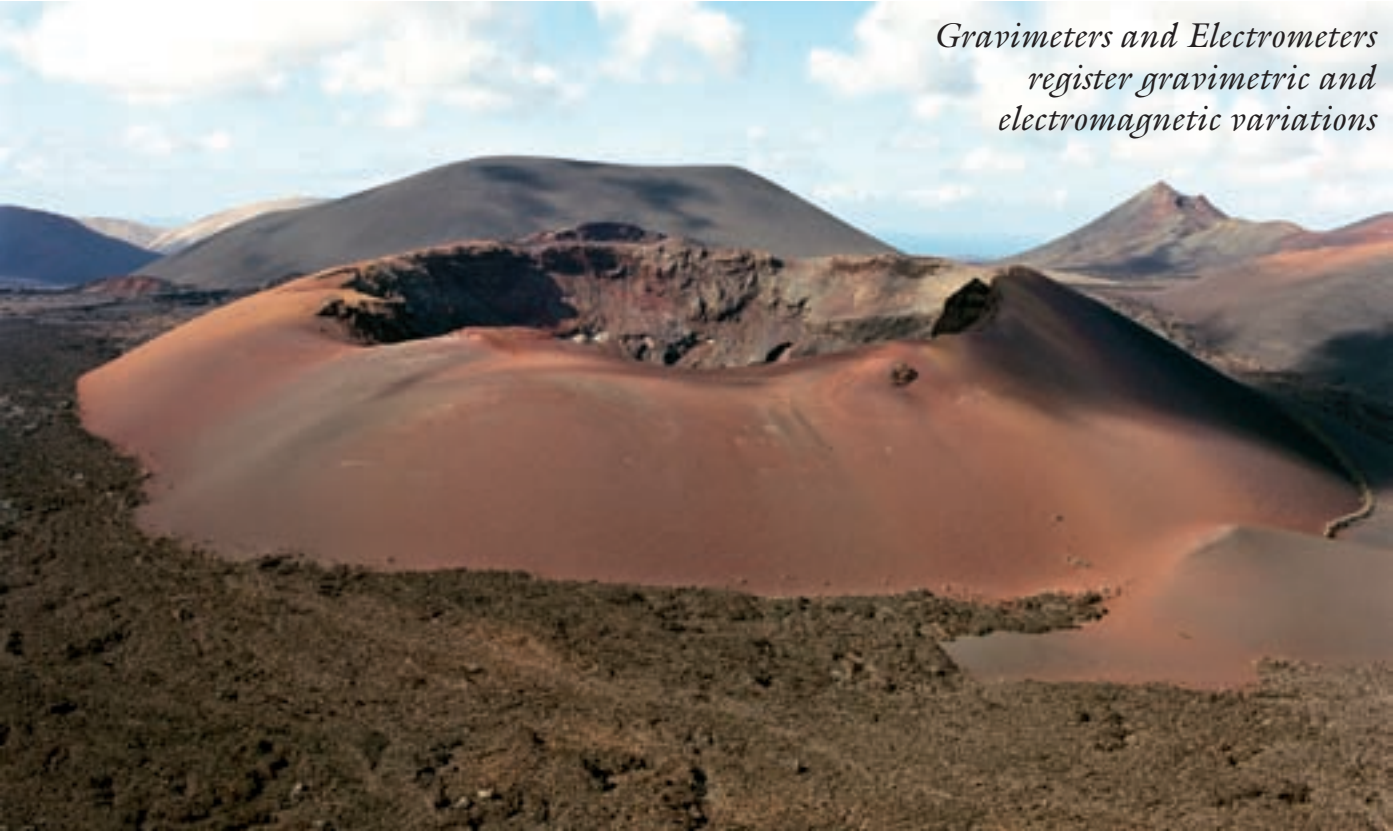
Volcanic Tremor Monitoring

The first warning sign, a volcanic tremor, is a unique kind of seismic activity associated with volcanoes which consists of a more or less continuous ground vibration with a frequency of 0.5 to 10 cycles per second. It consists of a very low hum detectable by seismographs but whose source is not clear. Various studies relate it to the formation of gas bubbles or the turbulent flow of magma, which creates a resonance

like water hammering in poorly designed pipes. Whatever its source, it is nearly always present during volcanic eruptions, and often begins before the actual surface outbreak. However, not all periods of volcanic tremor are followed by outbreaks.

Deformation Monitoring

Slight changes in the slopes or distances between survey points on the summits or flanks of active volcanoes provide another major method of diagnosing the internal




*Gravimeters and Electrometers
register gravimetric and
electromagnetic variations*

changes taking place. Several techniques are involved, including conventional levelling and the determination of distances with reflected light beams. Tiltmeters, which can detect changes in slopes smaller than 1 part per million (1 microradian) is the equivalent to the lifting of a rigid board 1 kilometre long by only 1 millimeter. Repeated at frequent intervals, these surveying techniques reveal the tiny, unseeable deformations of the volcano's surface caused by changes in magmatic pressure or volume inside the volcano. Deformation Monitoring, the collective name for all these individual surveying techniques, has become the second most important means of forecasting volcanic eruptions, preceded only by the monitoring of earthquakes.

Magnetic and Electric Fields

Changes in the Earth's magnetic and electric fields near volcanoes also relate to the state of volcanic activity. Temperature changes at steam vents and warm springs on volcanoes can be a further aid for forecasting, unless caused by rainwater and variations in groundwater circulation. Geochemical changes in



*The lighter shade
on the upper
part of the crater
signifies intense
heat*

the volume and composition of volcanic gases are also useful indicators of hidden changes beneath active volcanoes. No single technique appears to be the master key to forecasting volcanic eruptions. Each volcano is unique, and the case history of one cannot always be used to diagnose the symptoms of another. In relation to their age, the study of volcanoes is a fledgling science. It has come a long way, but

it has an even longer way to go on the path of a true understanding of volcanoes. Because of its 300 volcanoes Lanzarote is known as the Isle of Volcanoes. It is therefore important for everyone who lives here or visits the island to bear in mind that every conceivable method known to the science of monitoring the behaviour of our volcanoes is in place in the three locations mentioned





above. All the pre-eruption signs mentioned in this article are monitored 24 hours a day by seismographs, tilt meters, thermometers, barometers, as well as water gauges which check underground water levels - including the lake at Jameos del Agua - and other surveillance equipment and directly transmitted to the Higher Council for Volcanic Research in Madrid and observatories throughout Europe.

Precursors Phenomena

There are several geophysical parameters which are affected, hours, days, weeks or months before an eruption takes place. These anomalies are caused by magma which ascends towards the surface from the deep areas where they are generated (the upper mantle) or stored (magmatic chambers). Magma is molten rock material with dissolved gases that forms fiery rocks on cooling: magma that reaches the surface is called lava. The Magma Chamber is an underground reservoir in the Earth's crust filled with magma, from

which volcanic materials are derived.

The combination of changes in the behaviour pattern of nature, known as precursor phenomena, and the appropriate equipment needed for detection and measurement, allows scientists to evaluate well enough in advance if an eruption is going to take place and prevent a catastrophe. Present day volcanology does not only study the physical aspects of volcanoes and their products, it is mainly concerned in perfecting the techniques used in monitoring volcanic activity and in defining volcanic risk, its prevention and mitigation. Volcanology is therefore a multidisciplinary science in which geologists, physicists, chemists, mathematicians, sociologists, civil defense and educators all work together.

Statistics of Past Eruptions

Forecasting the time, place and character of volcanic eruptions is one of the major goals in volcanology. The best possible forecasts are based on statistical records of the

volcano under study as well as the day-to-day signs of the volcano in terms of earthquakes, surface deformation, gas emissions and so forth. As mentioned above, Lanzarote's research stations are equipped more than any other in Europe, with instrumentation to register each and every precursor that could signal a possible eruption.

The statistics of past eruptions are of great importance both as a basis for finding the average probability of eruption and as a means of deciphering some pattern in eruption habits. Certain patterns can be recognised even though the period of repose between eruptions varies of days to thousands of years. One pattern is completely random. That is, no matter how long the repose period has been, the average chance of an eruption next month remains the same. This is like cutting cards to get an ace; no matter how many times you fail, the chance is exactly the same: 4 out of 52. Some volcanoes follow this pattern. In other cases the average probabi-

*Below the present surface there
are miles of lava flows and
hundreds of buried cones. The
formation and flow of lava tubes
can be compared to the flow of a
river under a layer of ice*



*Geochemical analysis registers
changes in chemical composition*





lity of an eruption increases with time.

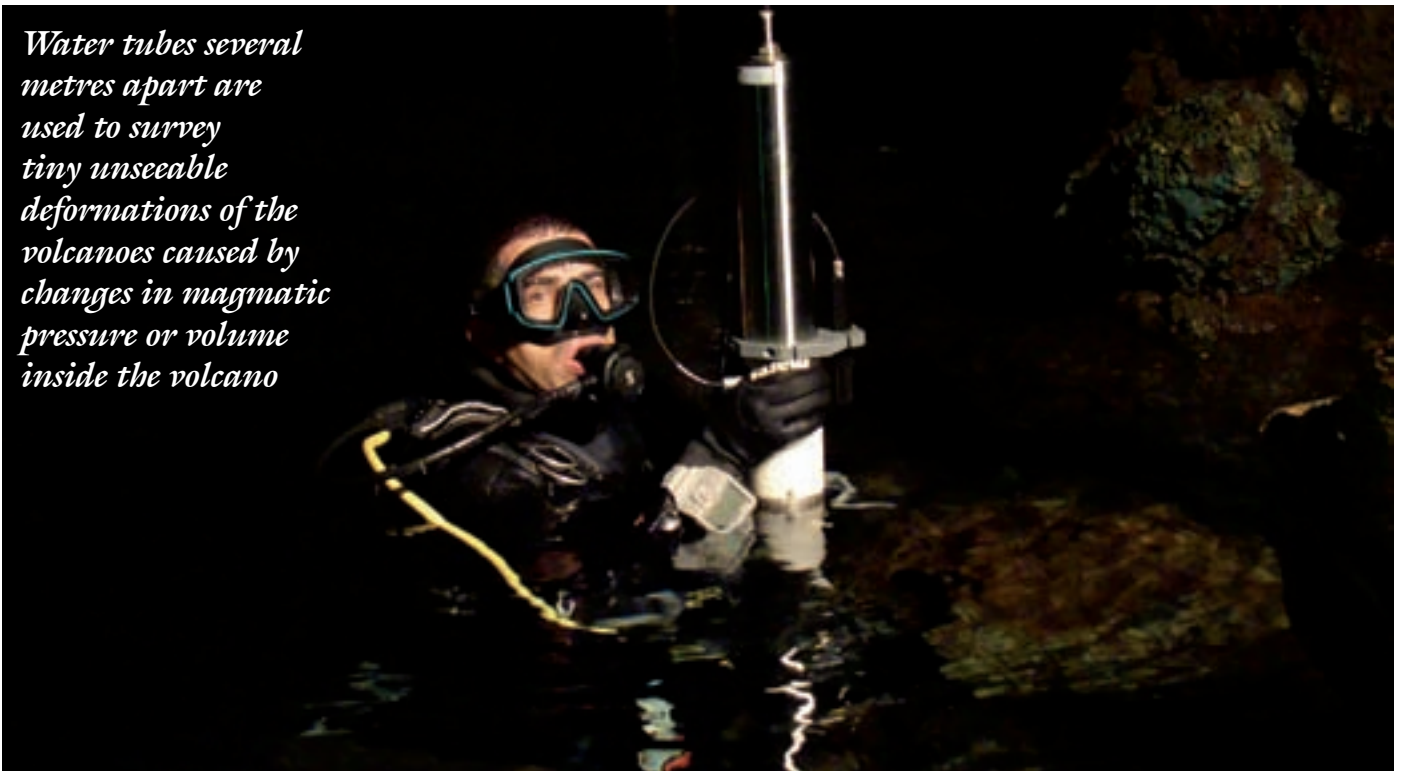
Each of these time patterns in eruptive habits is important as a basis for forecasting future activity. Unfortunately, for the statistics to have any meaning, the number of eruptions (or cuts of the ace) must exceed 10 or 20. Only a small fraction of the world's volcanoes are active enough to have been studied long enough to establish these patterns. Dormant volcanoes are by no means dead, and by studying them with sensitive instruments it is possible to monitor their vital signs through periods of repose and awakening. The earthquake count is one of these vital signs.



