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## **Eds Letter**

#### **ALWAYS IN EUROPE**

It now seems certain that Brexit is going to happen at the end of this month.

At this magazine we've never pushed the wild scare stories of Brits being expelled or refused health care, but we've always been clear that, whatever good may come of Brexit, it probably won't come here.

Nevertheless, last March I attended a conference at the Lanzarote Chamber of Commerce at which politicians and professionals from the business, tourism, aviation and customs sectors addressed Brexit. It was clear that these islands are well prepared for any outcome, and even clearer that they wished to keep trading with one of their oldest and most respected friends.

For 50 years, millions of Britons have been coming here, and many of them have liked it so much they've stayed. This island is full of mixed families and bilingual kids who love Barcelona as much as Burnley and there's a long history of integration here. Brexit won't change that. We'll never leave Europe because Europe is our home, our heritage and our future.

Here at the Gazette we're also facing some exciting changes, and the first one will be a move of office. Time to say goodbye to Montaña Tropical and head up the hill back to Tías, where we might stop looking at the sea and get a bit more work done. We're there now with a new address and telephone number (see footer). Email, website, Facebook and other addresses remain unchanged.

Apart from that we'll be doing what we do best, bringing you news, features and information and a showcase for your business. A happy New Year to all our clients, contributors and, above all, our readers.

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#### **Focus**

Boris Johnson's election gamble brings Brexit on.

## **Looking Back**We cast an eye on events over the

## **Looking forward** What do the 2020s have in

store for Lanzarote?

#### At Ease, Sergeant

Sgt Gloria Moreno is cleared of all charges.

#### **Leading Lady**

We speak to Cabildo President María Dolores Corujo.



#### **Horoscopes**

Your year ahead in the stars.

#### **Secret Island**

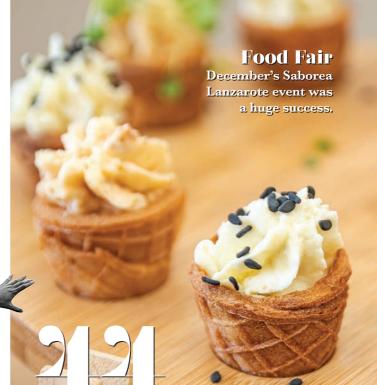
We visit the strange quarry at Guatiza.

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#### Stan's the Man

A chat with the irrepressible Rev. Stan Evans of the Anglican Church





**UK General Election 2019** 

## **OVER AND OUT**



Johnson's election campaign was based on one simple message: "Get Brexit Done", and he forced prospective Tory MPs to pledge support for his "oven-ready" withdrawal agreement before allowing them to stand. In the end, however, such measures proved unnecessary and Johnson is likely to get his Brexit bill passed without obstruction.

The withdrawal agreement is oven-ready because it is, apart from some changes to Irish border issues, the same one that Theresa May failed to get approved three times during her time as Prime Minister. What this means is that the transition period lasting until the end of December 2020 will apply.

That transition period means that British citizens, including those who live in EU states, will continue to enjoy the benefits of EU membership for one more year.

That year is likely to show that Brexit is, in fact, far from done, as the UK negotiates deals on trade. citizens rights and many other issues with the EU and its various member states. If those talks don't go smoothly, there is also the possibility that the UK could face a no deal exit once the transition period is over.

Boris Johnson has already announced that he will make it llegal for the transition period to extend beyond December 31st, and hopes that this will concentrate minds. However, this also means that any deal is likely to be a "bare bones" affair covering only the most basic, general principles. Years of further negotiations on hundreds of issues will follow.

#### CHANGING NATIONS

British expats continue to seek EU passports that will permit them to enjoy freedom of movement after the transition period comes to an end on 31st December this year.

Most popular are Irish passports, which are still available to anyone with a parent born on the island of Ireland, and many with Irish grandparents. Spanish citizenship is also a possibility for permanent residents of more than ten years. However, dual nationality is not permitted in Spain to UK Citizens and applicants are expected to renounce their British nationality if they choose to become Spanish.



## LOCAL NEWS



#### SAN ANTONIO DIVERSION

The Hotel San Antonio stretch of Puerto del Carmen's Avenida de las Playas will be closed to traffic for several months, as the promenade is remodelled in that area.

The precise area will stretch from the turnoff to Avenida Italia (Spar supermarket) to Calle Noruega. Calles Suecia, Portugal and Francia will remain open for diverted traffic.

#### INTERNATIONAL RESCUE

Emergency services were forced to come to the rescue of various tourists who found themselves in difficulties last December.

A French man in his 30s was guided off the Famara cliffs near La Ermita de las Nieves after getting stuck; while another man was located near Las Casitas de Femés after reporting that he had got lost. At the Caldera Blanca volcano, a helicopter evacuated a Danish woman in her 60s after she fell and injured her leg.

Two hang-gliders also had to be rescued – one who landed on a remote beach near Órzola, and another who landed badly on the mountain of El Cuchillo.

Finally, in Famara, firemen rescued a mob of five cats who had all managed to get stuck up a telegraph pole.

#### LANZAROTE BEATS THE TREND

The first set of tourist figures since the collapse of Thomas Cook provided unexpectedly good news for Lanzarote, with tourism figures rising slightly by 0.2% in October.

The results reflect frantic efforts by the island's institutions to recoup the losses that will inevitably follow Thomas Cook's collapse.

Lanzarote was the only Canary Island to post positive figures following the Thomas Cook closure.

Meanwhile, the confirmation of Brexit on 31st January may not exactly be welcomed by the island's tourist authorities, but it does at least provide clarity, and the grace of a transition period that will last until the end of this year.

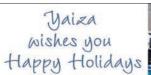




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#### **CRIMES UPS AND DOWNS**

Crime figures on Lanzarote in the first three quarters of last year showed a rise in sexual assaults and a fall in violent robberies.

Two murders occurred on Lanzarote before the end of September 2019: the murder of Paraguayan Romina Celeste, for which her husband is awaiting trial; and the killing of a restaurant owner in Puerto del Carmen by an employee. This compares to no homicides the year before.

Overall, there was a rise in street disturbances and minor assaults, while muggings, robbery with violence and burglaries appear to have decreased considerably. It should be stressed that almost all crime figures are low.

Arrecife is the location of 36.6% of all crimes on Lanzarote, a figure that accurately reflects the larger population in the capital.

#### **SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD**

Police have exposed a widespread social security fraud on Lanzarote and three other Canary Islands which has cheated the social security office out of over €5.5 million.

The fraud involved at least 34 businessmen and women, who avoided payments by setting up front organisations and carrying out transactions in cash.

Investigators say that one event organised by the fraudsters attracted more than 300 diners, each of whom was requested to pay in cash. A card payment terminal was provided, but a sign saying "Out Of Order" was placed on it.

Police claimed that workers were paid cash in hand, had to do 12 hour shifts and 60-hour weeks, and were hired and fired at will by the accused.



#### **ISLAND ITV**

The Canarian Government has approved more than €200,000 to carry out ITV (MOT equivalent) tests on cars on the island of La Graciosa.

At the last estimate there were around 300 vehicles on La Graciosa and, given the fact that there is no car ferry to the island, they are faced with serious difficulties once they reach the age when they have to undergo regular technical inspections.

As a result the Canarian government has approved a tender by the Applus Iteuve Technology company. The appointment of a private company will mean that existing ITV providers on Lanzarote will no longer need to reduce their resources while serving La Graciosa.

#### FISH TOPPLES

César Manrique's iron fish and bird sculpture which serves as the official logo for the Mirador del Río was knocked over by heavy winds on Monday 16th December.

The new Councillor for the Tourist Centres, Benjamín Perdomo, took the opportunity to blame the incident on the "total neglect" of the Cabildo's last government.



## ISLAND INFO



#### Flick Felicia Ann Schwind 1943 - 2019

Flick passed away peacefully on the 3rd of December 2019 at Devonshire House in Sudbury, Suffolk after a short illness. Born on the 25th May, 1943 during an air raid in Birmingham, Flick was a model for a fashion house before deciding to follow her mother and sister Jane and become a nurse. She trained at Addenbrooks in Cambridge and nursed until she married Pete Schwind. Flick was mother to three adored girls: Samantha, Rebecca and Fleur - her beloved youngest daughter who was born in 1974 and died at the age of 14, leaving Flick devastated.

Invited by friends to holiday on Lanzarote in 1988, she felt she had arrived home. The island gave her peace and tranquility after many difficult times in her life... none greater than Fleur's passing. She found a beautiful old finca for sale in lower Mácher. it found her, and they gave each other shelter for over 30 years. Always with a dog by her side or on her bed - Daisy first, followed by Bumble and Sassy - she created beauty in an unforgiving garden, made wonderful food in an equally unforgiving kitchen, welcomed everybody and made one of the best Gin and Tonics in the world.

These years were when many of her lifelong friendships were forged; our Flick with her healing hands, nursing those in need, always giving of herself. She taught the art of Hatha yoga. She was beautiful inside and out.

Flick moved back to the UK in 2018, and the family and friends who she had kept in her heart and had contact with over the years, including her sister Jane, Jennie (who now has beautiful Sassy); Diana Yates and Moppet her nursing friends, Mike and Diana Screen and Pete her ex-husband, all took her back into their arms, visited her, cosseted her and made sure she had all she needed.

Flick was so unique. Her love, kindness and gentle spirit will be missed by too many to mention by name. The only saving grace in her passing is knowing she so wanted to be reunited with Fleur and, when she knew her time had come, she wanted it to be before Christmas... how wonderful that she got her wish.

Rest in peace Flick and carry on creating your magic. You will be loved forever.

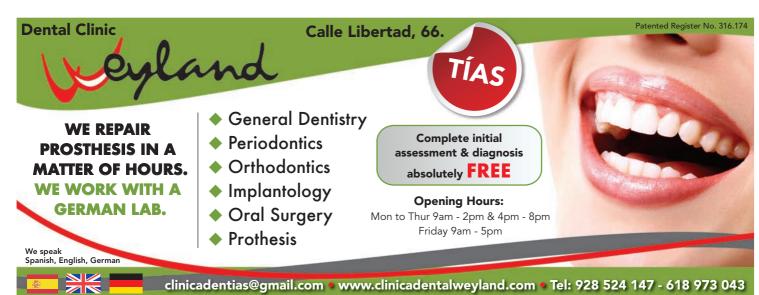
#### **ADIÓS, JUAN!**

The Juan Brito Foundation, formed by family and friends of the multitalented Juan Brito, who died two years ago at the age of 98, organised a moving celebration of his centenary year at San Bartolomé's theatre last month.

On stage was the upright armchair in which Don Juan received visitors at his apartment in Arrecife, and Juan's son Victor read out diary entries that his father may have penned on his hundredth birthday.

A joyful performance of folk songs by the Parranda de Amigos de Florián Corujo included one of Juan's lyrics, and the event was concluded with a performance of latin-inspired pieces by Bohemia Lanzarote.





#### HAPPY HUNDRED TO TOM



Tom Metcalfe celebrated his 100th birthday in his apartment in Puerto del Carmen surrounded by family and friends. Highlight of the party was a telegram from Her Majesty the Queen.

Born in Hull on 7th November 1919, Tom was the oldest of seven children and worked on the River Ouse delivering grain for much of his life. He married Ivy in 1947 and has one son, Tom, two grandchildren, Kay and Alex, and two great grandchildren.

After retiring, Tom and Ivy decided to move to a warmer climate in 1992, and lived in the family apartment in Lanzarote from then. Ivy passed away in 2007.

Tom was swimming in the sea regularly up to his early nineties. This, plus the beneficial climate in the Canaries, contributed to his longevity. He would also say that a glass of red wine with his meals contributed!

He has wonderful support from his three carers who ensure that his needs are met.

#### **ANOTHER POSH FROCKS SALE!**

Get ready for another Posh Frocks Sale at the Crossroads Bar, Costa Teguise (C/Los Crotos, Gurrupitos complex) on Saturday 1st February from 11 am to 3 pm.

SARA volunteer Sheila writes: "It's a little colder this time of year - do you feel the need for cosy clothes or an outer layer to keep the wind out? Well, rest assured that the Frocks will still be there but we also have loads of good quality clothes for our winter months, donated by the lovely people of Lanzarote, both ladies' and menswear.

Let's not forget that Valentine's Day approaches, too - the perfect time to buy that special outfit or gift. Come and grab a fantastic bargain, in a great bar, eat, drink and spend money!

We are forever grateful to all the animal-loving Bar Owners Lanzarote, who continue to support us, and for these events special thanks go to Pete Richardson, from The Mill in Costa, who donates our storage space, and Tom and Angie vet again for the venue at Crossroads. All proceeds to SARA Protectora, animal charity in Tahiche.



#### **BEING FOR THE** BENEFIT OF MR FENTON

An amazing night at the Wall Street Music Bar on 7th December saw entertainers and bands perform and several local businesses contribute great raffle prizes in benefit of Mark Fenton, whose awful accident has left him unable to perform for a while.

The evening was a veritable summit meeting of the best musicians on the island, and at the end of the night a grand total of €1,045 was raised.





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## **ISLAND INFO...**

#### LAS PALMERAS GOLF NIGHT



On Saturday 14th December, the members of the Las Palmeras Golf Society met at the Casa Cabaña restaurant in Puerto del Carmen for their annual Trophy Presentation Ceremony and Christmas dinner. The event was well attended and the delicious traditional dinner, combined with excellent local wines, contributed to a merry, festive atmosphere.