Director of Casa de los Volcanes, Jaime Arranz and volcanology technician, Orlando Hernández with a group of volcanology lecturers and students from Leeds University, who have been sending their pupils to study Lanzarote's volcanoes every year for the past seven years

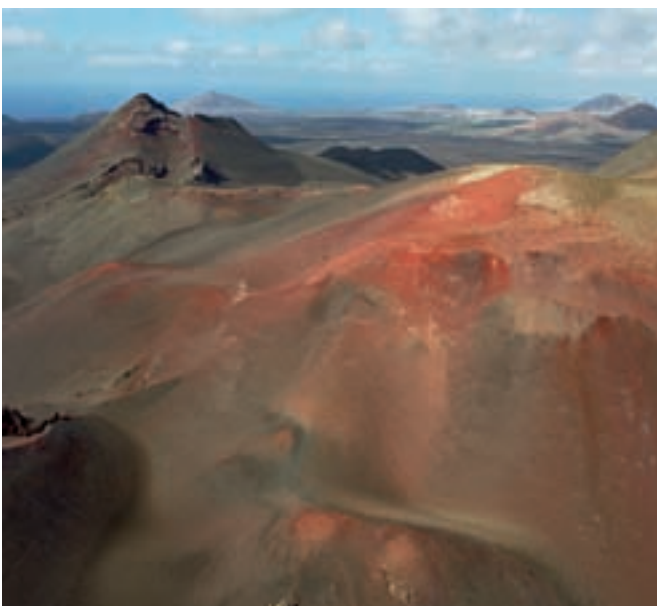


Water tubes several metres apart are used to survey tiny unseeable deformations of the volcanoes caused by changes in magmatic pressure or volume inside the volcano



Earthquake Monitoring

Earthquakes and volcanoes both occur along plate margins, where most of the earthquakes are considered to be related to the slow grinding of the moving edges of the plates. However, some earthquakes appear to be more directly to volcanic processes. In Hawaii and other areas of hot-spot volcanoes, earthquakes accompany volcanism even though the plate margins may be thousands of miles away. Several micro-earthquakes per day can almost always be recorded by sensitive seismographs on an active volcano, whether it is in a state of eruption or not.



Major sources: Lanzarote – Scientific Editor Vicente Araña, Casa de los Volcanes Series, no. 6, Volcanoes by R. and B. Decker.



In 1977, researchers drilled to a depth of 2,700 metres in Timanfaya to test the feasibility of producing electricity from geothermal energy. But the result was negative



Volcan de la Corona as seen from the roof of Casa de los Volcanes



Information point for all renewable energies



By 2038, 75% of the island's electricity consumption could come from renewable sources according to a feasibility study presented by Lanzarote's Water Consortium and the Biosphere Reserve Council

On 23 November 2016 an agreement was signed with the Chamber of Commerce to set up a One-Stop Shop (VUER) for the promotion of renewable energy sources.

The Council Chamber of Cabildo de Lanzarote saw the presentation of Lanzarote BR: Future Electricity System 2013-2020-2038. The Energy Transition on Lanzarote up to 2038 was described with data and criteria on possible future scenarios calculated with a margin of error of 3%. According to Jorge Morales de Labra, the expert assisting the Water Consortium to define the change in the Energy Model, "even at a highly conservative estimation, which means the use of current technology, the island will be able to go from the present 4% of renewable electricity to 75% without raising electricity bill prices", provided that the necessary infrastructure is created.

For this purpose it will be necessary to invest 600 million euros so that 57 wind turbines, 60 megawatts of batteries and several photovoltaic plants, among other installations, making feasible the use of 40,000 electric vehicles, are operating by 2038. The study shows the profitability of these investments and notes that 60% of them could be undertaken by private companies. This possibility is based on the current law which envisages a return of between

6.5% and 7.5% for any installation of this type.

This feasibility study has been carried out by the company 3ID5 under the supervision of the Water Consortium and the Biosphere Reserve Council to obtain a future model based on alternative energy sources which is backed up by real and reliable data. The President of Cabildo de Lanzarote and the Water Consortium, Pedro San Ginés, underlined that achieving this goal will require "a determined, consensual and public commitment. For this reason, the document will be published in the second fortnight of January and passed onto the Biosphere Reserve Council, which is the body that will be scheduling an agenda for its presentation in other social forums".

The Corporation's Energy Spokesperson, Councillor Ariagón González, noted that "the Cabildo de Lanzarote has already been working on this change in the energy model for some time, creating a network of electric vehicle charging points, grants for self-supply, hot-water solar panels, and lobbying for a regulation that allows an increase in alternative energy sources and accumulation in batteries".

The Councillor went on to say that "we are happy to respond to the more than 1,000 signatures collected by the association Lanzarote Go Green" with the announcement of a one-stop shop -VENTANILLA ÚNICA DE ENERGÍAS RENOVABLES (VUER)- that as of 15 January 2017 will provide advice and assistance in all the formalities needed for the implantation of renewable energy sources.

For the implementation of this project, Cabildo de Lanzarote has awarded a nominal grant of 71,000 euros to the Chamber of Commerce -Cámara de Lanzarote- for the renewable energy one-stop shop.

The main purpose of this project is to set up a channel to communicate with the public, also in

English, exclusively in relation with the implantation of renewable energy sources on the island of Lanzarote, with the ultimate aim of minimising the consumption of conventional and polluting energy sources on the island.

Ariagón González pointed out that the intention of the Chamber of Commerce and the VUER One-Stop Shop is to "facilitate access to specialised and relevant information for each individual application; reduce the time taken to issue permits for renewable energy installations; step up the use of self-supply facilities on the island; increase the capacity of installed renewable sources; cut the island's dependency on fossil fuels consumption; make the maximum use of grants and finance available for alternative energy sources and green mobility; and increase the amount of electric or hybrid vehicles on the island". It is also intended to transfer these objectives to the island of La Graciosa in order to foster the use of renewable energy sources there.

Ventanilla Única de Energías Renovables (VUER)

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Eating out on Lanzarote

Pizzeria Capri

Opened by owner Toni Garcia Martín in 1985, this is one of the truly pioneering restaurants of Puerto del Carmen which has operated since tourism began in the resort. Family-run with 23 tables and a staff of 18, the standards of excellence in food, professional and friendly service as well as good value for money have never changed suiting every taste and every pocket. There is a comprehensive variety of local and international dishes besides pizza choices which include vegan and vegetarian. Toni points out that Pizzeria Capri cooks its pizzas slowly using only fresh natural products. Ingredients include wholemeal flour, mineral water and extra virgin olive oil without the use of pork fat, which results in a lighter and more digestible meal. Among other specialities on the 99-dish menu are aubergine, almond croquettes made with Canary palm honey.

Half-size portions for kids and the elderly. Also, shared portions of

pizza, lasagne and croquettes. Open daily from 11.30 to 1 am. The tables are laid out in the restaurant in a certain manner to give clients an ambience of comfort and privacy wherever you sit, and you feel as if you were eating a home-cooked meal in your own house. Highly popular with both tourists and residents. Open daily till 1.00 in the morning.

Qué Muac Castillo de San José

The menu at the restaurant at the 18th century Castillo de San José has undergone an artistic facelift which combines modern day and traditional dining. Besides the international, Spanish and Canarian main dishes, exotic desserts and a comprehensive wine menu, an entirely new concept is represented by a rich variety of 24 present-day tapas served in avant garde style. Another innovation is musical evenings on Fridays and Saturdays from 9.30-1.00, accompanied by gastronomic delights. All to be enjoyed in an 18th century castle with exciting

views of the sea. Reservations are recommended.

Jameos del Agua Restaurant

The restaurant at Jameos del Agua has to be considered among one of the most beautiful dining facilities in a natural setting anywhere in the world. It is located in the last section of the world's longest volcanic tunnel known as the Atlantida, which measures 7.5 kilometres before continuing on the ocean bed for a further 1,500 metres. Diners overlook the underground lake which is famous as the habitat of the blind albino crab, normally only encountered in the depths of the oceans. Hollywood star Rita Hayworth made a film on Lanzarote in 1978 which coincided with the opening of this tourist centre created by César Manrique, which she described to the international press as "the eighth wonder of the world." The restaurant opens daily from 11 to 16.30 hrs, tapas served from 10.00. Dining Saturday night from 19.00 – 22.00.



Saborea Lanzarote at Madrid Fusión

The Canary Islands including Lanzarote were present at the annual Madrid Fusion International Gastronomy Summit which brings together renowned chefs and new talent as well as good food enthusiasts from all over the world. The range of activities includes tasting sessions of different products as well as show cooking demonstrations. Secretary of State for Tourism, Matilde Asín, Canarian Tourism Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo, Cabildo Agriculture Councillor Antonio Jesús Morales, Tegui Mayor Oswaldo Betancort and Juan Betancort among others.



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Councillor Maria
Teresa Lorenzo
with Spain's
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Eating out on Lanzarote

Isla de Lobos

Princesa Yaiza Hotel

This exclusive gourmet restaurant offering a dream-like atmosphere, is ideally located with a terrace overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and the neighbouring isles of Fuerteventura and Isla de Lobos. Traditional cuisine under chef Joao Faraco is enriched by avant-garde cooking techniques which combine with the fresh taste of home-grown local products to bring a new twist to all the dishes on the menu. The result offers diners a unique culinary experience which delights the senses. Open Tuesday – Saturday 6.30 pm, last orders, 10.00 pm. They also serve breakfast a la carte (only for adults). Enjoy a unique gastronomic experience which includes a guided tour with our



chef around the dairy farm “Finca de Uga.” Followed by an exquisite menu at Isla de Lobos Restaurant using local produce from Lanzarote and traditional home-made recipes which are transformed into innova-

tive mouth-watering dishes. Catering services for all events including business luncheons or dinners.

Casa-Museo al Campesino

The House-Museum of the Rural Worker at Mozaga is most certainly the most authentic of the Island’s restaurants to enjoy traditional Lanzarote food. The buildings and patios are in the style of the typical farm houses of old even down to the spacious catchment areas for rain. The food is on display in a glass cabinet offering both hot and cold dishes. There is also a good selection of local wines and cheeses. The restaurant is beside the Monument at the junction of the Arrecife-Tinajo and Uga-Teguisse roads. Snacks and hot or cold drinks are also served throughout the day.

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Prospects for Tourism to the Canaries Continues to Flourish with Increased Flight Capacity

Photos Nacho González

Following the successful conclusion of the first two of the three most important annual international tourism fairs in Europe, the WTM World Travel Fair in London last November followed by FITUR in Madrid in January, Canarian Government Councillor for Tourism, Culture and Sport, María Teresa Lorenzo confirmed the positive expectations for tourism to the Canary Islands to continue increasing during the current year with a strong possibility of surpassing the record statistics for holidaymakers in the Seven Isles in 2016. The third fair, the International Tourist Bourse, ITB, takes place in Berlin in March each year.



Canarian Government President Fernando Clavijo and Tourism Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo with Lanzarote Cabildo Councillor Pedro San Ginés and Vice President José Juan Cruz display the United Nations conference poster to be held on Lanzarote in October

151 New Routes Introduced over the past 12 Months Due to EU Incentives



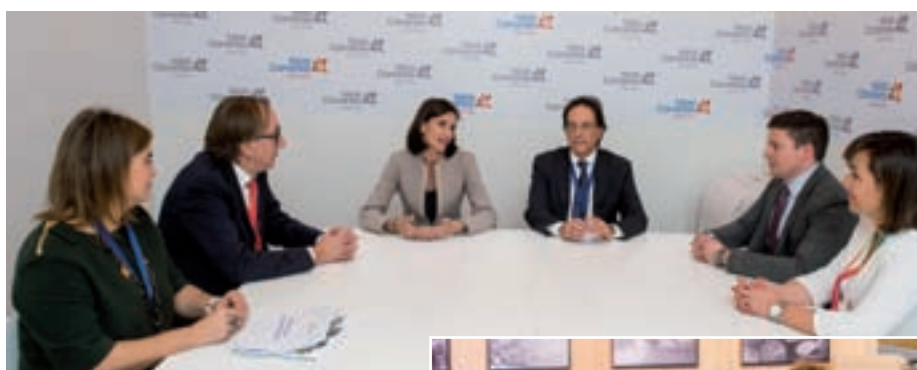
The Tourism Executive's main aim at FITUR was to secure increased flight capacity to the Archipelago in order to consolidate emergent markets as well as improving connections with the Spanish mainland. Among airlines she held discussions with were, Ryanair, Air Europa, Iberia Express (the charter offshoot of Spain's national airline), Vueling, Jet 2 and Norwegian. "We are inviting tenders for 10 new routes in addition to the 18 already conceded. 151 new routes have been operating between April 2016 and March 2017 under the Flight Development Fund of the EU."

The, Flight Development Fund, FDF, is an incentive scheme by the European Commission designed to financially support the start-up of new regular direct air routes between Canary Islands airports and international airports. The objective is to encourage the development of the air connectivity of the islands with new tourist-generating markets or currently underserved regions. This incentive is granted by the Canarian Government Promotur subsidiary, in its capacity as a public company whose principle purpose includes activities associated with promoting and fostering Canary Islands tourism products and services and reinforcing the tourism options in the region. Promotur decides the strategic routes that will be included and announces a public procedure open to all airlines. The routes will connect airports in the Canaries to new destinations with which have not previously had regular air service, but the incentive is only granted to one airline per route.

As far as specific markets are concerned Councillor Maria Teresa Alonso spoke of a 10% rise in holidaymakers from the Spanish mainland which is expected more to rise even higher due to a projected increase in flight capacity. As far as post-Brexit Britain is concerned the demand for



Secretary of State for Tourism, Matilde Asian, who is a Canary Islander, Tourism Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo and Promotur Managing Director María Méndez confirmed that the final figures of almost 15 million holidaymakers in the Canary Islands for 2016, was 1,700,000 more than the previous year, an annual rise of 12.9%



Among the attractions at the stand was a selection of Canarian complimentary home-grown products for visitors including, cheeses, fruit and soft drinks as well as Denomination of Origin red, white and rosé wines



flight and hotel reservations to the Canaries continues on an upward spiral, the only noticeable effect of the referendum is that the UK tourist is spending a little less on holiday due to the weakness of the pound. German tourism also shows a moderate increase but both France and Italy, which now have increased air capacity due to additional flights by Vueling, are also showing an upward trend

The much admired prize-winning Canary Islands stand, on 1,427 m2, was a focal point for tourist industry professionals from all over the world where the friendly business ambience was stimulated by the delicious selection of wines, cheeses and above all the smoothies mixed from fresh fruit and vegetables flown in to Madrid from the Canaries especially for FITUR.



International Year of Sustainable Tourism Development Lanzarote to Host Conference in October

Photos Jesús Porteros, Jesús Betancort, Liz

The United Nations designated 2017 as the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development. General Secretary Antonio Guterres, made the following statement:

“Every day, more than three million tourists cross international borders. Every year, almost 1.2 billion people travel abroad. Tourism has become a pillar of economies, a passport to prosperity, and a transformative force for improving millions of lives. The world can and must harness the power of tourism as we strive to carry out the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. 2017 is a unique opportunity for us to promote the contribution of tourism to achieving the future we want – and also to determine, together, the exact role we will have tourism play in the sustainable development agenda, to and beyond 2030. A unique opportunity to ensure that tourism is a pillar in achieving



Canarian Tourism Councillor with Lanzarote Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio, Spel Managing Director Héctor Fernández analyse reservations for hotel accommodation on Lanzarote for the spring and autumn as well as the next winter season at the end of the year

ving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.”

“Tourism is one of the driving forces of global economic growth and currently accounts for 1 in 11 jobs worldwide. By giving access to decent work opportunities in the tourism sector, society - particularly youth and women - can

benefit from enhanced skills and professional development. A tourism sector that adopts sustainable consumption and production practices can play a significant role in accelerating the global shift towards sustainability. We must conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine



The Presidents, Vice Presidents and Tourism Executives of the Canarian Government, Lanzarote Cabildo and Town Hall Tourism Councillors announcing the choice of Lanzarote for the Sustainable Tourism Development Conference. Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés said that this event focuses the Island in the international market as the standard bearer for responsible tourist development due to its specific sensibility for conservation of its unique natural environment Lanzarote Cabildo Tourism

resources for sustainable development because coastal and maritime tourism rely on healthy marine eco-systems.”

Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Alfonso María Dastis added, “The 2030 Agenda considers sustainable tourism as a vector of development, job creation and the promotion of local culture and products. Tourism is part of the Sustainable Development Goals and contributes decisively to almost all 17 Goals through its impacts on fighting poverty, promoting decent jobs, improving gender equality and the livelihoods of young people or the fight against climate change”.



Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés, Vice President, José Juan Cruz, Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio, Culture Councillor Oscar Pérez, Tias Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino and Soraya Brito Haria Tourist Councillor



Mamerto Cabrera, Managing Director of Cicar, the largest car hire firm in the Canaries with Aristides Bonilla his counterpart at Spanish petrol giant Disa



International tour operators examine brochures showing amenities and facilities for holidaymakers in the tourist resorts on Lanzarote as well as the construction of additional five star luxury accommodation



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Reports from Tourism Lanzarote

Fitur 2017 – Following a Record-Breaking Year for Lanzarote Intelligent and Innovative “Smart Island” Targeting Quality Tourism and a Diversification of Markets



*Cabildo Councillor for
Tourism and the Tourist
Centres Echedey Eugenio*



*Displaying the objectives of the United Nations Sustainable
Tourist Year: Canarian Government Tourist Infrastructure Di-
rector Héctor Suárez, Cabildo Councillor Echedey Eugenio, Tourist
Centres Managing Director José Juan Lorenzo, Spel Managing
Director Hector Fernández and Town Hall Tourism Councillors
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Copenhagen. Online Travel: Minube - LTur - Destinia - Expedia***

Cabildo Councillor for Tourism and the Tourist Centres Echedey Eugenio pointed out that the pioneering role of Lanzarote in establishing the criteria for sustainable tourism is why the United Nations has selected the island to host the International Conference for Sustainable Tourist Development in October. Lanzarote was one of only five desti-

nations in the world to participate in a pilot scheme to establish a Responsible Tourism category. This initiative serves as a practical management tool which helps protected areas to continuously improve the sustainable development and responsible management of tourism taking into account the needs of the environment and the local population.



*Héctor Fernández of Spel, Susana Pérez of Asolan and Antonio
Callero, Teguiise Tourism Councillor and executives with the
Director of the Spanish National Tourist Office*

UK Market Highly Positive Forecast for 2017

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from Germany

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Lanzarote News Roundup

Blarney Stone Kisses Volcanic Rock on Lanzarote Yet Again Voted Favourite Resort by Irish Holidaymakers for the 14th Year Running

Irish Travel Industry Association whose members voted Lanzarote Best Winter Destination for the 14th year running. Echedey Eugenio said, it is amazing that half a million tourists from Ireland visit the Canaries every year, a country with only 4 million inhabitants!

The Irish Travel Industry has voted Lanzarote as the Best Winter Sun Destination for 2017 at their annual gala in Dublin. This marks the 14th successive year that holidaymakers from the Emerald Isle have granted this award to the Isle of Volcanoes. This is the destination of choice of 50% of all Irish tourists in the Canary Islands and statistics reveal that about one in every five members of Ireland's population spend their holidays here.

In 2017, Jet2.com will be increasing their flights to Lanzarote by almost 50% over last year. This translates into over 620,000 seats, on the 9 routes to Arrecife from London-Stansted, Belfast, Birmingham, East Midlands, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, Manchester and Newcastle. During the high season Jet.com will operate 29 flights a week, up from 23 in 2016. Jet2holidays in tandem with this increase has reserved accommodation at 90 hotels on Lanzarote. Managing Director Steve Heapy



Cabildo Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio and Tias Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino at the World Shows Dublin and Belfast seen with executives from Jet2 Holidays, Sunways and the Irish Travel Industry Association



commented this shows our firm compromise towards the island of Lanzarote. Hector Fernández Managing Director of Spel Overseas Tourist Promotion added, we are highly de-

lighted that the airline is operating additional flights from Birmingham and London-Stansted. Jet2.com is currently among our most important partners in the United Kingdom.



Spel Executive Meetings

Managing Director of SPEL Héctor Fernández and other tourism executives during discussions with international and Spanish tour operators and airlines to increase capacity to the island as well as making arrangements for joint promotion campaigns in both traditional markets such as the UK, Germany and Ireland as well as emerging markets like Poland and France.



Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from the Canarian Government

Canarian President Attends Annual Summit with Cape Verde Government

The European Commission has initiated the MAC Cross Border Cooperation Programme for the Azores, Canaries, Cape Verde and Senegal which consists of financial support for 56 projects with a budget of 52 million euros.



Canarian Government President Fernando Clavijo with Cape Verde Prime Minister José Ulises Correia

The President of the Canary Islands Fernando Clavijo paid a visit to the Cape Verde Islands to attend the annual summit between both island groups. He was accompanied by several government councillors and department heads.



Topics Discussed

Renewable Energy and Water: cooperation in the areas of drinking water, drainage, waste recycling, renewable energy sources and desalination. Education: Scholarships for Cape Verdean students' post-graduate courses at Canarian Universities, Business and Hotel School.

Transport: Flights between the two Archipelagos as well as inter-insular flights in the Cape Verde Islands operated by Binter Airlines and the feasibility of establishing an inter-island ferry service by Fred. Olsen Lines.

Commercial Ties: To expand business and economic links as well as tourism between both island groups

Blue Economy: Follow European Commission initiatives to promote institutional, commercial and

The 10 islands and assorted islets that comprise Cape Verde are located 1,500 kilometres south of the Canaries in the Atlantic and occupy an expanse of ocean that stretches from 500 to 800 km off the coast of Senegal. The Cape Verdeans claim that they were formed from "the crumbs God brushed from his hands when he had finished creating the world." They belong to Portugal as does the other lar-

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Plan for Fogo Island as a sustainable tourist destination based on the blueprint of Lanzarote as explained by Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés.

Canary and Balearic Islands Issue Joint Communiqué



In the photograph, Canarian Tourism Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo and her Balearic counterpart Gabriel Barceló with their deputies. Also at the meeting, Managing Director of Promotur Maria Méndez among other executives



The Canary and Balearic Islands Tourism Executives issued a joint communiqué at Fitur requesting the Spanish Government introduces new legislation for the country's entire tourist industry guaranteeing consumer rights for tourist accommodation in line with today's market. Between them, the two groups of islands, account for almost one quarter of all tourist accommodation in Spain.

President Fernando Clavijo and Tourism and Culture Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo announce a campaign to combine the field of Sustainable Tourism with Culture with a view to promoting Canarian culture and traditions as a further attraction for tourists interested in including local culture among their leisure activities whilst on holiday in the Canaries.



At the opening of the Museo Atlántico Underwater Sculpture Tourism Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo pointed out that the major feature which attracts active-minded holidaymakers

to the Canary Islands is the year-round spring-like climate which allows them to practise watersports 12 months of the year.



Canarian and Lanzarote Tourism Executives and Asolan congratulate Hotel Isla y El Mar for its designation among the best in Spain for Sustainable Tourism



Managing Director Promotur Maria Méndez with the Canarian and Lanzarote Tourism Executive at the Madrid Fusion Fair



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"Jason de Caires Taylor has raised the Art Gallery to a new level, the ocean bed." Bloomberg TV

Official Opening of Muséo Atlántico at Playa Blanca

Photos Jesús Porteros, Jesús Betancort, Liz

The final phase of Jason de-Caires Taylor's monumental project "Museo Atlantico" at Las Coloradas, Playa Blanca, was officially opened by Cabil-do President Pedro San Gines who joined the British eco-sculptor in the cutting of the ribbon ceremony on the seabed at the entrance to the Sculpture Park.



The Cabildo President and the sculptor cut the ribbon and propose a toast



300 Works – 12 Installations

Consisting of over 300 works spread over 12 installations, it is the first time Taylor has installed large-scale architectural works. The new installations include a 100 Ton 30m long wall, an underwater botanical sculpture garden referencing local flora and fauna, and a colossal formation of over 200 life size-human figures in a gyre.

The last exhibit in Muséo Atlántico is the Human Gyre, over 200 life-size figurative works creating a vast circular formation or gyre. Consisting of various models of all ages and from all walks of life, the positioning of the figures constructs a complex reef formation for marine species to inhabit and is a poignant statement for visitors to take with them at the end of the tour.

The artistic installation reminds us that we have evolved from marine life, and are all subject to the movements and will of the ocean. The piece embodies our naked vulnerability to its inherent power, and our fragility in the face of its cycles and immense force. It provides the oxygen we breathe, it regulates our climate and it provides a vital source of nutrition to millions of people.

A visit to Muséo Atlántico may lead us to a closer understanding of our relationship with the natural marine environment and appreciate the need to value and protect this fragile ecosystem in order to save ourselves.

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The opening ceremony was seen by 200 million people via 230 media outlets all over the world. In terms of advertising value for the island of Lanzarote the cost would have exceeded 12 ½ Million Euros.

Major Media Outlets

BBC, CNN, German TV, Bloomberg TV, The New York Times, National Geographic, Discovery Channel, The Telegraph, The Guardian, The Daily Mail, The Observer, The Huffington Post, MSN TV Canada, Euronews France TV, Der Spiegel, Wiener Zeitung, El Corriere della Sera, El Universal de Mexico, MSN Singapore, Geo Holland, RAI Italian TV, The Indian Express plus, plus, plus.!



Maria Teresa Lorenzo, Pedro San Gines, Echedey Eugenio and José Juan Lorenzo are delighted with the magnificent promotion of Museo Atlantico on Lanzarote, all over the world



Jason de Caires Taylor





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Underwater Inauguration Transmitted on Large Screens

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*The President with the artist
Lwiz Ibañez*



*Tourism Councillors from Yaiza and Haria, respec-
tively, Olga Caraballo, Soraya Brito and Luis Ibañez*



*Líneas Romero Co-Proprietor Federico
Romero, Director Luis Padron and
Executive Ernesto Romero*



*Culture
Councillor
Oscar Pérez with
Teguise Tourism
Councillor
Antonio
Callero and
Arrecife Tourism
Councillor Rafael
Juan González*



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Reports from the Cabildo

€2Million for Lanzarote Projects from the Canarian Government Dining Area at Upper Level of Jameos and the Sculpture Park



Pedro San Ginés has been elected President of the Canary Islands Federation for the next six months. He is seen seated together with the heads of all the Island Cabildos



The President and Tourism Councillor sign the investment agreement

Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés announced a further major investment for the Island from the Canarian Government totalling 2 million euros. Canarian Tourism Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo said that both projects formed part of the regional government's full support for Sustainable Tourism by harmonising Art with Nature.

Most of the investment is destined for a major modification of the upper level of Jameos del Agua for use as a first class restaurant as originally conceived by César Manrique. This will enable concertgoers to combine their visits to the theatre with dining in the new facility to be connected by an elevator. The remainder of the investment is to cover the cost of the final phase of the underwater sculpture park created by Jason deCaires Taylor, as reported on the previous pages.

Asolan Qualification Certificates



Cabildo Employment Councillor Manuel Cabrera and Asolan President Susana Pérez during the Awards Ceremony

According to President Susana Pérez, Asolan has obtained excellent results from the campaign to create a Tourist Sector Work Qualification Certificate aimed at workers and the unemployed who have gathered a comprehensive knowledge of the industry through working in hotels or apartments and other

allied tourist sector areas but without possessing any formal qualification. Asolan have been supported in this initiative by the Cabildo Department of Employment whose Councillor Manuel Cabrera, joined Susana Pérez with a section of the twenty-plus successful candidates who qualified.



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Ildefonso Aguilar Declared Adopted Son of Lanzarote

"Everything I have ever done or said throughout my life is about Lanzarote."



Ildefonso Aguilar receives the tribute from the hands of Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés

Ildefonso is a multi-talented artist who has devoted his artistic talents to his beloved Lanzarote through out his professional career. He is among a handful of people who were actively involved with César Manrique and Jesús Soto when they were creating the Tourist Centres and several years later later designed the extension to El Monumento al Campesino. Known as a painter, photographer, artist, composer and musician, Ildefonso served as head of the Lanzarote Cabildo Department of Culture for many years. He created the pioneering annual Audio-Visual Festival in 1987 devoted to ambiental music inviting his friend and fellow musician Brian Eno to perform at the inauguration and who later mounted a visual installation in Cueva de los Verdes.

As a painter Ildefonso has exhibited on Lanzarote, the other Canary Islands and in several European countries and has currently been invited to display his latest works at the avant-garde TEA Centre of Arts in Tenerife.

A film entitled *Metamorfosis* preceded the gala event. This is an audio visual created by Ildefonso to celebrate the opening of the audito-



Jameos Auditorium was filled with well-wishers for an artist who dedicated his life's work to Lanzarote

rium at Jameos del Agua over four decades ago. It depicts in vision and sound the genesis of Lanzarote as a volcanic island and the 18th century eruptions which were to change the face of the island for ever.

Following the presentation of the title Adoptive Son of Lanzarote to Ildefonso by the President of the Cabildo Pedro San Ginés and congratulatory speeches by the current and a former head of the island government Enrique Pérez Parrilla, Ildefonso himself spoke stating "Everything I have ever done or said is about Lanzarote".

The finale was a performance by Landscape Project a quartet headed by Samuel Aguilar, artist, pianist and composer who wrote a work specifically for this occasion with the vocalist Fabiola Socas in mind. One of the Canary Islands foremost authorities and performers of traditional music, the sound of her phenomenal vocal range served as the fourth instrument. The other two members were Alejandro Aguilar, guitar and Miguel Joubert. The talented Aguilar brothers are following in the artistic and musical footsteps of their father.

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Metamorfosis - Genesis of a Volcanic Island

Composed and Produced by Ildefonso Aguilar for the Inauguration of Jameos Auditorium in 1977



Ildefonso and his wife Fatima with former Cabildo President Enrique Pérez Parrilla and his wife Nieves Rosa



The artist with one of the very first members of the Tourist Centres' staff



Cabildo Secretary Francisco Perdomo reads the official declaration of the tribute



Ildefonso with the Canarian Tourism Councillor



With former Cabildo President and the current Vice President



Ildefonso and Fatima with their entire family and the members of Landscape Project



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Reports from Tías

1 Million Tourists in Puerto del Carmen in 2016 Close to 50% of all Holidaymakers on the Island

Photos: Dory Hernández



Tias Mayor Pancho Hernández

Tias Mayor Pancho Hernández said that the ambitious plan for the modernisation of Puerto del Carmen with an investment of 10 million euros by the Ayuntamiento de Tias over the past two years in amenities, facilities and infrastructure, had handsomely paid off in 2016 with one million tourists, the highest amount in its history. Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino pointed out that this means that one half of all tourists on Lanzarote spent their holidays in Puerto del Carmen and that 83% of them were repeat visitors.