Before dessert, a very successful fundraising raffle was organised by the Secretary. Many prizes were on offer that delighted the winning ticket holders. The top prize was an original painting of a sea urchin by Marimar Duarte, a local artist from Famara. The raffle was followed by the much-awaited Trophy Ceremony that rounded off the various year-long competitions that took place during 2019. Here is the list of the Trophy winners:

Match play Singles competition: Terry Dickinson

Match play doubles competition: Geoff Rayner and Keith Whitlock

Henson Cup: Roger Noack

Best Medal Play: Ray Howell

Most improved player 2019: Jean-Francois Crinquand

A few words of thanks by the Secretary ended the event. However, the night was still young for some of the members, who continued partying.

#### WE'RE MOVING!

As of 1st January, Gazette Life magazine is no longer located at the office in the Montaña Tropical Shopping Centre. Instead, we've moved back to Tías, and you can find us in our new premises at Avenida Central, 84, Local B. We also have a new phone number 928 093 823, while our email, website and other contacts remain unchanged.

We've had a terrific few years in Puerto del Carmen and we'll miss the friends we've made overlooking the harbour, but we're also really looking forward to a new era in Tías.

#### **CHARITY AUCTION**

The Charity Auction postponed before Christmas will now take place on 11th January at the Sociedad in Nazaret.

The Schedule is:

10am - Midday: Delivery of goods to Auction.

Midday to 3 pm: Viewing 3 pm: Auction begins

Organiser Dierdre McFarlane would like to emphasize the need for items for sale to be registered with her in advance to ensure a smooth-running event.

There are already several quality items for sale, including bikes, golf clubs, tennis racquets, small items of furniture and kitchen items. Larger items can be offered for sale by photo evidence. Maybe there will be some unwanted Christmas presents?

No clothes, please, and electrical items must come with a valid guarantee.

Contact Deirde on drearymac@gmail.com to register or find out more.

#### **KEEP ON CELEBRATING!**

Christmas isn't over in the New Year here on Lanzarote. The celebrations continue until 6th January, a public holiday which follows the traditional gift-giving.

Although Santa's Christmas Eve antics are becoming more and more popular on the Canaries, the main gift-bringers are still the Three Kings, their Majesties Melchior, Balthazar and Gaspar.

These fellows arrive in most of Lanzarote's towns and villages on 5th January, often in boats or on camels. They parade in all their finery, throwing sweets to the crowds, and finally take the letters in which children have written what they want to find the next morning. To find out the exact time of the parades, contact your local Ayuntamiento.

Other Christmas elements, such as the *belenes* or nativity scenes, that are constructed by every municipality on the island, will remain on display until the 12th day of Christmas.



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# ADECADE OF TURNOIL

The ten years since the start of 2010 have seen immense changes in the world, and they've affected each one of our lives here on Lanzarote as much as anywhere. We look back at a decade of conflict and turmoil.



#### **CONFLICT**

When a Tunisian street seller set himself on fire in 2010 as a protest against corruption, he started a wave of protests that would sweep the Arab world and, ultimately, cause conflict and displacement on a massive scale.

Soon, both Libya and Syria were suffering bloody civil wars and millions of refugees were trying to escape the chaos. The resulting wave of migration has changed the face of politics, contributing to the rise of right-wing populist parties in Europe and acting as one of the main reasons for the Brexit vote.

However, conflict is not the only reason for migration. Vast parts of the world remain poor, undeveloped and corrupt, with little or no future for young people. As long as these inequalities exist, people will get on their bikes or their boats to seek a better future.



#### **POLITICS**

At the start of the decade, left wing governments in the UK and Spain paid the price for the crisis and were replaced by Conservative governments which applied strict austerity measures. In Spain this led to an explosion of anger that filled every square in the country and gave rise to the Indignados movement, which would be copied around the world.

In the UK, anger was directed against the EU, with the Leave side winning 2016's Brexit referendum against all expectations. Brexit has dominated British affairs ever since, and its legacy will continue.

In America, a reality TV star was elected as President, and Donald Trump changed the way politics is done forever, for good or bad...



#### **CULTURE**

Ten years ago, most people were still watching terrestrial TV channels or DVDs, listening to CDs and reading books on their Kindles. Nowadays, it's all Netflix and Spotify and real books are making a comeback. Technology moves fast nowadays, and 10 years ago nobody would have recognised the words Instagram, Alexa, Siri, Uber, Airbnb or Pokemon Go.

Ten years ago Ed Sheeran was a busker, Taylor Swift was a country singer and Ariana Grande was a kid's TV star - the



decade has seen them rise to the top of their fields, while older stars - from the Rolling Stones to Beyoncé - remain as popular as ever.

The decade started with Spain winning the World Cup in South Africa and continued with amazing stories such as Britain's haul of 65 medals at the London Olympics, Andy Murray's Grand Slams and Wimbledon titles, Leicester's fairytale league title in 2016 and England's outrageous Cricket World Cup victory last July.

#### 10 YEARS ON A SMALL ISLAND

On Lanzarote, the last ten years have mainly been about one thing – overcoming the devastating financial crisis of 2008. That crisis coincided with the island's largest corruption scandal, and both events are still having repercussions today.

The crisis meant that credit simply wasn't there for big projects, so the island focused instead on renovating and improving what it already had. It has also made huge bounds in terms of promoting itself as a sporting and food destination.

Lanzarote and the Canaries head into the 2020s under the command of new governments which face the challenges of balancing the demands of a tourist economy with an increasingly urgent environmental commitment.



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# THEYEAR AHEAD





As Lanzarote steps into the 2020s, its priorities are to maintain the levels of tourism of recent years, as well as to tackle urgent new environmental realities that could seriously affect a low-lying island.

At the time of writing it looks as though Spain may finally be able to form a government, which will bring a little stability to national affairs. The Canaries also starts a new decade under new rule by the Socialist-led coalition following the ousting of the Coalición Canaria in May last year.

Two serious blows last year – the withdrawal of Ryanair's Canarian bases and the collapse of Thomas Cook - were added to Brexit uncertainty and the recovery of competing markets as factors that could seriously affect the island's tourist economy.

Much work has been done to reduce the impact of these issues, but much more remains to be done. Much of it will be directed by a new government that places great importance on social issues and which also is facing up to the realities of climate change. How much progress will take place is debatable, but Lanzarote and the Canaries cannot afford to prevaricate any longer.

Lanzarote will also finish celebrating the centenary of its favourite son, César Manrique, and the island's carnival, fiestas and sporting events will light up the year as usual.

Further afield, Britain's relationship with Europe will remain in the news, regardless of how Brexit finishes; and in the USA, Donald Trump will attempt to win a second term as President against a Democratic Party which still seems unable to deal with new realities.

In sport, Gareth Southgate has built the most impressive England team for ages, and his young players will be competing in the Euro 2020 Championship all over Europe. Once that's over, the Tokyo Olympics will keep us entertained and thrilled for another month.



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4th qtr annual tax returns for businesses and non resident tax on rental income. Asset Report. Form 179, Holiday Lettings Report 02 FEBRUARY

Business Tax Forms 347, 184 and 415. Asset Report.

03 MARCH

Begin preparing paperwork for annual income tax. Last month for Asset Report.

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**APRIL** 

1st qtr business tax returns. Tax on rental income for non residents. 1st payment on account for Corporation Tax. Annual income tax return. Legalise Books 2019. Form 179, Holiday Letting Report.

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MAY JUNE

Wealth and annual income tax 2019 for residents

Large enough to meet your needs, small enough to know your name.

07 J<u>UL</u>Y Review accounts for 2019. 2nd qtr business tax returns. Corporation Tax 2019, deposit Accounts. Tax on rental income for non residents. Form 179, Holiday Letting Report.

08 AUGUST

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Many officials take holidays this month so don't leave anything urgent pending.

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SEPTEMBER

After updating provisional accounts for 2019, prepare and evaluate P&L analysing all fiscal implications.

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**OCTOBER** 

3rd qtr business tax returns.
Tax on rental income for non residents.
2nd payment on account for Corporation
Tax. Form 179, Holiday Letting Report.

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Non Resident Property Owners - ensure annual tax for private use 2019 is being presented. Form 232 - related-party transactions for limited companies. 12

Final month for non resident property owners to pay private use tax 2019. If in modular system check your advisor has all IGIC receipts. 3rd payment on account for Corporation Tax.

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## **RUN FOR THEIR LIVES**

In one of the most desperately poor areas of India, the Anantapur Ultramarathon has now become an annual event, bringing hope, joy and the promise of a future to thousands.





Anantapur is where the Spanish missionary Vicente Ferrer established his Foundation which has spent years changing lives person by person, family by family, village by village.

Vicente Ferrer died in 2009, but his work has been continued under the supervision of his English wife, Anna Ferrer. It is based on the theory of comprehensive development, an all-round approach that seeks to address every aspect of a problem and arrive at a holistic solution.

For example, a school or clinic is built and teachers and nurses

"YOU'RE CHANGING OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES, BUT YOU'RE TRANSFORMING YOUR OWN, AS WELL. are found, but the local villagers understand that it is their task to pay the wages of these professionals themselves. After all, it is their health; their future. The results are independent communities, active societies instead of passive aid recipients.

The Canarian distance runner Juan Manuel Viera founded the Ultramarathon in 2015, with the idea of sponsoring a child for every kilometre he ran. That year he managed to sponsor over 150 children, built three homes and established a support programme for rural women.

Now in its fifth year, the Ultramarathon has grown year after year, with over 200 runners from four nations participating last year. This years run, which will take place from 20th to 27th of January, will extend the scope of the charity work to poorer regions further north. focusing on two villages in a particularly deprived area.

Lanzarote lawyer Mario Izquierdo Lawlor is a regular participant in the Ultramarathon, and will be there again this year. "It's an incredible experience," he says. "You're changing other people's lives, but you're transforming your own, as well."

You can donate, or find out more about the Anantapur Ultramarathon, as well as the good work done by the Vicente Ferrer Foundation, at www.lkmlvida.org

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## FREE TO GO



One of the most worrying cases on Lanzarote has come to an end with the acquittal of the Guardia Civil officer Sergeant Gloria Moreno in a Las Palmas court. The court cleared Sgt Moreno of charges of falsification of documents and slander.

This shocking story begins in February 2015, when Sgt Moreno authorised a raid on a group of businessmen, retired police officers and other influential Canarian men who were taking part in their annual *pardela* roast on the uninhabited isle of Alegranza. This highly illegal practice, which involve taking shearwater chicks

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from their nests, then plucking and roasting them, is seen as a tradition a mong certain islanders, and dates back to past times when seabirds

were an important element of the meagre Canarian diet.

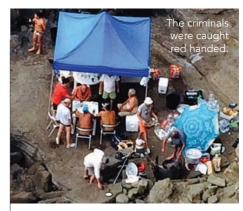
The raid caught several men red-handed, ten of whom were fined over €8,000 each in May this year. However, it also set in place events that had every appearance of a witch hunt against the Sergeant.

Immediately after the raid Sgt Moreno was suspended by a Guardia Civil superior officer in Las Palmas, after a complaint appeared in which Arrecife's municipal vet accused her of harassment. The suspension was summary, with no hearing or appeal before it took effect.

Sgt Moreno was also accused of falsification and slander after she presented an internal report against one of her Guardia Civil colleagues, who she suspected of informing the seabird hunters of the raid in advance.

One by one, however, all the cases and suits against the sergeant have collapsed or been dismissed, and unless appeals reverse the recent verdict, she is currently innocent of every charge that has been brought against her.

## A SHAMEFUL TRADITION



Seabird roasts have been described as a "medieval rite" carried out by men from the "elite classes of Lanzarote society," but have taken place for over 30 years since they were declared illegal.

In the mid 1990s, local papers even printed photos of the island's Minister for the Environment caught in the act of plucking a shearwater on Alegranza. In that decade members of Seprona, the Guardia Civil's animal welfare division, resigned in disgust at official tolerance of the "tradition."

## **MAKING A WILL**

In this article, Erardo Ferrer of Lanzarote Abogados in Arrecife urges all foreign residents to think carefully about the provisions governing which national law will apply to their will.

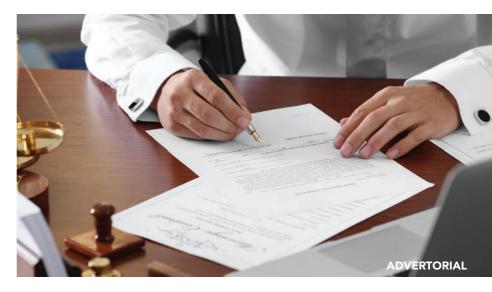
Making a will assures us that our wishes will be fulfilled once we are gone. It also avoids confusion and makes the division and distribution of your inheritance simpler and more economical.

For a foreign citizen with assets in Spain the simplest thing, in my opinion, is to make a will in Spain. Making a will in Spain is inexpensive and assures that the subsequent distribution of assets is as easy as possible, avoiding many problems.

However, the ability of a foreign citizen to choose which law applies to their inheritance was made possible by the entry into force of the European Inheritance Regulation (R650 / 2015 Regulation (EU) no. 650/2012 of the European Parliament and Council, of July 4, 2012).

This regulation came into force on August 17, 2015. Since that date, every foreign citizen with habitual residence in Spain should consider the possibility of choosing the national law of their own country as the governing law of their succession. Why? The answer is simple: the regulation provides, as a general default rule, that in the event of the death of a foreigner in Spain (or in another member state of the Regulation), the law of the country of their last habitual residence at the time of death will apply (art. 21.1 RES).