2017 Budget

The Ayuntamiento of Tias has approved a budget exceeding €26 million euros for 2017. Major areas destined for an annual increase in spending are tourism 11.5%, education 37%, social services 20%, culture 9.5%, waste treatment and street lighting, 4%. Mayor Pancho Hernández said it will allow for a much needed facelift for Plaza de Las Naciones at Pocillos Beach as well as other facilities; Councillor Amado Vizcaino said the additional funds available will boost tourist promotion and provide more amenities for holidaymakers. Finance Councillor Ramón Melián pointed out that Property Rates are set at a minimum, no payment for business licenses or alteration permits.



The landscaped beach avenue is described by the travel press as the most beautiful in Europe



Following the Tias Council meeting to approve the budget, Mayor Pancho Hernández, Deputy Mayor and Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino and Finance Councillor Ramón Melián, who said that the priorities were to boost the economy, create more jobs

Mayor Pancho Hernández and Sports Councillor Javier Aparicio congratulate Akaido Martial Arts Municipal School on its 20th anniversary. They currently have 200 students enrolled



Tias IES High School student Diego Salces Ramirez, who won the Cabildo contest for the best poster in the Campaign against Gender Violence. He is seen with other finalists

Puerto del Carmen: Carnival Procession 4 March
St Patrick's Day 17 March St George's Day 23 April
César Manrique Sculpture Installed on Beach Avenue



Tias Mayor and Tourism Councillor display the Carnival poster at the International Tourism Fair in Madrid



Displaying "St Patricks Day Celebration in Puerto del Carmen" posters: Cabildo and Tias Tourism Councillors, Echedey Eugenio and Amado Vizcaino respectively with local travel agents and Bienvenido Saavedra among others at the Irish Travel Trade Annual Awards won by Lanzarote for the 14th time

St Patrick's Day Cavalcade and Fiesta

Last year, over 225,000 Irish tourists spent their holidays on Lanzarote, more than one half of them in Puerto del Carmen. They consider the annual celebration on 17 March in this resort as the best and most authentic in Europe outside the Emerald Isle. A grand fiesta offers typical. The Irish food and drink with enter-

tainment supplied by the best of the local groups. Following a colourful cavalcade along the beach avenue in the morning, the event takes place in the plaza of La Tiñosa fishing harbour suitably decked out in green for the occasion. A mass takes place in Puerto del Carmen Church in honour of Saint Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland.



Installation of César Manrique sculpture *El Róbalo*, at Pocillos Beach roundabout. Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés, Tias Mayor Pancho Hernández, Cabildo Vice President José Juan Cruz, Public Works Councillor, Andrés Stinga,

Tias Deputy Mayor and Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino and Business Affairs Councillor Olivier Roper, among others. The sculpture is known as a Wind Toy, and is the first public work of César Manrique in Puerto del Carmen.





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Reports from Yaiza

Yaiza Mayoress Spearheads Protest against Electricity Pylons €3,000 Fines for Quads and Buggies Damaging Rural Paths



Yaiza Mayoress Gladys Acuña is fighting a serious threat to the environment that could affect both locals and tourists



The Yaiza Mayoress represents the district in the Regional Parliament who gave her their unanimous support

National Park and Countryside

According to Mayoress Gladys Acuña, Los Ajaches National Park and the villages of Las Casitas and Femes would be blighted by the visual impact caused by 17 pylons carrying a high-voltage electricity line planned by Red Nacional de España to upgrade 7 kilometres of

power lines. “Besides affecting the local population it could also have a negative effect on our vibrant tourist industry,” the mayoress added. Her campaign is supported by the Regional Parliament, the Cabildo of Lanzarote and many local Town Halls as well as the authorities in the neighbouring island of Fuerteventura who are facing the same problem.



Yaiza is imposing fines of up to 3,000 euros plus the cost of repairing damage caused by quads and

buggies on rural routes, and in parks and open spaces in the countryside.



The second annual run on behalf of animal welfare PerRUNos in Playa Blanca was organised by Helle a Huella animal charity and C.C. El Pueblo with the support of the Ayuntamiento of Yaiza. Consisting of a 4km run, over 200 people accompanied by their pets, many of whom were strays whom they had adopted, ran along the course. The highly worthy event publicises the need to offer abandoned animals a home.



Historic Camel Museum Planned for Uga

Playa Blanca Carnival 24 25 26 March – Floats Procession 25th



Tourism Councillor Olga Caraballo would like to issue a warm wel-

come to all holidaymakers to visit the Playa Blanca Carnival Procession on late afternoon 25 March



Mayoress Gladys Acuña with Cabildo Councillor Antonio Morales at the site of the planned camel museum at Uga

Camel Museum

The Ayuntamiento and the Cabildo discussed the opening of a camel museum at Casa Celendenio in Uga. Mayoress Acuña said that there are 400 camels at the corral in Uga, the largest concentration of the animal in the whole of Europe. Because camels have worked on the island's farms for the past six centuries, the European Commission is granting the breed the status of Historic Importance. They will undergo DNA tests to prove their ancestry in a similar manner to that carried out on racing camels for breeding purposes.

History of the Camel

Early in the 15th century, the ship of one of the Norman colonisers was caught in a storm off the nearby North African coast and sought shelter in a port. Whilst there, he observed camels being used to plough the fields and thought that it would be the ideal animal to serve the same purpose on Lanzarote and brought some back with him. This then became the role of the camel on the island for the next seven centuries.

Camels were first used to carry tourists on sightseeing tours of the Fire Mountains in the mid-1960s. Nowadays, a half a century later on, it is a very rare sight to see them pulling a plough in the fields. The hardy camel has been an essential component of Lanzarote's economy since it first arrived, both for agriculture and tourism.

Historian Juan Brito wrote the following tribute: "Literally back-breaking toil on hard, parched soil, throughout many periods of drought, without the hardy loyal camel pulling the plough under a baking sun, Lanzarote would have been bereft of crops for many years."



Yaiza Festivities Councillor Javier Camacho shows the winning design of the Carnival Playa Blanca by Begoña Izarra called "The Marine World" which was displayed at the Fitur International Tourism Fair in Madrid in January. The Carnival procession route runs from Playa Flamingo to Plaza de Nuestra Señora de Carmen.



The "Home Sweet Home" exhibition of photographs by Bernd Rost, seen with the Tourist Councillor, of people passing through the old uncompleted and abandoned hotel located between Janubio and Playa Blanca on the south east coast of the island. Half the amount raised was donated to the Calor y Café charity which supports the needy.



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Reports from Arrecife

Arrecife School Children Campaign to “Change the World”
Asteroid Named for Local Astronomer Gustavo Muler
Welcome to Arrecife Carnival Procession on 27 February



Photos Sergio Betancort



Eva de Anta Mayoress of Arrecife



Priorities

The most important among them: to dredge the shoreline of Charco de San Ginés and spruce up the footpath; to assign the management of the unoccupied military barracks to the Town Hall for local activities and to designate the Isote de Fermína as a leisure area for the public. The mayoress pointed out that the senator began his political career as a councillor in Arrecife Town Hall and would greatly appreciate his help.

Arrecife Mayoress Eva de Anta and Lanzarote Senator Joel Delgado discuss the capital's priorities in seeking the support of the Government in Madrid



The Mayoress with the Carnival poster



The Mayoress and the Education Councillor thank the children and their teachers for this initiative on behalf of peace

Scholars for Peace

On 30th January, Scholars for Peace Day, 1,500 Arrecife schoolchildren filled Parque Islas Canarias asking adults to help them change the world at an event organised by the Town Hall Education Department. Through speeches, a video and even a rap number, the youngsters called on their elders to assist them in their task.



Rosenheim Bavaria and Arrecife Lanzarote Cultural Interchange “Music en Vivo” Street Concerts Win Further National Awards



An asteroid has been named for Gustavo Muler, an astronomer who directs the observation of the sky at night from the roof of San Gabriel Castle and his interpretations have led many people to learn more about the subject. Last year on the 12th of August he explained the Perseids meteor showers that only appear with great clarity once every seventy years or so. In the photograph Arrecife Culture Councillor Rafael Juan González with Gustavo Muler. Everyone is welcome to attend the showings and admittance is free. Check out the dates on the Arrecife website, facebook or twitter.

The Arrecife en Vivo series of street concerts were voted over the internet among the top 5 in Spain in their category which automatically qualifies them for entry in the finals of the 2017 Iberian Festival Awards in Lisbon, which they won last year. Arrecife Mayoress Eva de Anta said how proud she was of the support the performances received and Tourism Councillor Rafael Juan González thanked the thousands of supporters who gave us their votes as well as the co-organisers H. Smith Solutions.



Tourism Councillor Rafael Juan González



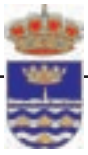
An exhibition of the works of Pepe Vera took place at El Quirófano Gallery Arrecife during February. The artist is Professor of Photography at Pancho Lasso School of Arts and also has a degree in Artistic Design. Named “Multidisciplinar” it was the most comprehensive display of Vera’s works to date, composed of a variety of disciplines and concepts such as photography, drawing, animation and installation.



Cultural Interchange

The project “Art and Culture under One Roof” received the Seal of European Quality and Twinning for 2016. This was the result of a one week visit of 36 pupils from Rosenheim, Bavaria, to IES Las Salinas Se-

condary School, Arrecife on a cultural interchange. The German schoolchildren lived in the homes of Lanzarote families and toured the volcanic countryside and learnt about the island’s traditions and culture.



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Reports from Teguiise

Teguiise – Celebrating Six Hundred Years of History Illustrious Author Leandro Perdomo Honoured in Brussels



Teguiise Mayor Oswaldo Betancort

Life and Major Works of Leandro Perdomo

A tribute to the life of Leandro Perdomo at the Cervantes Institute Brussels, was attended by Teguiise Mayor Oswaldo Betancort, biographer Fernando Gómez Aguilera, Town Historian Francisco Hernández, Archivist Félix Delgado and Director of the Institute, Felipe Santos. The mayor is seen holding a copy of the Leandro Perdomo magazine Volcán aimed at emigrant Canary Islanders.

Leandro Perdomo, 1921-1993, who has been recognised by the



Mayor Oswaldo Betancort holding Leandro Perdomo's publication "VolcAn" together with the Director of the Cervantes Institute in Brussels

Ayuntamiento as an Illustrious Personality of Teguiise, was a famous writer who started one of the island's first newspapers in 1946. Following a spell in Las Palmas, he was forced to emigrate to Belgium in 1957, in order to earn a living. He worked down a mine, but still found time to start a magazine called "Volcano" for the benefit of the expatriate Canary Island community working in Europe.

On his return to Teguiise in 1968, Leandro Perdomo turned to writing

books which reflected day to day life on the Island and through the use of innovative turns of phrase full of sarcastic humour he established an individual style. His contributions to books and magazines provided readers with a progressive insight into the social politics of the time. Among his output was a column entitled "Desde mi Volcán" (From Inside my Volcano) for the weekly Lancelot magazine published by our parent company.



Councillor for Cultural Legacy Carmen Rosa Márquez with the organisers

An outstanding work entitled Teguiise "La huella de la historia, The trace of history", by A. Sebastián Hernández Gutierrez has been published by the Cabildo. The bilingual work takes the reader through the history of the ancient capital of Lanzarote at a very leisurely pace, each chapter beautifully presented and illustrated with texts which are easy on the eye. Every monument, building, and location of interest is

included, both religious and secular and the life of every famous local citizen is described in a short biography. Among the illustrators, Mariola Acosta, Santiago Alemán and Beatriz Hernández Hernández. Sandra Cabrera Pacheco and Rita Marrero Romero were very actively involved and the first class English translation is by Patricia Blasow and Luisa Albelo Blasow. Available in book stores and the Tourist Centres.

Condolences. The Mayor and Town Hall of Teguiise join Lancelot in offering sincere condolences to San Antonio historian Rueben Perez on the death of his beloved wife Carrie. Rueben and his sister Dorothy have always been major sources for the history of San Antonio and the Survivors of the Alamo, whose ancestors were from Lanzarote.

Welcome to Carnival Costa Teguise Saturday 12 March Teguise Hosts EU Eco-Tourism Trans-National Conference



Representing 17 tourist destinations in the Canaries, Azores, Madeira, Cape Verde, Mauritania and Senegal the European Commission is financing a cross-border programme to stimulate cooperation and an exchange of ideas for the furthering of sustainable tourism which supports conservation of the environment. They have appointed Teguise as a role model of Sustainable Tourism and have been asked to inform the other partner-countries in the programme how they selected and prepared their beaches, natural sites and historic monuments as well as conducting promotion campaigns to convert them into emblematic attractions for tourists.



Teguise Piracy Museum Unique in the World The Only Pirate's Den Located in a 14th Century Castle

Teguise celebrated International Museum Day with a raid on Guanapay fortress which is the only piracy museum in the world located in the interior of a castle. The "bodega," fashioned as the replica of a pirate galleon, opened by Mayor Oswaldo Betancort, Culture Councillor Olivia Duque and Cabildo Culture Councillor Óscar Pérez with the participation of local schoolchildren and the Actúa theatrical company.

Museum visitors, both young and old can enjoy an elaborate and colourful illustration of piracy in Canary waters from the 14th to the 17th centuries all with vivid descriptions translated into English. The opening of the Piracy Museum at Santa Barbara over five years ago drew attention to the history of pirate attacks on Lanzarote please turn to page 70.



Tourism Councillor Antonio Callero warmly welcomes holidaymakers to enjoy the Carnival Procession along the main avenue at Costa Teguise on Saturday 11th of March



A special exhibition of the cultivation of the "batata" Sweet Potato during Teguise Market caught the attention of many holidaymakers as well as local residents. According to Agriculture Councillor Agustin Méndez this was part of the Ayuntamiento campaign to bolster the sale of locally-grown products, "Crece Juntos," particularly

vegetables and fruit. Although called sweet potato ("batata") it is a member of the vine family and is rich in vitamins and is recommended as part of a healthy living diet. Sweet potatoes are also available as chips and are used as a filling in a delicious local pastry called "trucha" and can be turned into marmalade and a spicy sauce.



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Reports from Haría



18 March Haria Carnival Procession Town Centre Haria Introduces Chichester Students to Lucha Canaria *Canarian Network of Historic Centres Includes Haria*



Mayor Marci Acuña

Lucha Canaria

Mayor Marciano Acuña welcomed 25 students and their teachers from Chichester University in England to the local Canarian Wrestling Club, Club de Lucha Union Norte who celebrated the 50th anniversary of their founding this year. The Haria wrestlers taught the visitors from the UK the basics of the sport, who soon picked up on the technique and challenged their hosts to a few bouts in which they gave as good as they got. Lucha Canaria wrestling is very close in style to Greco-Roman.



Mayor Marci Acuña with Haria Union Norte Lucha Canaria Club and the party from Chichester University



Tourism Councilor Soraya Brito represented the town hall at Fitur in Madrid and is planning to also attend the ITB in Berlin



Deputy Mayor José Pérez Dorta presented the cultural aspects of Haria to the Network of Canarian Historic Centres in Tenerife. Entitled 'Canarias, Cultural Countryside of Humanity' they included the town and district's history, the unique species of palm, the singular tableau of cochineal cultivation and the Malpais de la Corona as well as the ethnographic area Bajo El Risco.



Painting exhibition of the works of Rafael Cuartielles on display at El Aljibe Art Galley in the main Plaza entitled 'Embracing the Light on Lanzarote' a description of the natural sunlight on the island which allows artists to display their deepest emotions on canvas.

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Iberia Express Aircraft Named for “LANZAROTE”



The Press Conference was addressed by the heads of the Cabildo and Iberia Express and attended by the Madrid Senator, Canarian Government Promotur; Cabildo Executive, Cabildo Tourism, Spel Overseas Promotion, Mayors of Arrecife and Tias, Tourism Councillors of Teguiise and Arrecife, the Presidents of Asolan and Aetur. The event was hosted by the Airport Director and Public Relations Officer.

Iberia Express operates daily flights between Lanzarote and Madrid offering highly competitive prices for residents. Spain's capital is an important hub for connecting with onward flights by the same airline to London, Birmingham, Manchester, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Dublin and Cork as well as major airports in Germany, France, Holland, Denmark, Finland and Poland. Photos Jesús Betancort.



Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés and airline Managing Director Fernando Candela cut the ribbon to baptize an Iberia Express A320 with the name “LANZAROTE.”



Idafe Cabrera reminds our readers of the great selection of flowers available at Vivero Las Palmas Garden Centre, Arrecife, for Mother's Day celebrated in Spain on 7 May. They include begonias, cyclamen, orchids, bromeliads and blue, white or pink hydrangeas (Hortensia) the favourite bouquet in Spain for “Día de Madre.” It is also known as “flor del mundo” (flower of the world) as some believe it was the very first flower to be created.

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Installation of Reverend Peter Ford as Priest-In-Charge Anglican Parish of St. Laurence in Lanzarote



Photos Liz



Members of the congregation

The installation of Peter Ford as Priest-in-Charge took place on Saturday 11 February at Nuestra Señora del Carmen Church and was performed by the Archdeacon of Gibraltar, Geoffrey Johnston.

Peter Ford studied at Lincoln Theological College and was ordained in 1978 and served in Hartlepool, Wakefield and Durham. He spent a year in Germany in the Lutheran Church and was appointed Chaplain of Gran Canaria in 2009 followed by Porto, the Costa del Sol and then Gibraltar where he was Sub Dean and Port Chaplain. His hobbies were flying light aircraft and scuba diving, and he has dived on Lanzarote. Pastor Knud Kaldestad of the Norwegian Church.



Rev. Peter Ford, PCC Secretary Linda Davis and Lay Vice President Michael Norsworthy

*Archdeacon
Geoffrey
Johnston with
Rev. Peter
Ford*



(R) Church Warden Robert Good with other worshippers



*Honorary
British
Lanzarote
Consul
Sue Thain
with local
residents*



Yolanda and Jacqui are very active in church affairs

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Reception for the Congregation after the Service



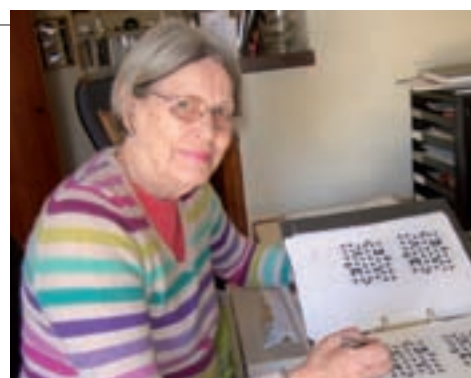
Honorary British Lanzarote Consul Sue Thain, Deputy Mayor of Tias Amado Vizcaino, Church Warden Freida Burke, Puerto del Carmen Vicar Agustin Lasso and Norwegian Pastor Knut Kaldestad



The Archdeacon of Gibraltar, the Deputy Mayor of Tias and other guests



A group of students from Rosenheim in Bavaria on a cultural exchange with Arrecife schools spent a week on Lanzarote visiting the Tourist Centres and the Manrique Foundation whilst staying with local families. Las Salinas Secondary School initiated the scheme under the motto, Art and Culture Under One Roof. They were greeted by Arrecife Mayoress Eva de Anta, Culture Councillor Rafael Juan González and Education Councillor Ascencion Toledo. On departing, the youngsters invited their Arrecife hosts to visit them in Rosenheim.



A hearty thank you to Imelda Coombes for creating another entertaining year of Simple and General Crosswords as well as proof-reading the Bridge column



Members of Mararia Protection Against Gender Violence Association congratulated 30 members of their counterpart organisation, Tuna Femenina Distrito of La Laguna University, Tenerife on their 23rd Anniversary. See page 73

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The Cabrera Medina Group donated a new Opel Corsa 1400 to the Lanzarote Rotary Club to be raffled on behalf of local charities Afol, Afa and Adislan who support Cancer, Alzheimer's and Disabled patients and their families. Representatives

of each are seen in the photograph with Rotary President Maria José Docal and Board Member Ventura Acuña, Benito Ruiz as well as the Director of Deiland Plaza Tanausú Fontes owned by the Spinola Group who collaborated in the event.



Mamerto Cabrera with Ildefonso Aguilar who composed the music for the tourist guide CDs in all CICAR rental cars



Roper, the popular Playa Honda grocery, is the first store in the Canary Islands to obtain exclusive distribution of over 600 products of specialist company La Sirena. According to Managing Director Fernando González, they are the leading Spanish frozen food retailer, with 230 shops all over the country with over 1000 employees. Included in their range, tasty desserts, smoked salmon and sea-food, mussels packaged or loose. Per capita, Spain has the second highest consumption rate of sea food in Europe. Roper also offers a home delivery service.

Versos del Alma y del Corazón - Book of Poems Manolito Reyes



Manolito Reyes with his book which can be obtained at El Puente Bookshop, Arrecife

El Sol Desapareció

Desde que no sonríes
empezó el viento.
Desde que no sonríes
llegó el frío.
Desde que no sonríes
apareció la lluvia.
Desde que no sonríes
se nubló el cielo.
Desde que no sonríes las
plantas se marchitan.
Desde que no sonríes, los
ríos no llevan agua,
Desde que no sonríes...

The Sun Disappeared

Since you stopped smiling
the wind began blowing.
Since you stopped smiling
the cold began freezing.
Since you stopped smiling
the rain began falling.
Since you stopped smiling
The plants stopped growing.
Since you stopped smiling
the rivers stopped flowing.
Since you stopped smiling...

Translation L. Montague

Manolito Reyes, the pen-name of Manuel Fraile, was born in Cortegana, Huelva and recently retired after serving as a member of the Guardia Civil on Lanzarote for 36 years.

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Puerto del Carmen Rejuvenation of the Ancient Village of La Tiñosa



The Beach Avenue of Puerto del Carmen in 1966

Tias Ayuntamiento is Planning the Rejuvenation and Refurbishment of the Historic Village of La Tiñosa and the Modernisation of the Promenade

Deputy Mayor and Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino is intent on publicising the important role played by the village of La Tiñosa in the development of Puerto del Carmen. Commencing with a population of some 800 souls in 1966, it gave birth to one of the most popular tourist destinations in Europe, Puerto del Carmen, which registered 1 million visitors half a decade later on 2016.