A good example that shows the importance of deciding which national law will be applicable is



that of English citizens residing in Spain. In England there is absolute freedom to testify, so there are no legal limitations: the testator can leave his or her property to whomever he or she wants. Therefore, if an English citizen dies in Spain without leaving a will in which he or she chooses that English law is applicable to his or her inheritance, then Spanish law will be applied for the division of the inheritance, and that will include the Spanish system of strict legal limitations. The result of inheritance under one law system and under another is completely different.

So, while a Spanish will may well be cheaper, easier and simpler, you are advised to consider which law you will ultimately choose, and legal advice will be vital to assist you in this decision.

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## **DEMOLITION TIME**

The bulldozers rumbled into Yaiza just before Christmas as workers arrived to carry out the sentence of demolition on various buildings that had been constructed illegally by Dimas Martín.



Dimas Martín

Martín was ruled to have built bedrooms and a swimming pool onto an existing property that was located in the Timanfaya National Park. Initially, he was ordered to pay for the demolition work himself, but when this did not happen,

#### "HE HAS ENDED UP SPLASHING AROUND IN A PUDDLE OF DELINQUENCY

a private company was hired at a cost of €51,000 to return the property to its previous state. This bill will be presented to Martín, who is currently serving a prison sentence for this offence.

"Sr. Martín thought it would be nice to have a swimming pool to dive into, where he could swim freely on protected land, but he has ended up splashing around in a puddle of delinquency," said Javier Ródenas, the prosecutor at the judgement.

Illegal properties are rarely knocked down on Lanzarote, and several officially illegal buildings, including hotels, remain standing. It appears, however, that it has been decided to make a particular example of Sr. Martín – Lanzarote's dark Godfather figure.

Dimas Martín, 71, is perhaps the most notorious character in recent Lanzarote history. An inspirational, firebrand politician who founded the PIL in the 80s and dominated island politics for several years, serving as Mayor of Teguise, Cabildo President, Deputy in the Canarian Parliament and Senator in Spain's upper chamber.

However, Martín was sentenced to prison in 1998 after being found guilty of fraud and has spent several years behind bars since, adding falsification, conspiracy to defraud, and misuse of public funds to his list of convictions.

In 2009, he was exposed as one of the central figures in the Union Case, Lanzarote's largest corruption scandal, and has spent most of the time since then behind bars. His party has been irreparably tainted by its founder's criminal career, and has more or less ceased to exist.

Nevertheless, the Union Case rumbles on, and Martín and his accomplices may face more time in the big house in Tahiche yet.

#### **INTERVIEW:**

## MARÍA DOLORES CORUJO

**President of Lanzarote Cabildo** 



Last June, María Dolores Corujo, known as Loli to friends, became the most powerful woman on Lanzarote when she was elected as President of the island's government, the Cabildo, ending almost 10 years of rule by the Coalición Canaria.

At 43 years, Corujo has already been a Mayor, a deputy in the Canarian government and the secretary of her party on Lanzarote. The next four years is likely to see this shooting star of Lanzarote's politics burn even brighter.

You won the elections in May by fewer than 200 votes and have ended up in a pact with the PP, who are not what one might call traditional partners of the Socialists? How much stability can we expect from this government?

The Socialists and the PP agree on one fundamental thing: that the situation in which the island has been mired in for the last ten years could not continue. The pact has been drawn up to last for four years and its stability is guaranteed, looking at the excellent results that we're already achieving thanks to co-operation, understanding and dialogue. In any case, we're talking about a constant theme that has been repeated throughout the Canary Islands and which arises from the weariness with and rejection of the Coalición Canaria.

There are currently Socialist presidents in Madrid (almost), in the Canarian Government and in Lanzarote's Cabildo. Does this mean that it will be easier to put the policies of your government into practice?

What it means is that the citizens of Lanzarote, of the Canaries and of wider Spain have put their faith in the project of the Socialist Party. It's a project of solidarity, in which there's room for everybody and which will, of course, not only improve the circumstances of this government, but also those of all citizens.

#### What are the most important projects of this four-year term?

We've made a commitment that this will be the legislature of the people. Housing, poverty and care of the aged are issues that have not received a minute of attention in the last few years.

We also have to regain the time that has been lost in the development of tools for control and management of the island's territory. Finally, we're going to throw ourselves into a determined fight against climate change. And we're going to do all this in a new climate of transparency and respect towards the people who work in the institution of the Cabildo.

#### What are the greatest challenges that you and your team face in the years to come?

To make advances in equality; to reduce the levels of exclusion on our island and to respond on an island-wide basis to the greatest challenge we face as a species climate change.

#### Politics on Lanzarote has been tainted by corruption in recent years. What measures exist to combat it?

Transparency, accountability and the reporting of irregularities. When things are done in plain view, so everybody can see, there is less space for corruption to hide. It's also vital to update all procedures and decision-making processes so that all of them – absolutely all – are done in accordance with the law.

## Climate change is a very important issue for Lanzarote. What objectives exist and how will they be met?

Climate change is the most important challenge we face as a species and Lanzarote, as an island and as a Biosphere Reserve, is especially threatened by it. The priority is to continue the tradition of coexistence with nature that characterises us as a society. At the Cabildo, we have to improve the management of waste and continue to promote renewable energies. We'll do this hand in hand with the Canarian Government, which is currently working on a comprehensive law aimed at energy transition.

## The removal of Jason de Caires' horse sculptures from the sea below the International Museum of Contemporary Art in Arrecife has been criticised by many. Can you explain why the Cabildo took this decision?

This was a political decision taken in response to the political decision of placing them there in the first place. While I won't raise any questions about the artists' work, what's true is that this installation was always intended to be temporary, just as it was only displayed in London for a period of one month.

What then happened was that someone decided to leave the sculptures there for a longer period and raised the possibility of a final sale for €200,000.

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In any case, I believe that Lanzarote should host artworks which are conceived for Lanzarote, which place value on our public spaces, and which do not use Lanzarote, and a special location such as the International Museum of Contemporary Art as a promotional platform.

## What importance does the foreign community have for the economy and culture of Lanzarote?

Lots. After years of isolation. Lanzarote is now a meeting place. And the more diverse we are, the richer we become, both materially and culturally. Sometimes it's the viewpoint of an outsider that can best help you to see and understand yourself. It's impossible to understand the Lanzarote of today without taking into account the contribution of tens of thousands of people who have transformed themselves into the new lanzaroteños.

You've already been a Canarian MP, the Mayor of San Bartolomé and the General Secretary of your party on Lanzarote. Did you always have political ambitions? I came into politics because of my beliefs, but the public positions I've occupied have arisen because of a series of accidents or coincidences. I've never pursued any position, but I've always been willing to accept the challenges that my colleagues have proposed. The people who have accompanied me over these years will know how reluctant I am to take on certain posts, but also how I'll give everything I've got when I do.

#### Spain is still waiting for its first female president. Do women still face obstacles in Spanish politics?

Politics is just one small corner of something much greater, and the same rules apply in that corner as they do everywhere else. There is inequality in politics just as there is in business, in universities or in families. Full, effective equality between women and men remains an absolutely indispensable aspiration.





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What does the New Year hold in store for you and yours?

#### G Life stargazer Shona Langholm brings you the lowdown on the year 2020.



#### Aries

(MARCH 21-APRIL 19TH)

Outwardly things seem to be the same, but look closer and you'll realise everything has changed, with new responsibilities and exciting new

opportunities becoming crystal clear. This is a year when you can forge your future, but also one that will bring genuinely welcome surprises.

Do: Make music Don't: Get into a rut Lucky month: February



#### Taurus

(20 APRIL - 20 MAY)

In 2020 make moves towards changing your life gradually but permanently, Taurus. For example, take fitness seriously and make it part

of your routine. Your social life and, perhaps, a romance, will begin to assume a deeper, more satisfying role. Connect and engage.

Do: Explore your surroundings Don't: Be an online moaner Lucky month: September



#### Gemini

(21 MAY TO 20 JUNE)

Defence has never been your main consideration, Gemini, but this year you'll find yourself building emotional armour, as well as protecting your work and financial

situations. These are safe, firm foundations that you'll be able to build on and live life to the full.

Do: Stick to what you know Don't: Let others take advantage Lucky month: July



#### Cancer

(21 JUNE TO 22 JULY)

This is a year when your horizons will widen immensely, but only if you commit to make it happen. Keep an open mind, don't turn down

opportunities and be prepared to study, learn and use your brilliant brain to the maximum. Let's see where this year takes you...

Do: Read poetry

Don't: Take your health for granted

Lucky month: October



#### Leo

(21 JULY TO 22 AUG)

A significant phase in your life is now coming to a natural end, Leo, and it's time for you to get used to new realities. Mourn if you have to, don't hurry yourself, but know that you'll soon

be heading to a very different, fulfilling destination.

Do: Improve your social life Don't: Go over budget Lucky month: July



#### Virgo

(23 AUG TO 22 SEPT)

Fetch that suitcase out, Virgo, because this is a year to travel. You'll need to balance your wanderlust with your budget, but the more you get out and about, the more rewarding your year

will be. There are landscapes, love and lifetime memories waiting for you over the horizon.

Do: Keep your sense of humour Don't: Keep worries bottled up Lucky month: December



#### Libra

(23 SEPT TO 22 OCT)

Start with the small stuff and work up, Libra. This is a year when detail will be all-important, and once you get the finer points just right, the

big picture will sort itself out. Start now, make a small change and see how things flow from there.

Do: Embrace love Don't: Quit a big project Lucky month: April



#### Scorpio

(23 OCT TO 21 NOV)

Your body will be a major element in your life this year, Scorpio. You'll need to handle minor health problems early, but you'll also find sensual, physical pleasure in life that will delight and

distract you. Let your senses rule your head and your heart.

Do: Get in shape Don't: Let anger win Lucky month: September



#### Sagittarius

(22 NOV TO 21 DEC)

This is a make-or-break year, Sagittarius, and while you'll get huge satisfaction out of creating a new project, you need to prepare yourself for a possible negative outcome. No matter – what's important is that you lose yourself in the joy of

doing what you know.

Do: Create something Don't: Let friends down Lucky month: January



#### Capricorn

(22 DEC TO 19 JAN)

Home will be on your mind for much of the year, Capricorn. It may even be the realisation that your idea of home has changed, and you've built something worthy of the name. Keep your family close, but be your own person and cherish those

you love every bit as dearly.

Do: Be a good friend Don't: Burn your bridges Lucky month: May



## You Lucky Rat!

25th January sees the start of the Chinese Year of the Rat, and if you were born in 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, then it's your year!

Despite its reputation, Rats are one of the most powerful Chinese signs - bright, resourceful animals with spirit, wit and ingenuity. If you're a Rat, this year is likely to bring business success and a real chance of love, although you'll need to watch your health closely.



#### Aquarius

(20TH JAN - 18TH FEB)

Oops, you weren't expecting that, were you, Aquarius? Last year's unexpected gamechanger, I mean. Well now's the time to deal with it, and you're in a brilliant state to do that. There are more surprises coming down

the track, and you're going to love taking them on.

Do: Embrace the unexpected Don't: Live via a screen. Lucky month: March



#### Pisces

(19 FEB TO 20 MAR)

You've spent the last few months learning to stand up on your own two feet, but now the time has come to take those first baby steps alone. This is a project that's going to change your life, and you'll soon be

running with the wind behind you – just be confident and go for it.

Do: Learn new skills Don't: Be annoying Lucky month: August





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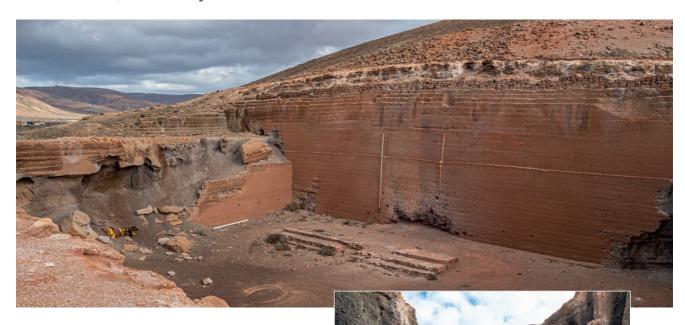


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Montaña Tinamala is a horseshoe-shaped volcano that overlooks the villages of Guatiza

#### "THE QUARRY PRODUCED THE ISLAND'S FINEST STONE FROM THE 50S TO THE 70S

and the coastal hamlet of Los Cocoteros. A short drive will confirm what the main crop in this part of the island was – cactus fields can be seen on all sides, with

red prickly pears ready to be picked and the green, paddle-shaped leaves encrusted with white cochineal lava. César Manrique's Cactus Garden is the main tourist attraction here, but it's not the only sight worth seeing.

The Cactus Garden is located in an abandoned quarry – a clue to the other important product of this region. Montaña Tinamala offers some of the most attractive volcanic basalt on the island – tough, even-grained and a warm, brick-red colour, it's been used to build several buildings in Arrecife as well as parts of the Hotel Meliá Salinas.

To find the most impressive quarry, turn off the LZ-1 towards Guatiza and double back on a dirt road just after you go past the Cepsa petrol

station. A couple of hundred metres further on, pull over and check Google Earth's satellite function. Two quarries will be visible close by, although they can't be seen from the track.

Just a few metres up the hill you'll find the first, smaller quarry — a rough, wind-eroded hole in the ground with caves and columns that are strongly reminiscent of the weird formations at the Roferas de Teseguite — visible towards the north-west. This quarry seems to have been used to excavate hardcore for roads.

A few metres further up from this you'll see an old sign saying PELIGRO – and warning that the quarry is private property. The risk is yours, and the entrance to the main quarry has actually been fenced off in the past, but now you can walk straight in through crumbly walls of compacted gravel.



#### INTO THE ARENA

The quarry itself is hugely impressive almost an perfectly rectangular excavation with clearly defined straight lines on the red walls that show where the stone was systematically quarried. The quarry operated for 15 years, from the mid-50s to the early 70s, and was occasionally used later, as well. Nowadays, though, it's totally abandoned

and one of the cutting machines lies half buried at the foot of one of the walls.

It's not hard to understand why a Swedish opera company came here in 1987 to film Verdi's opera Aida, which is set in impressive Egyptian temples. It's also not hard to understand why, at one time, there were plans to build a theme park here.

#### **DAVID'S DETOURS**

David Penney guides treks all over the wild places of Lanzarote. He recalls a trip he led to the Cantera with clients.

"A small group of us were exploring some of the remote locations off the beaten track and we chose to visit the quarries on the outskirts of Guatiza.

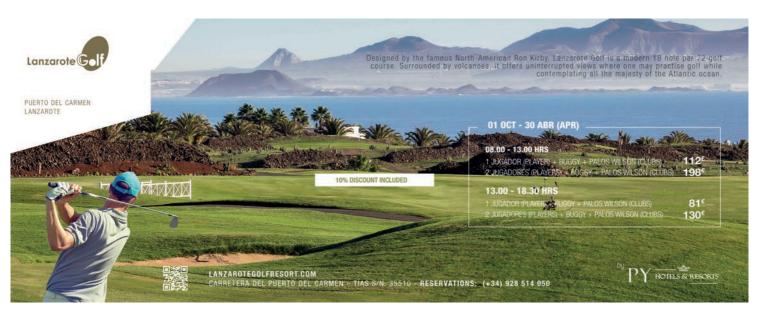
We knew of two abandoned quarries in the area, so first we went up to Volcán de Tinamala and checked out the rusty old wreck which is easily visible from the LZ-1 road heading north.

We then went around the other side of the volcano and walked into the disused area where we were amazed at this hidden gem.

Both of these quarries are on private land and we agreed to be respectful of the opportunity to explore this part of the recent history of Lanzarote."

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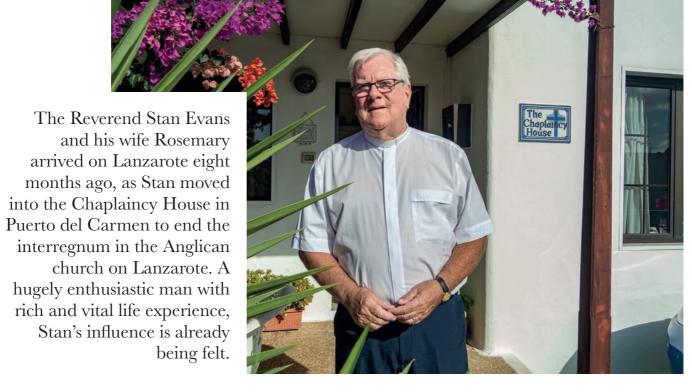
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## "It's all about the people"



#### Good morning Father? Reverend? What exactly do I call you?

Just call me Stan!

#### Do you wear your dog collar all the time?

Not always, but I like to wear it. It's not compulsory outside of official situations, and there is a tendency these days to hide the collar, but I have a task to do; I'm excited about it and I don't want to hide that.

#### Could you remind us about what the Anglican church on Lanzarote does?

It was set up in the mid-90s, I believe, and is a part of the Diocese in Europe. The church has established close working links with the Catholic Church here and has become an important resource for resident expats, the "swallows" who live here in the winter and tourists of all denominations and faiths.

#### So, you don't have to be Church of England to attend or join in.

No, I think it's important that we reach out. Our job is to welcome people who are looking for peace and send them away refreshed. We see people of all faiths in our congregations - I think many of them just want to sit in a sacred space.

As an Anglican priest I can wear a wedding ring as well as a dog collar. I'm married to Rosemary, who is my rock, and have children as well as grandchildren. I think that gives a universal experience and understanding of the pressures of family life.

#### Can you tell us a little bit about how you came to the church?

My step of faith came late, in my late 30s, when I accepted a job as appeal manager with the Church of England's Children's Society. That took me to Yorkshire, just after the miners' strike when Margaret Thatcher and Arthur Scargill went toe-totoe. Communities were torn apart.

I did a lot of work in inner cities and deprived communities, and was approached by David Hope, the Bishop of Wakefield. The Church was right at the nub of things at that time, we were visiting and identifying areas of need, raising millions of pounds. It was exciting, and even more so when I was given a national role, working in the UK and Ireland from Westminster. I was there when Robert Runcie launched the Faith in the City initiative.

I spent several years in Ireland endeavouring to support cross-community initiatives, and I was ordained in 2003, later being appointed

Provost of Tuam. I've worked in areas where there have been high times and sad times, but it's always been the greatest privilege.

#### You've already put your charity experience to good use here, I've heard.

Yes, I'm the Chair of the Executive of the Niños del Tercer Mundo charity, continuing the fine work of Gill and Chris David. It's an incredible project and an important link to the wider world.

#### How did you come to Lanzarote?

I suffered a health scare last year, and I'd

#### I'M EXCITED **ABOUT THE WORK I'M HERE ON LANZAROTE** TO DO.

been thinking of looking for a place in the sun for a while. We booked a holiday here and then a friend told me that Lanzarote was looking for a permanent Chaplain. We came and fell in love at first sight.

#### Is it hard work?

I'm supposed to work three and a half days a week, but it seems more like eight! For example, this Sunday I have a mass at Puerto del Carmen at 12.30, then a funeral at 2.30 before I go down to Playa Blanca for the 5pm mass there. That all has to be prepared for, then there's other preparations - I've officiated at 21 weddings so far this year, and there's pastoral care – a lot of people are anxious about Brexit. I have to be prepared for anything for example, when the young Irish lad died here earlier this year, as Chaplain I was on hand for his family offering help and support at such an incredibly sad and difficult time..

#### What do you hope to achieve here on Lanzarote, Stan?

There are specific things, of course: I think

there's a need for chaplaincy in the hospitals, for example, and it's good to have worked with both the British and Irish consulates. I'm also one of the clergy who supports same-sex unions and, while we have to be respectful of the local church, it's something I'll be supporting at Synod.

More generally, I'd like to bring hope to so many who are searching for a real meaning to life. Our challenge is to proclaim the Gospel in a way which is meaningful to our visitors and residents alike. In January we are launching an initiative whereby we can bring that message through the pages of the Gazette and also with a new awareness campaign throughout the island. A poster and information campaign which will lift the profile of the work of the Chaplaincy. It is exciting, and a wonderful privilege and I hope others will come forward and join us.



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#### **GOOD SAMARITANS**

#### Dear G Life

Over the years I have highlighted through your postbag a number of stories when acts of kindness and community spirit from both residents and tourists alike come together to help and assist each other with problems both trivial or, at times, distressing.

Thankfully the wonderful community spirit of this island shone on my wife and I recently, when a drama that could have turned into a crisis was averted by the kindness and community spirit of strangers.

The scenario was, whilst fully laden with sun-loungers, cool bags and beach paraphernalia for a relaxing afternoon at the beach, a couple asked if we could take their photograph. We were keen to oblige and the deed was done to their satisfaction. However, much to our dismay, in the distraction of helping we had inadvertently left our car and house keys on the promenade wall. Stupid us. Some 60 minutes or so later, when we realised this error, panic set in.

The car which had some valuables inside was vulnerable; our home which could have been located and identified by documents inside the car was unprotected.

Thankfully with phone calls and wonderful friends and neighbours, spare keys were found and security was re-established. Then, to our gratitude when returning to our car there was a note on the drivers door and under the windscreen-wiper saying that our keys had been found and were in a restaurant some 10 metres from where our car was parked.

It's the sort of thing that sums up why we live here, and why we think that this island is really close to being heaven on earth.

Many thanks to the mysterious kind strangers who demonstrated such caring kindness.

#### Davy and Edel,

La Villa de Teguise

#### RENEWABLE ENERGY PLANS

#### Dear Editor,

We have been coming to your beautiful (mostly) island for thirty years and still find totally inadequate planning for renewable energy sources.

The recent anti-solar decision is a good example. Anywhere else it would be assumed that conflicts of interest and corruption were the cause what is Lanzarote's explanation?

#### **Bob Maggs**

Ed: The anti-solar decision was a result of laws intended to protect wildlife and historical sites, and in most cases you'll find that this sort of initiative is blocked by legislation and bureaucracy. No one would deny that corruption has been behind several decisions on Lanzarote, and has been shown to be so, but it's not the only reason for inaction on the climate.

#### WHAT A LOAD OF BOLLARDS

#### Dear Editor

We have been coming to Lanzarote from the UK for over 25 years, usually for a month each December. We don't mind having to walk the distance to our holiday coach, even though we are in our 70's, but this year, for whatever reason, there are metal bollards erected at the start of the long walkway up to the Coach Bays which means you cannot push your loaded trolley any further than the bollards. So with one lift in operation (hopefully) and aeroplanes full of passengers walking to their respective coaches, you are left with either joining another long queue for the lift or taking all your bags off the trolley and walking with them. Who's bright idea was that?

#### Jackie McAlavey

Ed: This decision seems srange, Jackie, as trolleys are permitted on both floors. WWe'll try and get a concrete answer for next month.







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# We can't own people, so why are we allowed to own animals? It's a

We can't own people, so why are we allowed to own animals? It's a question that is being asked more and more often and, interestingly, many of the people who are asking it are pet owners.

In 2015, New Zealand officially recognised animals as "sentient beings" with a pioneering law that placed strict duties of care on livestock and pet owners. It's a sign of how, as we slowly recognise the complexity and sophistication of animal feelings, we're also starting to think about our relationship with them.

Animals are legally regarded as property for good reasons. It allows them to be protected by law in the way private property is; it identifies the person responsible for the animals and, of course, it allows meat, dairy and other animal-based industries to exist.

Of course, most pet owners don't see their relationship with their pets as similar to that of a farmer's to livestock. There's no profit in pet ownership – just the opposite in fact. The more fitting comparison is usually seen as that of a parent or guardian. In fact many pet owners see themselves as parent figures to their pets.

They call them "fur babies", spoil them rotten and, in the UK, 9% say they love their pet more than their children.

But not all parental relationships are healthy, either. Animal shelters are full of the results of abuse, neglect and ignorance. While most of us know that having a child is a huge responsibility that will last for decades, pets are taken much less seriously and the results of this are appalling.

That's why it's great that pet owners who really care about their animals are asking these questions. Any pet owner will know how sensitive, emotional and complex their companions can be; most will know that their animals are not human and will respect that difference.

Some have even decided to stop keeping animals, but they are a minority. Sadly this is a still a tough world for any domestic animal that lacks a domestic environment, and it will be a long time before responsible people aren't required to help sort out the mess caused by the irresponsible.

#### Dog of the Month



CADO, a be a utiful Podenco found abandoned and wandering in Mácher, born in September 2015, arrived in SARA this

September. He was so bewildered and frightened, poor boy, he must have had a very sad life. However, he so wanted to learn to trust and find out what it was like to be loved. Thanks to the patience of the volunteers, he has found that love and trust. His walkers say he is a curious, cheerful and adorable dog who adores his walks.

With around 150 dogs in SARA at any one time and only half a dozen employees caring for around 400 cats and dogs, volunteer dog walkers are desperately needed. The SARA Shelter in Tahiche is open to the public from 10.30-13.00 Monday-Saturday plus 16.00-18.00 on Tuesdays. The dogs would love to see you.

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Please send your entries to: editorial@gazettelife.com. See our addresses on pg 3.

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### **ACROSS**

- 1. Legendary dragon slayer?
- 9. Association (abbreviation) (5)
- **10.** 1996 film based on a 1988 Roald Dahl novel (7)
- 11. Catalan capital (9)
- 12. European Central Bank (1.1.1.)
- 13. Valued too highly, not as good as is generally thought (9)

- 17. Substance found on roads and in cigarettes (3)
- **15.** Observer (7)
- 17. Beatles drummer (5)
- **18.** Horseman (5)
- **20.** Interconnected system (7)
- 23. Object that is worshipped or venerated (4)
- **21.** Dragon from The Hobbit (5)

Last month's answers. Across: 1.Dickens 5.Mabel 8.Boast 9.Rarebit 10.Tobacco 11.Edwin 13.Birdseed 14.Clap 17.Ray 18.BahHumbug 20.Comprehensive 22.Tiny Tim 23.Eight Down: 1.Debut 2.Cranberry 3.Entices 4.Scrooge 5.Marley 6.Bob 7.Latin 12.Well-being 13.Borscht 15.Pigment 16.Quince 18.Borat 19.Ho Hum 21.Men

It isn't an adventure worth telling without dragons"

J.R.R. Tolkien

### **DOWN**

- 2. Able to soak up liquids (9)
- 3. Extremely destructive type of bomb or basic family (7)
- 1. Dragon-packed TV series based on R.R. Martin's 'A Song of Ice and Fire' (4,2,7)
- 3. 2008 film starring Jim Caviezel as an intergalactic dragon hunter (9)
- 6. Texan coastal city and 1969 song by Glen Campbell (9)
- 7. Legendary dragon from Country Durham, with "Greet big teeth, a greet big gob an' greet big goggly eyes." (7,4)
- 8. Lewis Carrol's nonsense poem about a "manxome" dragon-like beast (11)
- 16. Large wading bird
- 19. What's up ..."?
- **21.** A cuppa (3)
- 22. Email domain name used by organisations (3)



Where's Gregorio?