At a gala event earlier this year, Mayor Pancho Hernández and Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino stating their intention of paying tribute to La Tiñosa and its inhabitants by publicising the role it played in the history of the island since it was first mentioned by writers in 1431. In particular, the crucial role its harbour played in the economic life of Lanzarote in the 18th century with the export of local dyes and rabbit fur to a London firm of merchants who rated their quality as superior to that of any other source in Europe.



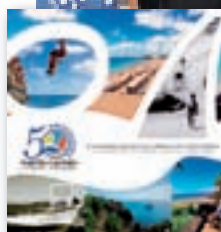
The President and Vice President of the Cabildo with the Mayors and Tourism Councillors of Tias, Tegüise and Haria and the Tourist Councillors of Yaiza and San Bartolomé



Mayor Pancho Hernández and Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino with Larry Yaskiel, author of the book on the history of Puerto del Carmen and La Tiñosa



Javier Betancort head of Lancelot Medios with the Tourism Councillors of Yaiza and San Bartolomé



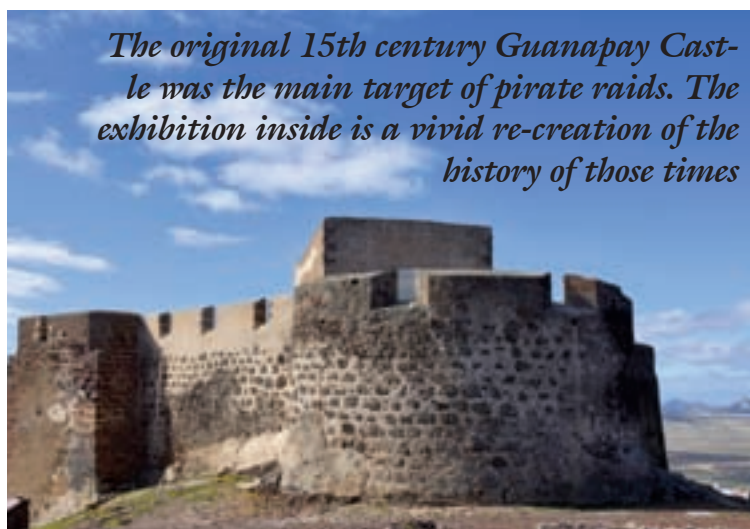
The Town Hall is erecting panels along the promenade displaying excerpts from the book on the history of the resort



A History of Pirate Raids on Lanzarote

The very first recorded attacks on the island commenced with two major raids by the Portuguese, one by Henry the Navigator in 1450 followed by a second sixteen years later. In 1551 a French buccaneer known as “The Cleric” plundered Tegui-se and in 1569, Moorish corsair Calafat commanding 600 men on ten galleys disembarked at Arrecife and ransacked the island over the period of a month and sailed off with 200 captives aboard. Two years later “Dogali” the Turk arrived with 400 men, and ransacked Tegui-se setting fire to the parish church. Francis Drake, Walter Raleigh and William Harper were among other well known English buccaneers who raided the islands. In 1567, English privateer John Hawkins turned up in the Canaries on his way to capturing slaves in Africa destined for America. Unlike most of his ilk, he was a real character and well liked by many Islanders with whom he traded merchandise. His main occupation was plundering Spanish ships calling at the Canaries on their way home from the Spanish Main loaded with gold and silver.

The most devastating raid of all took place in 1618 when Moorish Corsairs Tabac Arraéz and Soliman sailed to the island with a squadron of 36 ships with a force of 4,000 men on board. Landing in Arrecife they marched to the capital Tegui-se and plundered everything of value in the town including the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Even worse, they took 900 hostages - the most notorious kidnapping throughout the history of piracy in the Canary Islands – and before leaving, burned down the historical archives and destroyed the food stores. Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Church in the main plaza was burned down several times in the 17th century, mostly by Moors from North Africa. Their brutality is documented by the name of the small alleyway at the side of the building, “Sangre”, which means “blood” on account of the rivers of blood flowing down the streets following their attack. The church has always been the central landmark of the town.



The original 15th century Guanapay Castle was the main target of pirate raids. The exhibition inside is a vivid re-creation of the history of those times



Mayor Oswaldo Betancort and Culture Councillor Olivia Duque are surrounded by modern-day pirates during the celebrations of the 5th anniversary of the opening of the Piracy Museum, unique in the world



Hands-on imaginative interactive exhibits of pirates with their galleons and weapons provide great fun for all age groups. The most famous pirates include, Francis Drake, Walter Raleigh, John Hawkins and William Harper. As an educational aid there are lovely colouring books for children.



The annual Paddle Tennis Tournament is taking place at the Fariones Sports Centre, Puerto del Carmen which lasts for the whole year. Centrally located at the Fariones Hotel end of the beach avenue their other facilities for activity-minded holidaymakers include a swimming pool, tennis courts, a spacious garden area and a superbly-equipped gym.



TOURIST INFORMATION

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EMERGENCY CALLS

Emergencies	112
Ambulance	928 812 222
Hospital	928 595 000
Fire Brigade	928 816 312
Police	928 597 107
Water Board	928 814 400
Guardia Civil	928 811 886
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Ayuntamiento Haría	928 83 52 51
Ayuntamiento S. Bartolomé	928 52 01 28
Ayuntamiento Teguiuse	928 84 50 01
Ayuntamiento of Tias	928 83 36 19
Ayuntamiento de Tinajo	928 84 00 21
Ayuntamiento de Yaiza	928 83 62 20

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British Consulate

Esther Martin is the British Vice Consul at Las Palmas. To seek advice, or make an appointment with a consular official in Las Palmas or Lanzarote, call the number above. Notarial bookings online service: www.ukinspain.fco.gov.uk

Postage and Post Office

Letters and postcards within Europe 1.15 euro, USA 1.30 euro. Puerto del Carmen post office is open Monday-

Friday 08.30 - 14.30 hrs, Saturday 09.30 - 12.30 hrs.

Arrecife post office: Monday-Friday 08.30 - 20.30

hrs, Saturday 09.30 - 13.00 hrs. Opening times are for stamps and registered letters etc. but both offices close earlier for money transfer.



*Puerto
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Christian Worship

Church of England

All services are Holy Eucharist with hymns. 10 am Nazaret: Iglesia Nuestra Señora, 1st and 3rd Sunday in the month. 12.30 pm Puerto del Carmen: Nuestra Señora del Carmen (Old Town Harbour). 5.00 pm Playa Blanca: Nuestra Señora del Carmen, Main Street. For more information call 928 514 241.

Catholic Church

Nuestra Señora del Carmen, Puerto del Carmen harbour. Sunday Mass 11.00, 18.00; Saturday night, 20.30. San Ginés Church central Arrecife, Sunday 10.30, 12.00, 20.00; Saturday 10.30, 12.00, 20.00.

International Evangelical Church

Meets at La Hoya, Puerto del Carmen Sundays 11 am, service in English, call 928 173618 for more details. Arrecife services in Spanish, Sunday 10.30 am and 18.30 pm, call 928 812027 for more details. For informal meeting at Costa Teguiuse, call 928 590342.

Interdenominational Worship at Costa Teguiuse

Services are held every Sunday at 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. For more information, contact Barbara on 928 833 382.

Norsk Kirkesentre and Social-Cultural Centre

Norwegian Church abroad – Religious and Social Cultural Centre C/ Rociago Puerto del Carmen close to Cinco Plazas. Open mid-September to mid-May: Tuesday-Friday 11.00 -16.00, Saturday 11.00- 15.00, Sunday Service 18:00. Office tel: 928 515 561 Pastor Knut Kaldestad: 616 407 693

There is no synagogue on Lanzarote. For information about Sabbath and Festival services on Las Palmas call 928 248 497.

Markets

Arrecife Markets

Charco de San Ginés
Wed and Thur 9-2

Marina Lanzarote
Mercado de Naos
Food Market
10.00 – 23.00 hrs

Recova Town Market
Mon to Sat 9-2

Historic Old Town
Saturday 9-2

Puerto Calero
Friday 9-2

Puerto del Carmen
Plaza del Varadero
Friday 10-3

Playa Blanca
Marina Rubicón
Wed & Sat to 10-2

Teguiuse Market
Sundays and
Public Holidays 9-2

Costa Teguiuse
Pueblo Marinero
Thursday mornings 9-2

Tinajo, Mancha Blanca
Sunday 9-2


Haría Artesanal Market
Saturday 10-14:30

BRIDGE No 126

By Maria Brandt

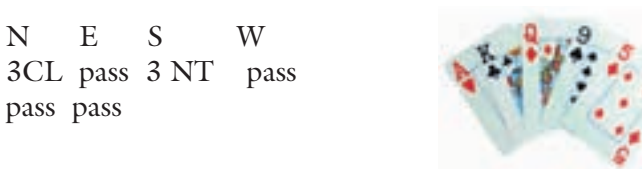

How to safe-play a long suit

Dealer North East-West vulnerable

 3 2
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 A K J 6 5 4 3

	A	Q	7	6
	A	K	8	
	A	10	9	8
	8	2		

N	E	S	W
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pass	pass		



West leads the Queen of Hearts which you win in your hand with the King.

As with any No Trump contract the first task is to count the sure winners. On this hand there are only six: 1 in Spades, 2 in Hearts, 1 in Diamonds and 2 in Clubs. Therefore to make the contract of 3 NT you need to develop 3 extra tricks and the only suit that will give these tricks is Clubs. Can you work out a plan?

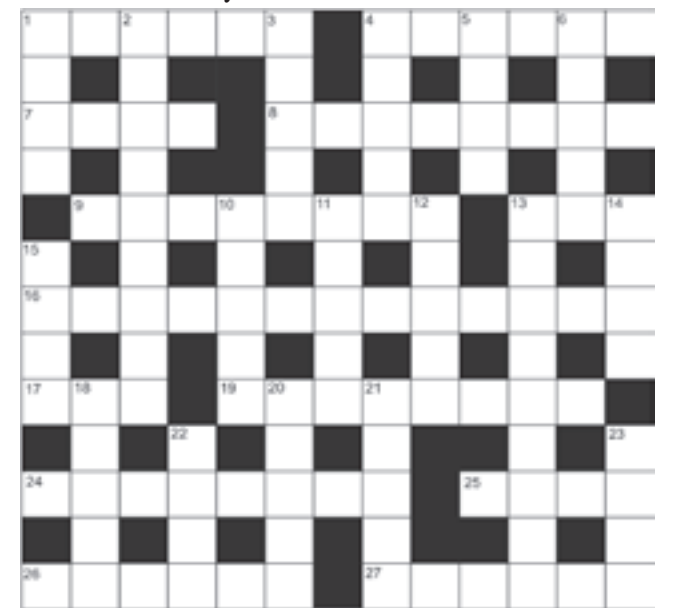
The opponents have between them only 4 Clubs including the Queen, if these divide 2-2 you can easily make 11 tricks. If they divide 3-1 all you need to do is finesse the Jack and all is well for 10 tricks at least. But what if the Clubs are 4-0? If you finesse the Jack you might win the trick plus the Ace and the King but the rest of the suit will be shut out as West will still have the Queen.