This is Gregorio the goat. Like lots of Lanzarote goats, Gregorio likes to wander off and get lost. That's where you can help us. All you have to do is look through this magazine until you find where Gregorio is hiding, then get in touch with us at editorial@gazettelife. com and tell us the page number.

We'll pick one of the correct answers and they'll win a special prize.

### FIND THE TOWN

Solve the six clues below, take the first letter of each answer and rearrange the letters to come up with the name of a place on Lanzarote. Answers next month.

1. The largest beach in Costa Teguise	
2. The western most Canary Island	
3. Lanzarote's flag is blue and	
<b>1.</b> César, the "Father of Lanzarote"	
<b>3.</b> International flight code for Lanzarote	







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From skipping to battle ropes fitness with no strings attached.

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Spain and Japan are miles apart, but share similar food philosophies

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Three ingredients that come into their own in the winter months.

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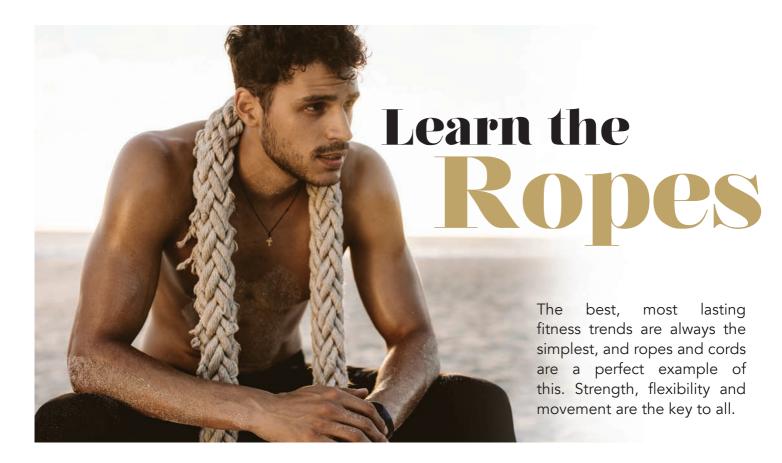
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### Gary's Way

Gary Rhodes, who sadly died last year, transformed Britain's attitudes to its national cuisine.

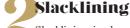




### **Battle ropes**

Long, thick battle ropes are brilliant for losing fat, increasing strength and stamina.

The technique is simple. Double the rope, anchor it at the halfway point and hold both ends. Then you can start creating waves - alternately, simultaneously, laterally and many other way. It looks cool, but it becomes hard work very quickly, making it an amazing cardio workout, too. You need room a gym is recommended, but you could also do it on a beach.



Slacklining is already a common sight around Lanzarote, with young people often hitching a length of webbing between two palm trees and practicing at a safe height over soft sand. It's very different to tightrope walking, involving a looser line that bounces and stretches, meaning that the person walking it has to continually adjust their balance, and movement becomes the key element.

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### Sledge Pull and Tug o' War

The sledge (or sled) pull is an immensely popular and efficient exercise, which is surprising, considering how basic it is. The activity simply consists of tying ropes or tapes to something heavy, then pulling it along. You can do it on different surfaces, from grass to tarmac to sand, and you can do it several different ways. It's versatile, safe and cheap.

The tug o' war is even simpler - a simple contest that is common to every culture in the world. It's the sort of challenge that could add fun to a communal workout, and on Lanzarote the beach is a brilliant place to do it.





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# "SKIPPING IS THE SIMPLEST AND MOST EFFICIENT CARDIO-EXERCISE THERE IS.



The skipping rope is still one of the cheapest pieces of fitness kit you can invest in - a basic one will cost less than  $\in$ 5. It's also one of the best - skipping is one of the best ways of burning fat that exists, with ten minutes of skipping equivalent to running an eight minute mile.

Basic skipping is, of course, a feature of every boxer's routine, and the reason for this is that it also helps with co-ordination and the fast, frantic footwork that's needed in the gym.





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Lanzarote's biggest culinary event took place at the end of November last year, and was a huge success – building on the achievements of previous editions and establishing the island's cuisine as a central element of its tourist appeal.

Teguise quickly filled up with hungry crowds, their appetites whetted by the mouth-watering displays and tempting aromas at hundreds of stalls. And they weren't disappointed. This was a fascinating event – a showcase for Lanzarote's food and wine, but also a place where flavours from further afield were celebrated.

In the beautiful Casa del Timple there was a Canarian food display, offering delicacies from all seven islands, and elsewhere there was a marquee showcasing Mid-Atlantic food, with spectacular dishes from this year's specially invited guest, Lisbon.

The 8th annual cooking competition was won by Kevin

Díaz, whose Canarian salad won him a trip to European food hotspot San Sebastián to take part in Spain's national Russian Salad contest – a celebration of one of the nations favourite tapas dishes.

But there was much more on offer, from kids' cooking classes, music and TV shows to fascinating talks by some of the best chefs on the island. All against a backdrop of hundreds of people enjoying themselves and satisfying their souls with Lanzarote's finest food and wines.











### Recipe of the Month

BY ANTONIO CHICÓN AT COOK IN LANZAROTE, UGA.

### **CREAMY COLESLAW**

Winter cabbages are fantastically crisp and fresh on Lanzarote, and the shops are full of both the white and red variety. Cabbage is now on trend with the rise in healthy fermented dishes such as sauerkraut or kimchi. And, as many local farmers grow cabbages, this classic winter salad dish also has a low carbon footprint, as well as being a terrific accompaniment for cheese, cold meats etc.

### **Ingredients:**

- 1/2 red cabbage
- 1/2 green/white cabbage (normal cabbages)
- 1 large carrot
- 2 tablespoons of black sesame seeds
- 2 tablespoons of white sesame seeds

### For the dressing

- Juice of 1 lemon
- 1 garlic clove
- 3 tablespoons of tahini
- 1 cup of extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon of (rice, cider or wine) vinegar
- 1 teaspoon of salt



### **Directions:**

- Peel the carrot.
- Rinse the cabbages and dry with a clean cloth.
- Chop the cabbages and the carrot very finely (cut into julienne strips).
- Combine with the sesame seeds and set aside.
- Peel the garlic clove and make a puree of it in a blender.
- Add the lemon juice, the tahini, the salt and the vinegar to the blender and mix everything together.
- Add the olive oil and mix again until your seasoning sauce has a smooth texture.
- Combine with the cabbage salad and serve.

### Antonio's Tip:

Your coleslaw will taste even better if you prepare it the day before, then refrigerate and let it marinate overnight in its seasoning.



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10/01/20 Indian Cooking



22/01/20 Fish Cooking



Gary Rhodes, who died on 26th November, may have been most famous as a spiky-haired TV cook, but within his profession he was widely credited with putting British cuisine back on the map.



to London in 1990 to become head chef at the Greenhouse Restaurant in Mayfair. It was there that he offered fascinated diners new, exciting versions of British classics such as faggots, fishcakes, braised oxtails and bread and butter pudding. Suddenly, British cooking was on trend.

# "GARY RHODES FOCUSED THE SPOTLIGHT ON BRITISH FOOD

Rhodes' youthful looks, and cheeky chappie enthusiasm turned out to be TV gold, and he became one of the most popular TV chefs of the late 80s and 90s.

### Rhodes Recipe

### SESAME AND HAM BRUSSELS SPROUTS

Gary Rhodes adds a tasty new twist to the nutty little British winter sprouts, which can now be bought on Lanzarote, too.

- 100g/3½20z cooked ham (ask for Jamón York here. They'll cut it thick (grueso) on request.)
  - 450g/1lb small Brussels sprouts
  - 1 tbsp sesame seeds
  - 1 tbsp sesame oil
  - Knob of butter
    - Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

- Cut ham into 5mm/1/4in dice. Remove damaged outside leaves from sprouts, then halve each one.
- Cook them in a large saucepan of rapidly boiling salted water for a few minutes until tender with a little crunch. Drain in a colander.
- Meanwhile, heat a nonstick frying pan and toast the sesame seeds to a golden brown. Remove seeds from the pan.
- Add the sesame oil and butter to the pan, warm the ham in the bubbling butter and oil, then add the drained sprouts.
- Increase the heat and fry for 1-2 minutes, then season with salt and freshly ground black pepper.
- To finish, add the roasted sesame seeds, and serve.

For decades, cookery in Britain had copied France and Auguste Escoffier's haute cuisine. That started to change in the 60s, as writers like Elizabeth David focused on the Mediterranean, and immigrants to the UK brought hugely popular Indian and Chinese dishes with them.

But Britain's own rich tradition of food still seemed to be lost, wiped out by rationing and cheap processed food. It would take a special personality, and a skilled cook, to revive it.

Gary Rhodes learnt to cook at various hotels around Europe, before returning



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When Ferran Adrià, the world's most influential chef, visited Lanzarote last August, he was hugely enthusiastic about Japanese cuisine. And, although Spain and Japan are 7,000 miles apart, both cultures have more in common than you think.

# "FRESH, SEASONAL INGREDIENTS ARE WORSHIPPED IN JAPAN AND SPAIN

First, there's a passion for high quality seafood. In fact Madrid's Mercamadrid fish market is the world's second biggest after Tokyo's famous Tsujiki market. Tastes vary, of course – the Spanish worship prawns, hake

and sardines while the Japanese obsession for tuna is well-known – but both countries are more than happy to spend good money on fine fish.

In fact, that tuna fever brought Japanese fleets to Canarian waters decades ago, and that presence can still be found in cities such as Las Palmas, where sushi bars are common and popular with locals. In fact, sushi has become a popular supermarket staple in recent years.

Another feature shared by both countries is a reverence for pure, unadorned ingredients prepared simply. In Spain, the only seasoning that's found on many dishes is salt and perhaps a dash of olive oil, garlic or pimentón. The kaleidoscope of Indian, Thai or Chinese seasoning is

still little known here.

The same is true in Japan, where ingredients such as wasabi, mirin and soy sauce play very much a secondary role to fresh seasonal ingredients.

A final similarity is the popularity of deep frying — tempura has reached the status of an art form in Japan, and every Spanish kitchen is equipped for the frequent preparation of deep fried dishes.

Here on Lanzarote, it's increasingly possible to try out pure, fresh, organic ingredients prepared locally, and innovative new restaurants are bringing the flavours and methods of the Far East into contact with this local heritage. The results are spectacular.



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uying a box or basket of fresh organic vegetables every week is a real pleasure. It allows you to improve your cooking and planning skills, keeps you healthy and, best of all, lets you appreciate Lanzarote's freshest seasonal produce.

That's why several people already make their way to Finca Machinda, at Calle Aniagua 11 in the northern village of Tao between 4pm and 6pm every Wednesday to pick up their freshly picked and selected goodies.

Finca Machinda is one of the most impressive examples of Lanzarote's recent food revolution

"Pride in our island, in what we can produce ourselves, and pride in the future."

- a dream of getting back in contact with the island's farming heritage that has come wonderfully true. At the gorgeous Óleo Tapas Bar in Puerto del Carmen's C/ Doramas, one of the Finca's partners, Matuli Rodríguez, shows me a perfectly ripe tomato and invites me to listen to the crunch of a lettuce leaf. Picked just a few hours ago at the Finca, this is the sort of fresh, seasonal produce that the best chefs really get excited about.

Óleo gives everyone in Puerto del Carmen the chance to sample the delicious, locally grown, organic fruit and vegetables from Finca Machinda, while in Arrecife, the cafeteria of the Magma Innovation Hub at C/Manolo Millares 30, also makes stunning use of Finca Machinda produce.

Finca Machinda also uses a number of plots dotted around the island, "Each one is perfect for a different product," says Matuli. The finca produces organic pumpkins, onions, spinach, sweet potatoes, kale, salad greens, herbs, leeks, courgettes, tomatoes and much, much more, depending on the season and demand.

"Our aim is to produce genuine quality produce on Lanzarote," explains Matuli. "The Finca Machinda project is a tribute to the farmers of the island, who deserve this commitment; and it's a way of preserving the island's landscape and agricultural traditions for future generations."







Finca Machinda arrives at a time when all of us are becoming increasingly aware of environmental issues, and its Zero Kilometre ethos and anti-plastic policies chime with current trends. It also accompanies a move towards quality tourism that celebrates the unique landscapes and products of destinations.

The Finca supplies six restaurants on the island, including Óleo, and its products can also be bought at the Los Molinos frutería in Costa Teguise. It's also open daily to visitors who can buy freshly picked produce and, if they reserve in advance, take a tour of the beautiful farm area, based in the heart of Lanzarote's El Jable corridor, with stunning views of the landscape and the Chinijo archipelago.

"This is a matter of pride," says Matuli. "Pride in our island, in what we can produce ourselves, and pride in the future."

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# BOUNTER'S BOUNTLY

This is the time of year to make the most of the seasonal ingredients that are available on Lanzarote.

Canarian seasons are less pronounced than they are further north, and winters here are always warm and gentle – but that doesn't mean that the cooler months don't have products that come into their own. Here's an idea of some of the things you may find cheaper or more plentiful than usual – and how to get the best out of them.

### Pomegranates

Pomegranates are at their cheapest and best in the winter. Hugely fashionable at the moment, their ruby-like seeds can be sprinkled onto salads or desserts, while the red, astringent juice is a delightful shade of rosé. All you have to do is avoid the bitter pith that surrounds the seeds.

Choose heavier fruits and go for the uglier, browner ones, which are riper with sweeter seeds than red ones.

### Citrus Fruits

British cooks may remember that the brief British marmalade-making season takes place in January. That's because bitter Seville oranges from southern Spain are at their best just after Christmas. Strangely, you won't find these in Spanish stores, but other citrus fruits are at their very best.

Spain's citrus season also explains why satsumas and mandarins are associated with Christmas, while it's also the time of year when lemon trees can produce huge amounts of fruit.

From skin to juice, citrus fruits are miraculously potent sources of flavour. Be sure to make the most of them.



### Octopus

Octopus is available all year round, but in the winter months the migration of summer favourites such as tuna and sardines means that fishermen concentrate on seafood closer to shore. Among these are the octopus, a Spanish favourite.

Octopus is usually boiled here, and local cooks insist on "shocking it" at least twice, taking it out of the boiling water and briefly plunging it into cold. It's also delicious grilled on a barbecue.



### Smart Move: POMEGRANATE, WALNUT AND FETA SALAD

Sprinkle a handful of pomegranate seeds, some crumbled feta cheese and roughly chopped walnuts over a bed of fresh spinach and rocket leaves. Make a sweet dressing with extra virgin olive oil, balsamic vinegar and a dash of honey, dress the salad and serve.



### Smart Move:

### **MOROCCAN** PRESERVED LEMONS

Take unwaxed lemons, quarter them lengthwise, rub well with coarse sea salt and pack tightly into mason jars. In a few months you'll have indescribably flavoursome preserved lemon to liven up chicken dishes.



### **Smart Move:**

### **PULPO GALLEGO**

A simple Spanish classic from the northern region of Galicia in which freshly boiled octopus is cut into chunks with scissors, served on a wooden plate and sprinkled with sweet pimentón (paprika), a little sea salt and good olive oil.



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# Burgerlicious

The hamburger has taken over the world. In just a few decades, a meal that was invented somewhere in the USA has reached every High Street in the world.

Although it's named after the German city of Hamburg, this only refers to the meat part. Lanzarote supermarkets will often stock minced beef patties called Frikadelle for German tourists, and these are the ancestors of the burger. But it was in the US that someone first slapped a patty between two halves of a bun and created the meal that would sweep the world.

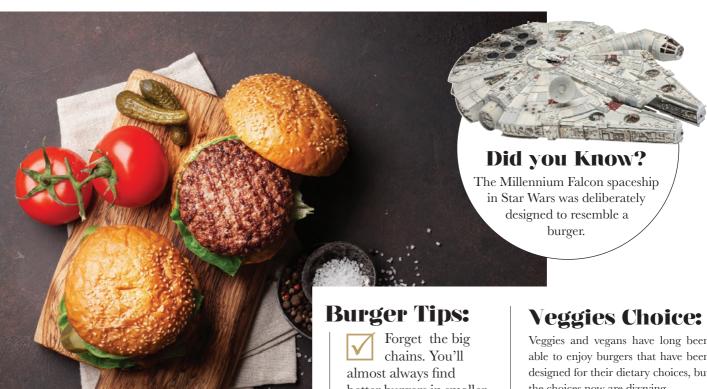
A modern burger meal is a fascinating blend of cultures, from the pickled gherkins that show the influences of German and

Eastern European immigrants to the thin, crispy French fries that are actually an irresistible speciality of the Netherlands. But it's also deeply American, seasoned with mayo, mild mustard and ketchup.

"THE BEST STORIES ARE LIKE THE BEST BURGERS: BIG, JUICY, AND MESSY.

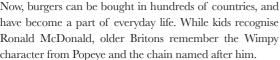
A.D. Posey





Now, burgers can be bought in hundreds of countries, and have become a part of everyday life. While kids recognise Ronald McDonald, older Britons remember the Wimpy character from Popeye and the chain named after him.

Lanzarote hasn't missed the boat, either. This is an island where you can buy drive-in burgers, enjoy burgers at scores of bars, cafés and hamburgueserias or discover talented chefs creating gourmet burgers with the very best ingredients and skills.



better burgers in smaller, independent joints.

Always order the burger named after the establishment.

Roll your sleeves up.

Forget about knives and forks.

Make sure there are plenty of paper napkins at hand.

Veggies and vegans have long been able to enjoy burgers that have been designed for their dietary choices, but the choices now are dizzying.

All you need to make a burger vegetarian is a non-meat patty that can be grilled and garnished, and non-meat patties can be made with all sorts of ingredients. Chickpeas, tofu, seitan, quinoa, beans, soya, nuts - the list of meat substitutes is endless, and increasingly tempting, especially when mixed with spices and herbs.

Nowadays you can even find veg burgers that "bleed" like rare steak. It's beetroot juice, of course, and it means that the only thing that's died for your burger is a root vegetable.









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"Spain and the Canaries were among the first places in Europe to use peppers and chillis"

# PEPPERS



In this regular feature, we focus on one of the Spanish ingredients that are readily available on Lanzarote, but which you may not be fully aware of.

Spain was the first European country to receive peppers and chillis from America, and they've been used in Spanish cuisine ever since. While the nation has never really embraced the fiery chillis that soon became popular in North Africa, India and the East, it still offers a fascinating range of peppers for any cook to get to know.

### **Dried Peppers**

Spain's favourite spice, pimentón, is made of a blend of ground, dried red peppers and can be bought in sweet (dulce), spicy (picante) and smoked (ahumado) varieties. Kept fresh, it's an amazing provider of deep, rich flavour, and it's well worth experimenting with brands and varieties.

Noras are dried sweet red peppers sold whole in the spice section of shops. They need to be soaked in warm water for half an hour, then the rehydrated pulp is scraped from the inside of the skin with a knife or spoon. This is a vital ingredient in Canarian red mojos, as well as several other Spanish dishes.

Pimientos choriceros are longer and larger than ñoras, and very different in flavour. Prepared in the same way as ñoras, the pulp is used to flavour chorizo sausages as well as dishes such as Biscay Cod (bacalao a la vizcaína).

These peppers, as well as ñoras, can sometimes be bought in attractive strings that can be hung from the walls of a kitchen.

Guindillas are the small dried Cayenne peppers that have always been used to give heat to dishes in Spain and the UK. They're available whole or ground.

### Preserved Peppers

Pimientos de piquillo are mild, sweet, meaty peppers from Navarra in northern Spain that are roasted, peeled and sold in jars or tins. They're often served as a side dish, used as a colourful garnish or stuffed.

*Guindillas en vinagre* are spicy green chilli peppers preserved in vinegar and sold in jars. You'll find them next to olives and other pickles.

Carne de pimiento choricero (chorizo pepper pulp) is

available in small jars in most supermarkets and saves plenty of time soaking and scraping dried chorizo peppers (see left).

Supermarkets are also stocking more and more chilli sauces and pastes, and it's always worth hunting down specialist Indian, Chinese and even British food stores, which always offer some tasty new experiences for chilli lovers. From tabasco to Thai sriracha, from Canarian mojo picón to Moroccan harissa, Lanzarote is rapidly becoming a chilli fanciers paradise.





### Fresh Peppers

Most supermarkets will offer mild bell peppers (pimientas) in two or three colours: green, red and perhaps yellow. Often, these are the same species, with the red ones simply being riper. These can be eaten raw in salads, they're delicious roasted or grilled, and they are an essential part of the Spanish sofrito (chopped onion, garlic and pepper fried in olive oil that starts off many dishes.)

You'll also see longer, red and green Italian peppers that are very similar in flavour to

the bell peppers, and which are best fried. Smaller, bright green *pimientos de padrón* are a classic tapas dish, deep fried until the skin blisters and sprinkled with sea salt.

For many years, it was impossible to find fresh hot chillis in Spain, but tastes have changed and nowadays you may find standard green bird chillies from Kenya, fiery Scotch bonnets (habaneros) and other varieties. Spain has jumped onto the chilli bandwagon with enthusiasm, and real chilli fans have realised that this island offers the perfect climate to grow chillies.





### **MUSIC**

### THE SKATOONS

10th January, 9pm

Decades, Costa Teguise.

### MASTODONTE IN CONCERT



### 10th January, 8.30pm

El Salinero Theatre, Arrecife. Tickets €15 or €20 from www.culturalanzarote.com/mastodonte

### **ORNATI STRING QUARTET**

10th January, 8.30pm

Nuestra Señora del Carmen Church, La Graciosa.

11th January, 8.30pm.

San Roque Church, Tinajo.

### 70'S SINGALONG PARTY

13th January, 7pm

The Good Old Days, Puerto del Carmen Adults €24 and kids €15.

### CANARIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL -DUO CASSADÓ

18th January, 8.30pm

Cueva de Los Verdes.

Tickets €15 from www.culturalanzarote.com

### CANARIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL – CÁMARA AINUR CHOIR CONCERT

24th January, 8.30pm

Santo Domingo Convent, Teguise.

### THE SKATOONS - PROMO VIDEO SHOOT

 $24th\,January,\,10pm$ 

Wall Street Music Bar, Puerto del Carmen Please wear black & white!

### THE GATHERING

### 11th January, 4.30pm

### THE SKA DUO

26th January, 5pm

Ancla 2, Puerto del Carmen.

### CANARIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL – ROYAL CONCERTGEBOUW ORCHESTRA OF AMSTERDAM

31st January, 8.30pm

Jameos del Agua.

Tickets €30 from www.entrees.es



### THEATRE AND SHOWS

### MALABHARÍA CIRCUS



### 2nd, 3rd & 4th January

Haría. Free daytime shows and evening shows cost €5. More information on www.malabharía.com

### **ESPERA - CONTEMPORARY DANCE PIECE**

16th January, 9pm

El Almacén, Arrecife. Tickets €5

### AMY RODRIGUEZ DANCE SCHOOL 11TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE SHOW

24th January, 8pm

Tías Municipal Theatre. Free entry

### ALICE AND THE INVISIBLE CITIES

25th January, 8pm

 $26 th \, January, \, 12.30 pm$ 

Jameos del Agua. Tickets start at €29 and are available from www.cactlanzarote.com

### **EXHIBITIONS**

### FROM THE BEGINNING

### Until 7th January

Exhibition by Fernando Higueras. International Museum of Contemporary Art (MIAC), Castillo de San José, Arrecife. Entry from &2.

### QUE NOS ZURZAN

### Until 11th January

Exhibition by Sandra March. CIC El Almacén, Arrecife. Free entry. www.culturalanzarote.com

### THE INDEX FINGER

### Until 11th January

Exhibition by Pepe Vera. CIC El Almacén, Arrecife. Free entry. www.culturalanzarote.com.

### **PRELUDE**

### Until 24th January

Exhibition by Christian Schulz. Artenmala Gallery, Mala.

### ANTHROPOLOGY OF A MURDER

### Until 31st January

Exhibition by Pepe Betencort.

Casa de la Cultura Augustín de la Hoz, Arrecife.

### PARADISE AT 45 REVOLUTIONS PER MINUTE

### Until 21st February

Exhibition by Víctor G. Moreno. Sociocultural Centre in La Vega, Arrecife.

### IT'S A PLEASURE (ES UN PLACER)

### Until 26th April

### **OTHERS**

### **RASTRO MARKET**

3rd January, 12.30-7.30pm 4th January, 4-7.30pm Haría

### **ART FAIR**

### 7th January

Lanzarote Art Gallery, Costa Teguise

### CHILDREN'S BOOK LAUNCH ABOUT CÉSAR MANRIQUE

### 27th January, 7pm

Sala José Saramago, Plaza de la Constitución, Arrecife. With author Juan Cruz and artist Roberto Perdomo. Free entry.

### JAMEOS FOOD AND MUSIC NIGHTS



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**9am - 2pm:** Market Caleta de Sebo, La Graciosa

### ...TUESDAY...

**9am - 2pm:** Farmers Market Pueblo Marinero, Costa Teguise

9am - 2pm: Market Puerto Calero

9am - 2pm: Market Caleta de Sebo, La Graciosa

### ...WEDNESDAY...

**9am - 2pm:** Market Marina Rubicón, Playa Blanca

**9am - 2pm:** Market Caleta de Sebo, La Graciosa

10am - 3.30pm & 4.30pm - 10pm: Artisan Fayre, C.C Biosfera, Puerto del Carmen

**6pm - 10pm:** Handicraft Market Pueblo Marinero, Costa Teguise

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**9am - 2pm:** Market Caleta de Sebo, La Graciosa

### ...FRIDAY...

**9am - 2pm:** Market Caleta de Sebo, La Graciosa

9am - 2pm: Market, Puerto Calero

10am - 2pm: Market, Old Town Harbour, Puerto del Carmen

**5pm - 10pm:** Market Pueblo Marinero, Costa Teguise

### ...SATURDAY...

**9am - 2pm:** Market Marina Rubicón, Playa Blanca

**9am - 2pm:** Market Plaza Iglesia de San Ginés, Arrecife **9am - 2pm:** Market Caleta de Sebo, La Graciosa

**9:30am - 1:30pm:** Market Calle Joaquín Rodríguez, Uga

10am - 3.30pm & 4.30pm - 10pm:
Artisan Fayre,
C.C Biosfera, Puerto del Carmen

10am - 2:30pm: Market & Handicraft Market, Plaza León y Castillo, Haría

### 4th January 10am - 2pm:

First Saturday of every month Great Kennel Klub Sale Calle Las Puntas 6, El Cable, Arrecife

### 11th January

### Second Saturday of every month 9:30am - 12:30pm:

Car Boot sale in aid of SARA Animal Centre, Tahiche Garden Centre Call 646 838 749 for more information or to volunteer.