So, after winning West's lead of the Queen of Hearts with the King in your hand you play the 2 of Clubs towards dummy. West follows with the 7 and you let him keep the trick. East discards a small Diamond. West will probably continue with the Jack of Hearts which you win in your hand with the Ace. Now it is easy to play the remaining Clubs – this time finessing the Jack against West's known Queen – making your contract with an overtrick.

SOLUTION TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD NO.65. Across; 1 Canberra, 5 Errata, 10 Lucid, 11 Boothroyd, 12 Roosevelt, 13 Abate, 14 Nosegay, 16 Rasher, 19 En Fete, 21 Eclairs, 23 Idiot, 25 Southport, 27 Inclement, 28 Maze, 29 Gyrate, 30 Crenelle. Down; 1 Chlorine, 2 Nicholson, 3 Endue, 4 Robbery, 6 Rehearsal, 7 Aroma, 8 Addled, 9 Doctor, 15 Great Belt, 17 Editorial, 18 Isothere, 20 Easter, 21 Equator, 22 Rising, 24 Incur, 26 Human.

SIMPLE CROSSWORD No 126

By Imelda Coombes



ACROSS

- 1 A seat used for riding. (6)
4 A French red wine. (6)
7 Simple. (4)
8 To extend or reach across. (8)
9 Deceased. (8)
13 A layer of thickness of wood. (3)
16 Horse race held at Aintree. (5,8)
17 Finish. (3)
19 Finishing in second place. (6-2)
24 Deprived of liberty. (8)
25 Trademark. (4)
26 A dog. (6)
27 Dried grape. (6)

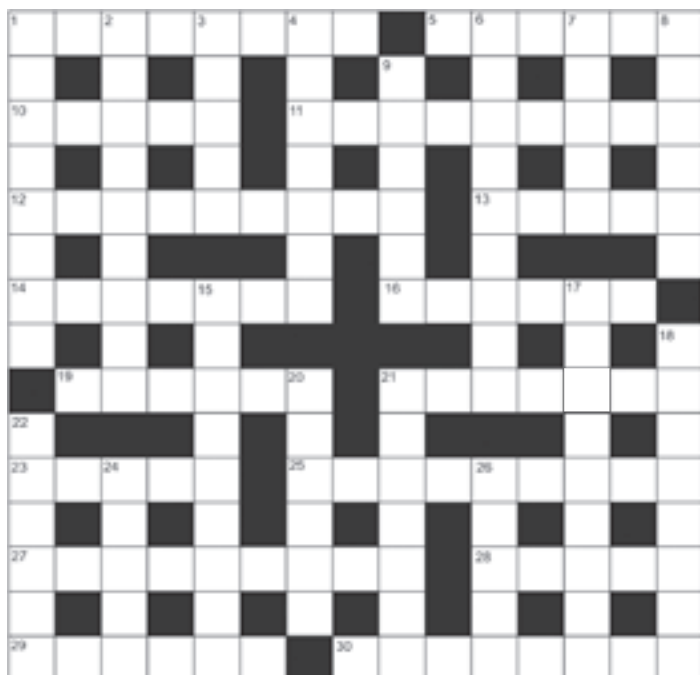
DOWN

- 1 To stop the flow. (4)
- 2 Ignore. (9)
- 3 Go in. (5)
- 4 To run after. (5)
- 5 Assert. (4)
- 6 An artist's stand to support a canvas. (5)
- 10 Snake. (5)
- 11 A series of railway carriages. (5)
- 12 Propel. (5)
- 13 Hanging downwards, so as to swing from side to side. (9)
- 14 Shout. (4)
- 15 A malarial fever. (4)
- 18 A person who tends the sick. (5)
- 20 Say something. (5)
- 21 The lowest point. (5)
- 22 Tidy. (4)
- 23 Connect. (4)

SOLUTION TO SIMPLE CROSSWORD No. 125. Across; 1 Wicked, 4 Cousin, 7 Eats, 8 Caruncle, 9 Testator, 13 Dog, 16 Correspondent, 17 Owl, 19 Darkened, 24 Agiotage, 25 Coma, 26 Argued, 27 Dealer. Down; 1 Week, 2 Cathedral, 3 Dacha, 4 Cargo, 5 Ulna, 6 Igloo, 10 Trend, 11 Taper, 12 Rinse, 13 Diesel Oil, 14 Gate, 15 Echo, 18 Wager, 20 Award, 21 Knead, 22 Tofu, 23 Lair.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD No 66

By Imelda Coombes



ACROSS

- 1 Franz - 1797-1828, Austrian composer. (8)
- 5 The basic unit of electric current. (6)
- 10 A strip of wood or metal used for measuring and drawing straight lines. (5)
- 11 A period of fourteen days. (9)
- 12 British Prime Minister from 1770 to 1782. (4,5)
- 13 Each of several contests making up a sports completion. (5)
- 14 An end or conclusion. (7)
- 16 A Greek island in the SE Aegean Sea. (6)
- 19 A respiratory disorder, causing difficulty in breathing. (6)
- 21 A person whose trade is fitting glass into windows and doors. (7)
- 23 Maurice- 1875-1937, French composer. (5)
- 25 For a short time only. (9)
- 27 A piece of land rented by an individual for cultivation. (9)
- 28 A sharply pointed end of an instrument, such as a fork. (5)
- 29 An important route in a traffic or transport system. (6)
- 30 To make or become greater in size. (8)

DOWN

- 1 A loose wide-sleeved liturgical vestment of linen. (8)
- 2 Very funny or merry. (9)
- 3 George Gordon - 6th Baron 1788-1834, British romantic poet. (5)
- 4 The judge or umpire in any sporting event. (7)
- 6 A state of the N central US. Capital, St. Paul. (9)
- 7 A former US gold coin worth ten dollars. (5)
- 8 A large piece of landed property especially in the country. (6)
- 9 A person skilled in the use of a bow and arrow. (6)
- 15 To fit chairs and sofas with padding, springs and covering. (9)
- 17 French novelist and critic, 1840-1902. (5,4)
- 18 The French name for Brittany. (8)
- 20 One of a pair of bony outgrowths on the head of a male deer. (6)
- 21 Henry - 1746-1820, Irish statesman and orator. (7)
- 22 A large number of ships or aircraft. (6)
- 24 Manservant who acts as personal attendant. (5)
- 26 Outstanding, exceptionally fine. (5)

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Ombudsman - *Diputado del Común*

For complaints about a utility or public authority: Rambla Medular, 99, Arrecife. Arrecife, 8-2 Mon to Fri, Tel: 928 812 407 The service is free and confidential.



Cabildo Consumer Protection Office

For complaints about private or state-run businesses or services: Cabildo Building, Arrecife, 9-13 Mon to Fri. Tel: 928 80 33 67. E-mail: consumo@cabildodelanzarote.com



Cabildo Wildlife Protection Service

Tel: 696 733 177 (07.00-22.00)



Mararia - Official Women's Support Office

In case of maltreatment or abuse. All nationalities welcome. C/ Amigos de Portonaos, 1, 3rd Floor, tel: 928 804834/816074. E-mail: voluntarias.ascmararia@gmail.com. In case of emergency call 112



SARA Animal Protection Society

Next door to the Tahiche Garden Centre, Tahiche, open 10:30 - 13:00 Monday to Saturday, Tuesday 17:00 - 19:00. Tel/fax: 928 173 417. www.saraprotectora/eng



Alcoholics Anonymous English-Speaking Meetings

Call 638 484 113 or visit www.aalanzarote.com Costa Tegui Barcelo Hotel Mon and Wed 18.00-19.00. Tel: 928 511 846 or 928 173 525



Visiting Rotarians Welcome - Lanzarote Rotary Club - Arrecife

Weekly meeting Friday 14.30 at Lancelot Hotel Arrecife Visiting Rotarians welcome. Information: Tel.: 928 80 50 99.



English-Working Lodge

(Emulation) in the Spanish Constitution (recognised by U.G.L.) will welcome visitors October-April. Information: Tel: 928 83 34 90



Local Bridge Club

From September to June, two Bridge Clubs on Lanzarote hold weekly meetings in Arrecife to which visitors are welcome: Tuesdays 18.30 at the Arrecife Gran Hotel and Wednesdays at 19.00 at the Casino Club Náutico, Arrecife. Both are located on the promenade. www.bridgelanzarote.com

CONCERTS EXHIBITIONS

Check [www. culturalanzarote.com](http://www.culturalanzarote.com) for last minute changes



OCL founder Roberto Fuentes with Arrecife Mayoress Eva de Anta and Tourism/Culture Councillor Rafael Juan González



CL Classical Orchestra of Lanzarote MARCH

03 Friday 20:00 Bodegas El Grifo Concert
Piano and three Flutes led by Juana Guillem
Lead flute Spanish National Orchestra

II Cycle Arrecife Classical Concerts 12:00 (midday)
Sala Saramago of the FCM, La Plazuela
11 March Arias Strings Quartet and Judith Pezoa
08 April La Laguna University Polyphonic Choir
13 May A Celebration of the Tango.

31 March 21.00

**San Bartolomé Theatre
Israeli artist Noa**

“Artemages” 180 Paintings in 3 Art Galleries



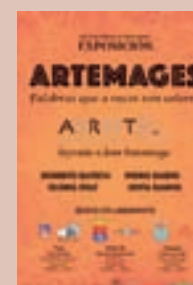
Under the motto “Words – Which are Sometimes Colours,” four painters drew their inspiration from the thoughts of the winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature Winner, José Saramago. They are seen in the library of the late Portuguese artist’s home in Tias together with the Culture Councillors of the three municipalities hosting the display and the exhibition commissioner M^a de los Reyes Hernández, Lecturer in Art at the ULPGC.



The Canarias Youth Orchestra gave their inaugural concert on Lanzarote under conductor Victor Pablo Pérez at Santo Domingo Concert Hall which was very well received by the audience. Their

programme began with Mozart’s Rondo for Piano and Orchestra KV 382 with highly talented Canarian pianist Iván Martín on piano followed by the New World Symphony by Dvorak. A highlight was the premiere of Obertura Canaria by Canarian composer Emilio Coello based on melodies from Canarian folklore.

An excellent initiative by the Canarian Government Culture Department under Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo to encourage the interest of younger generation of musicians living in the Canary Islands.



Art Galleries

San Antonio, Tias
Santo Domingo,
Teguise El Charco, Arrecife
The exhibition is open at all three venues until 17 March.



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APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN FOR HUB EL ALMACÉN

The application period for the new coworking space Hub El Almacén is now open. Six entrepreneurs with a cultural or creative business project will be selected to participate in the Hub. Apart from a shared working space, they will be offered business training and support in communications.



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