### ...SUNDAY...

9am - 2pm: Market Teguise

9am - 2pm: Original PALS Car Boots Sale. Lanzarote A Caballo. Sellers arrive 8-8:30am. No booking required. Price per stall: €10

**9am - 2pm:** Farmers and Handicraft Market. Mancha Blanca, Tinajo

**9am - 2pm:** Market Caleta de Sebo, La Graciosa

9:30am - 1:30pm: Market Calle Joaquín Rodríguez, Uga

5th January - 9am - 2pm: First Sunday of every month Farmers and Art Market, Plaza León y Castillo, San Bartolomé



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### Alice and the Invisible Cities

25TH JANUARY, 8PM & 26TH JANUARY, 12.30PM JAMEOS DEL AGUA



Continuing with the Escena Lanzarote Festival of Performing Arts, Alice and the Invisible Cities is a visually stunning, contemporary adaptation by Onírica Mecánica of Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll.

Filled with the characters that we know from the original story, it begins with Alice feeling bored, so when she hears the footsteps of a white rabbit, she decides to follow him, crossing into an enigmatic world in which there is no time and nothing is as it seems. Alice will experience doubts, desires, questions and fears, in a tour of the Invisible Cities which are populated by strange beings and the occasional monster.

Alice and the Invisible Cities transports the audience into the fantasty world with Alice using multidisciplinary staging including projections, light effects, videos and masks.

To see a fantastic short video featuring elements of the performance, visit www. oniricamecanica.com.

Tickets cost €29 and are available from www.cactlanzarote.com.

### Rosa Vera Exhibition: Heteropatía

### FROM 17TH JAN UNTIL 16TH FEB EL ALMACÉN, ARRECIFE

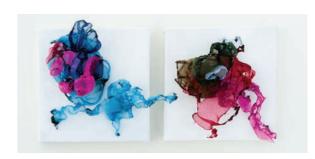
The launch is at 8.30pm on 17th January. The exhibition is one of the commemorative events to mark the 25th anniversary of the non-profit Social and Cultural Association for Women, Mararía.

Raised as a research and restructuring process, Heteropatía is an exhibition project in which Rosa Vera explores artistic analogies, linking with the discoveries made by the famous German naturalist Ernest Haeckel during his stay in Lanzarote between 1866 and 1867. She has made suggestive recreations that evoke the colourful and fascinating worlds of the marine microorganisms, anemones and jellyfish that he investigated off the coast of Arrecife.

Guided visits are available on Tuesday 21st January at 6pm and Saturday 8th February at 11am.

There will be a meeting with Rosa Vera and a presentation of her art catalogue at 6pm on Saturday 8th March.

Opening hours are Monday to Friday 10am-2pm and 5pm-9pm, Saturdays 10am-2pm. Free entry.



### Sobre Las Formas de Habitar **About Ways of Living**

### **UNTIL 29TH FEBRUARY** CASA AMARILLA, ARRECIFE

In 1974, César Manrique published a book, Lanzarote: Unseen Architecture which was the first publication to celebrate the traditional architecture of this island. Manrique gathered several contributors together to create a fascinating guide to the island's houses and farming, religious and military buildings, its chimneys, windows, shutters and windmills and how they relate to the island's geology.

This exhibition, commissioned by Alejandro Krawietz, is a result of the preparations for the recent study Architecture After Architecture Without Architects – a modern project that arose from Manrique's important work, and which is planned to accompany the fascinating exhibition by Manrique's collaborator Fernando Higueras at the MIAC.

The exhibition features works by Rubén Acosta, Teresa Arozena, Karina Beltrán, Virgilio Gutiérrez, Ángel Padrón, Carlos Schwartz and Nuria Vidal and can be seen at the Casa Amarilla on Arrecife's Calle León y Castillo until 29th February.





### Concert by the Camerata RCO. Amsterdam

### 31ST JANUARY, 8.30PM, JAMEOS DEL AGUA

Camerata RCO is a unique group formed by members of the world famous Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam.

They have an absolute love for chamber music, and that is what drives this ensemble to spend time performing together as the Camerata RCO. Praised by the New York Times for their "warm and bright performance," the group have enjoyed great success in the Netherlands and abroad and now performs around 50 concerts per year in music capitals such as Amsterdam, Vienna, Tokyo, Seoul, Madrid, Rome and New York.

In February and April 2019 they toured the United States with musical works by Dohnanyi, Bartok, Brahms, Mozart and others.

This is an incredible opportunity to hear this world-class ensemble in the fantastic acoustic of James del Agua. It is a night not to be missed.

Tickets cost from €30 and are available from www.entrees.es

### Malabharía

### 2ND. 3RD AND 4TH JANUARY, HARÍA

MalabHaría is an invented word that blends the Spanish word for juggling with the name of the little town in northern Lanzarote where this unique circus festival takes place on the first few days of every year.

This year's no exception, with 47 performers from 18 circus companies that hail from 12 countries. As always, there'll be a gala show on each of the three evenings at 8.30 pm in the Pabellón Deportivo near the secondary school. On Friday and Saturday there'll be free performances in the gorgeous tree-lined main square of Haría at 5.30

pm; and on Saturday there'll be another free show at 12.30 pm, in the square outside the La Tegala Social centre.

Tickets for the evening performances are €5 and available from Haría Ayuntamiento. You can usually buy them in the square at the 5.30 performances, too. But don't miss it - this is one of those events that you really won't regret making the effort to discover.





How long have you been

playing the saxophone?

31 years. My ex-wife's brother was in a

folk band and they asked me to go along

as a singer. I was inspired so went to a

music shop and couldn't resist buying

When I bought the sax, it was my dream

to move to Spain and play for a living.

I was driving my children and fiancée

Karen crazy and I practised with that

goal in mind. In 2012, I sold up and

we moved to Gran Canaria. We arrived

on Saturday and within the first week

we had a long-term apartment, mobile

phones, business cards and my first gig!

the sax in the window.

to Lanzarote?

What brought you

# Spotlight On...

### **ANTHONY CUMMINS**

Anthony Cummins is one of the most well-known saxophone players on the island, especially in the Ska scene. Julie Helliwell chatted to him, taking One Step Beyond to understand more about his musical journey.

friend suggested Lanzarote so I came on holiday a couple of times and we decided to move here. After two days I got a gig at The Venue in Costa Teguise and built it up from there.

### How did you get into singing?

I had numerous sax gigs and people always asked if I sang. One night I did 'Let There be Love' by Nat King Cole and I spontaneously picked up the mic and started singing. Everyone clapped! We developed the set from there, and the more I sang, the more gigs I got. I wanted to sing songs that were an off-shoot of jazz, so I chose the Rat Pack, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin etc, which I still do now in my solo shows.

### What's your favourite music to play?

At the moment, it's Ska. I still love playing jazz, but it's a tremendous task to become a great jazz player and I think I started too late. I was already playing Ska music when I met The Skatoons. They wanted a sax player and I joined them in June

2017. At the beginning it was difficult because I was working on Friday nights, but they would save the big sax songs for when I arrived. It's still a highlight of the month for me because I can just blast it out whilst the lunatics do all the performing!

Playing with them gave me a taste of the music I'd like to play, which is why I suggested to you (Julie) that we form The Ska Duo. It's exceeding my expectations a lot. I didn't realise we'd click so quickly and that it'd take off so fast. Jazz and the other music has taken a back seat because of the demand for The Ska Duo. From the very first gig, we just got on with it. We put on a great show which we really enjoy and the audiences love. We've just recorded a CD that will be available at our shows or on Facebook.

### What are your hopes for the future?

I don't really have any plans. I've bought a place here which has eased the pressure of renting. I don't think I'll stay in the longterm, but probably for a couple of years - it depends on my family. I hope that The Ska Duo becomes more successful and well-known and that I continue with my own music.

### Where's the best place you've played?

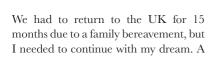
I played a wedding at Jameos del Agua and it was an amazing acoustic. I was on a platform and they shone a light on me. I've done quite a few weddings now, including a few in Fuerteventura.

### What's your best advice?

Start young, but it's also never too late. I'm a prime example of that. I didn't have a musical note in my body when I started playing the sax aged 28. You need determination, a dream and to practice, practice!

I'm living my dream through hard work. I want to say thank you to Karen who's stood by me from day one and I'm having a great time doing what I'm doing. I love it. I'm really blessed to do this for a job and I'm humbled by all the lovely comments I get.

To see where Anthony is performing solo, with The Ska Duo or The Skatoons, check out the Live Music Guide.





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### Julie's Live Music Guide

Is one of your New Year's Resolutions to try new things, or just get out and enjoy yourself a bit more? Well listening to some fabulous live music is an excellent way to start!

This guide is divided into areas and days, so you can plan which bars to go to, depending on what you fancy. Please remember that things can change, so it's worth checking the Facebook page of the bar or artist before you go.

To include your event or poster in the next edition (in print and online), please contact Julie Helliwell via Facebook.

### Bars with Resident Bands / Live Music:

The Big Easy - Concrete Jungle from 9.30pm (Monday to Friday) The Answers at weekends. Tequila Lounge - Question from 10pm (The Answers on Tuesdays)

American Indian Café - Perfect Circus from 10pm

The Dubliner - Dave & Johnny from 10pm every night

Decades Bar, Costa Teguise - Band of Gypsies (Wed, Thurs, Sat & Sun) from 9.30pm Maguires Bar, Africa Bar and O'Reillys all have live music every night from 10pm

### Regular Live Music Around the Island

### Arrecife

Thursdays at 8.30pm

Flamenco music at Arrecife Vintage

Thursdays at 10.30pm

Live music at Mojitos Lounge Bar

Sundays at 7.30pm

Cuban and Dance music at Arrecife Marina

### Teauise

Sundays from 12pm

Cuban Music at El Patio Creperie

Sundays from 1pm

EMMiEL, Guitar Duo at Cantina Restaurant

Sundays at 4pm

Spanish Guitar at Barbazul

Sundays at 6pm

Rock Afro Blues at La Palmera

### Other Areas

Fridays at 8pm

Live music, Don Quijote, Mala

Saturdays from 10pm

International Music, Mompas Duet,

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### Monday

### **COSTA TEGUISE**

7.30pm: Liam Davies, The Shamrock

9pm: Nik Rivers, The Mill
9.30pm: Kactus Jam,
Tekkers Bar & Restaurant
Rikki Ryan, The Venue
Paul Goodman, The Highlander
Raggle Taggle Gypsies, Irish Bailey
10.30pm: John Alan Pick, Cactus Jacks

### PUERTO DEL CARMEN 4pm: Fiddlestix and jam session,

Bar Rock-Ola, C.C. Matagorda
8pm: Mick Garry, Hangovers
Pete Worthy, Goofy's Burger Bar
8.30pm: Ricky Lee, Little Royal Cocktail Bar
9pm: Nolita James, The Good Old Days
9.30pm: Marcus Rose, Scotch Corner
Gerie B, Izaro Club (6th & 20th)
10pm: Collie Farrell, Mulligans Bar,
Old Town
Vanilla Soul, The Irish Viking

Vanilla Soul, The Irish Viking Jill T, The Phoenix Pete Scott, Slattery's Adrian Bambrough, Ned Kelly's Bar

Billy Cusack, Peggy's Snug, C.C Matagorda

### PLAYA BLANCA

8pm: Aaron Bruyning, Iberostar Lanzarote Park 8.30pm: Don Parker, Beruga Bar, Marina Rubicón 9pm: Colleen Meje, Atlantic Gardens 9.30pm: Gerry Cassidy, The Old Mill 9.45pm: Spice, The Tavern Bar 10pm: Caz Davies, The Flagship Bar,

Marina Rubicón

### Tuesday

### **COSTA TEGUISE**

5.30pm: The Ska Duo, The Venue
7pm: Colleen Meje, Hotel Beatriz
7.15pm: Gary Mac, The Shamrock
8pm: Acoustic Spanish Guitar, La Bohemia
8.30pm: Ricky Lee, Club Tahiti
9pm: Ryan M, Abbey Road
Band of Gypsies, Decades Bar (24th & 31st)
9.30pm: Man in Black, The Venue
Vanilla Soul, The Lighthouse
Scott McQ, Tekkers Bar & Restaurant

### PUERTO DEL CARMEN

8pm: Milo Son of Soul, Bar Rock-Ola
8.30pm: Mick Garry, Little Royal Cocktail Bar
9pm: Dave Bandana, Rocas Blancas
Chris Green, The Good Old Days
9.30pm: Billy Cusack, The Irish Rover
Marcus Rose, Scotch Corner, Old Town
Till T. Maguires

10pm: Antonella, The Phoenix Tommy Heffernan, O'Briens Seanie, Peggy's Snug, C.C. Matagorda Midnight: Collie Farrell, Electric Island Bar

### PLAYA BLANCA

8.30pm: Collie Farrell and Zsolt Kovacs, Blue Note 9.30pm: Martin McCormack, Old Mill The Millsy Brothers, Timanfaya Palace Hotel Ellen and Steve, The Irish Anvil Bar Andy King, Las Brisas 10pm: Don Parker, The Flagship Bar, Marina Rubicón

### Wednesday

### **COSTA TEGUISE**

**7pm:** *Kactus Jam*, Jam Session & Open Mic, The Cavern

**7.15pm:** *Gary Mac,* The Shamrock **9pm:** *Band of Gypsies,* Decades Bar

Live Music, The Mill

**9.30pm:** Band of Gypsies, Decades John Alan Pick, Galeon Playa (8th & 22nd) Paul Goodman, Tekkers Bar & Restaurant

Jill T, The Shamrock
Starman Show, The Venue
Spice, Abbey Road

10pm: Raggle Taggle Gypsies, Irelands Eye

Gerie B, The Crown

John Alan Pick, Bluebay Lanzarote (1st, 15th & 29th)

### PUERTO DEL CARMEN

2pm: Mick Garry, Highlander Too, Old Town 4pm: Fiddlestix and jam session, Bar Rock-Ola, C.C. Matagorda 8pm: Pete Worthy, Goofy's Burger Bar 8.30pm: Colleen Meje, Lava Beach Hotel Graham Jacques, Mario's Restaurant, Old Town

Ross O'Sullivan, Finnegans Wake Liam Davies, The Good Old Days 9.30pm: Billy Cusack, The Irish Rover Marcus Rose, Scotch Corner, Old Town

9pm: Dave Bandana, Rocas Blancas

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10pm: Collie Farrell, Mulligans Bar, Old Town Andy King, The Phoenix Pete Scott, Slattery's Seanie, Ned Kelly's Bar

### PLAYA BLANCA

**10pm:** *Martin McCormack*, The Flagship Bar, Marina Rubicón

### Thursday

### **COSTA TEGUISE**

**4pm:** Rikki Ryan, Motowns **9pm:** Band of Gypsies, Decades Bar **9.30pm:** Sax & Songs with Anthony, The Venue John Alan Pick, Tekkers Bar & Restaurant Kactus Jam plus jam session, The Highlander

### PUERTO DEL CARMEN

5.30pm: The Ska Duo, Bar Rock-Ola
9pm: Pete Worthy, Little Royal Cocktail Lounge Mick Garry, The Good Old Days
9.30pm: Ellen & Steve, Dicey Reilly's, Old Town Ross O'Sullivan, Scotch Corner, Old Town
10pm: Collie Farrell, The Irish Viking

Liam Davies, The Phoenix

### PLAYA BLANCA

5.30pm: Sarah Müller, Café Terraza 9:30pm Gerry Cassidy, Barney's The Millsy Brothers, H10 White Suites Hotel 10pm: Don Parker & Seanie Boy, Irish Anvil Ricky Lee, The Flagship Bar, Marina Rubicón



Liam Davies, The Highlander

Gerie B, The Shamrock



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### Friday

### **COSTA TEGUISE**

3pm: Smokin Barrels, Abbey Road

**5pm:** Jam session hosted by Kactus Jam,

Tekkers Bar & Restaurant

**5.30pm:** The Ska Duo, The Venue

**7.15pm:**  $\mathcal{J}ill$   $\mathcal{T}$ , The Shamrock

9.30pm: Rikki Ryan, The Venue

Barries request, The Highlander

Andy King, The Cavern

10pm: The Millsy Brothers, Four Seasons Bar

### PUERTO DEL CARMEN

**8pm:** Hair of the Dog, Bar Rock-Ola Pete Worthy, Mister Tavin's Family Restaurant

**9pm:** Dave Bandana, Rocas Blancas

Nolita James, The Good Old Days

Mick Garry, Marco Aless Tapas Cocktail Bar

Scott McQ (Costa Sal or Aqua Suites)

9.30pm: Marcus Rose, Scotch Corner

Billy Cusack, The Irish Rover, Old Town

Ellen and Steve, Dicey Reilly's, Old Town

Gerry Cassidy, Las Calas

John Alan Pick, Izaro Club (10th & 24th)

Colleen Meje, La Isla y El Mar Hotel (3rd & 17th)

10pm: Seanie, Ned Kelly's Bar

Pete Scott, Peggy's Snug, C.C. Matagorda

### PLAYA BLANCA

9pm: Don Parker, Paulos Bar,

Las Coloradas

10pm: Ricky Lee, Irish Anvil

Adrian Bambrough, The Flagship Bar

### Saturday

### **COSTA TEGUISE**

7.30pm: Billy Cusack, The Shamrock

**8pm:** *Trio Caribe*, Mi Piace **9pm:** *Mike Cuddy*, The Mill *Band of Gypsies*, Decades Bar **9.30pm:** *Gerie B*, The Shamrock

Barries request, The Highlander

Darres request, The Highlander

Paul Goodman, Tekkers Bar & Restaurant

Soul Motown, The Venue

### PUERTO DEL CARMEN

**8pm**: *Pete Worthy*, Goofy's Burger Bar **8.30pm**: *Mick Garry*, Little Royal

Cocktail Bar

Graham Jacques, Mario's Restaurant,

Old Town

Saxophone Jazz & Blues,

Restaurante Italica

Aaron Bruyning, Lava Beach Hotel

9pm: Elvis Tribute Show, Bar Rock-Ola

John Alan Pick, Aqua Suites (4th & 18th)

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John Alan Pick, Costa Sal (11th & 25th)

Scott McQ, Costa Sal (4th & 18th)

Ross O'Sullivan, Finnegans Wake

Charlie Chapman, The Good Old Days

Dave Bandana, Marco Aless

Tapas Cocktail Bar

9.30pm: Marcus Rose,

Scotch Corner, Old Town

**10pm:** Ryan M, The Phoenix

Pete Scott, Slattery's

The Ska Duo, Wall Street Music Bar

### PLAYA BLANCA

9.30pm: Ricky Lee, Barney's

9.45pm: Ellen and Steve, The Irish Anvil Bar

10pm: Martin McCormack, The Flagship Bar

### Sunday

### **COSTA TEGUISE**

**7.30pm:** *Ricky Lee*, The Shamrock **8.30pm:** *Ryan M*, Club Tahiti **8.45pm:** *Marc Piano*, Los Zocos

**9pm:** Band of Gypsies, Decades Bar

Colleen Meje, Meliá Salinas

9.30pm: Kactus Jam, The Cavern

 $\mathit{Scott\,McQ},\ \mathit{T}\text{ekkers}$ Bar & Restaurant

Spice, Abbey Road

Starman Show, The Venue

Barries request, The Highlander

John Alan Pick, El Trebol (8th & 22nd)

**10pm:** *Tommy Heffenan*, Irelands Eye

### PUERTO DEL CARMEN

1pm: Sax on the Roof with Anthony Cummins,

Biosfera Shopping Centre

**3pm:** Mick Garry,

Heineken Bar, Old Town

**4pm:** Jazz session with Intrinsic, Sassi's Bar & Bistro, Old Town

**8pm:** The Ska Duo, Bar Rock-Ola

Pete Worthy,

Mister Tavin's Family Restaurant

8.30pm: Aaron Bruyning,

Hotel Jameos Playa

Graham Jacques, La Avenida Restaurant

Seanie, Finnegan's Wake

Adrian Bambrough, Little Royal Cocktail Bar

9pm: Dave Bandana, Rocas Blancas

Pete Worthy, Little Royal Cocktail Lounge

Gerie B, The Good Old Days

9.30pm: Jill T, Las Calas

Billy Cusack, PJ's Bar, Old Town

Ross O'Sullivan, Scotch Corner, Old Town

Ellen and Steve, Dicey Reilly's, Old Town

10pm: Collie Farrell, The Irish Viking

Liam Davies, The Phoenix

Pete Scott, Slattery's

### PLAYA BLANCA

9.30pm: Martin McCormack, Old Mill

Andy King, The Irish Anvil

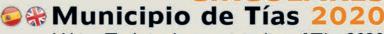
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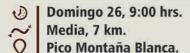


### RED DE SENDEROS



Hiking Trails in the municipality of Tías 2020





Sunday 26, 9:00 A.M.

Difficulty: Medium. 7 km.

### **ABRIL/APRIL**

Sábado 25, 16:00 hrs. Baia, 6 km.

Entorno de Tegoyo/Tegoyo Area.

Saturday 25, 4:00 P.M. Difficulty: Low. 6 km.

### **IULIO/JULY**

Domingo 26, 9:00 hrs. Baja - Media, 8 km.

Tías/Pto. del Carmen/Pto. Calero.

Sunday 26, 9:00 A.M. Difficulty: Low/Medium. 8 km.

### **OCTUBRE**/OCTOBER

Domingo 25, 9:00 hrs. Media, 7 km.

Tías/Maretas Mtña. Blanca.

Sunday 25, 9:00 A.M. Difficulty: Medium. 7 km.

### FEBRERO/FEBRUARY

Domingo 23, 9:00 hrs. Media, 8 km.

Guardilama/Tías.

Sunday 23, 9:00 A.M. Difficulty: Low/Medium. 8 km.

### MAYO/MAY

Domingo 24, 9:00 hrs.

Baia - Media, 6 km.

Tías/Puerto del Carmen.

Sunday 24, 9:00 A.M. Difficulty: Low/Medium. 6 km.

### AGOSTO/AUGUST

Sábado 22, 18:00 hrs. W) Baja, 6 km.

Masdache/Mtña, Juan Bello,

Saturday 22, 6:00 P.M. Difficulty: Low. 6 km.

### **NOVIEMBRE/NOVEMBER**

Domingo 22, 9:00 hrs. U Baja - Media, 7 km.

La Asomada/Gaida/Guardilama.

Sunday 22, 9:00 A.M. Difficulty: Low/Medium. 7 km.

### **MARZO/MARCH**

Domingo 29, 9:00 hrs.

Baja, 6 km.

Magdalena/Montaña Tesa.

Sunday 29, 9:00 A.M. Difficulty: Low. 6 km.

### **JUNIO/JUNE**

Domingo 28, 9:00 hrs.

Baia, 8 km.

Conil/Montaña Negra.

Sunday 28, 9:00 A.M. Difficulty: Low. 8 km.

### **SEPTIEMBRE**/SEPTEMBER

Sábado 26, 18:00 hrs. 0

Baja, 6 km.

Entorno de Conil/Conil Area.

Saturday 26, 6:00 P.M. Difficulty: Low. 6 km.

### **DICIEMBRE**/DECEMBER

Domingo 13, 9:00 hrs. U Baia, 7 km.

La Vega de Tías/Lomo de Tesa.

Sunday 13, 9:00 A.M. Difficulty: Low. 7 km.











### Mirador del Río

Located high up on the Risco de Famara, the Mirador del Río is one of César Manrique's most impressive creations. It displays artistic and architectural details that capture his eagerness to combine art and nature. Concealed in the cliff face in a way that only Manrique's genius could conceive, the Mirador overlooks 'El Río', the narrow stretch of the sea separating Lanzarote and La Graciosa. Inside, impressive large glass panes frame the panoramic view while unique sculptures hang from the ceiling. At the bottom of the cliff, the reddish hues of the Salinas del Río, the oldest saltworks in the Canaries, stand out. Architect Eduardo Cáceres and artist Iesús Soto. collaborated in the creation of El Mirador, and the terrain had to be dug out and moulded to fit Manrique's vision; it was later covered with volcanic rock. Last year, Manrique's surviving brother Carlos told us about his memories of the day that his older brother led him to the northern tip of the island and first showed him this stunning creation. "Era impresionante", he said "It was impressive".

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### Mirador del Río

Manrique's spectacular viewpoint set into the Famara cliffs looks out over La Graciosa and the rest of the islands of the Chinijo Archipelago.

### Cueva de los Verdes

The oldest of Lanzarote's tourist centres is a marvelously lit tour through a volcanic cave system. The optical illusion towards the end is genuinely stunning.

### Jameos del Agua

Manrique's space age party venue is located in a lava bubble, where a legendary lake filled with unique blind crabs is flanked by restaurants, cafés, a volcano museum and a natural concert auditorium.

### MIAC: Castillo de San Juan

This 250-year old fortress overlooks Arrecife's commercial port and is home to an art gallery featuring works by Picasso, Tapies, Miró and other modern artists. With a famous restaurant and attractive gardens, it's a glimpse of the island's past and future.

### Cactus Garden

Manrique's favourite of his creations, this charming garden features over 1,400 different types of cactus and is set in a disused quarry in the heart of Lanzarote's cochineal country. A traditional windmill overlooks the scene.

### La Casa Amarilla

The "yellow house", located at the foot of Arrecife's main shopping street, is the old seat of the island's government, and is now an art gallery and information centre.

### Timanfaya: The Fire Mountains

Lanzarote's most popular outing offers pure, breathtaking spectacle at one of the newest landscapes in the world. Take an unforgettable coach trip through the volcanoes and see the power and heat of the earth's inner crust.

### Casa-Museo del Campesino

This complex of buildings in the very centre of Lanzarote is overlooked by Manrique's 15m high monument to the Farm Worker. Visitors can buy unique souvenirs, see exhibitions and take part in traditional activities.

### Other outings

### **César Manrique Foundation, Tahiche**

Built in a lava bubble, Manrique's first island home is utterly fascinating. Solid lava flows into a lounge, trees grow out of underground caves, magnificent gardens flourish at every turn and the whole creation is inspirational.

### Casa-Museo César Manrique, Haría

Manrique's second home in Haría has been recreated as if the artist had never left us, and gives us a glimpse of the man behind the legend. See his living room, his wardrobe, his record collection and visit the studio where he created many of his works.

### LagOmar, Nazaret

Built by Manrique's associate, Jesús Soto, LagOmar is an amazing gallery, museum and restaurant set in a mountainside. Once the property of Omar Sharif, it's a magical, unforgettable place.

### Museo del Timple, Teguise

The timple museum is devoted to the small guitar that is the sound of Canarian folk music, but you'll also be amazed by the Palacio Spinola, the island's grandest colonial home.

### Mancha Blanca Volcano Visitors Centre

Often overlooked by visitors, this terrific little museum will teach you all you need to know about Lanzarote's dramatic volcano country.

### Pirate Museum, Teguise

Located in a hilltop castle where locals used to hide from raiding pirates, this museum revisits the island's lawless and often tragic past.

### Aeronautical Museum, Lanzarote Airport

Set in the island's first terminal building, this great little museum gives you a glimpse of bygone days when one plane a week landed here.

### Museo Agrícola El Patio

Step back in time at this charming and fascinating farm museum on one of Lanzarote's largest estates. Clucking chickens, windmills, living history and a gorgeous location.

### Close up on: LagOmar

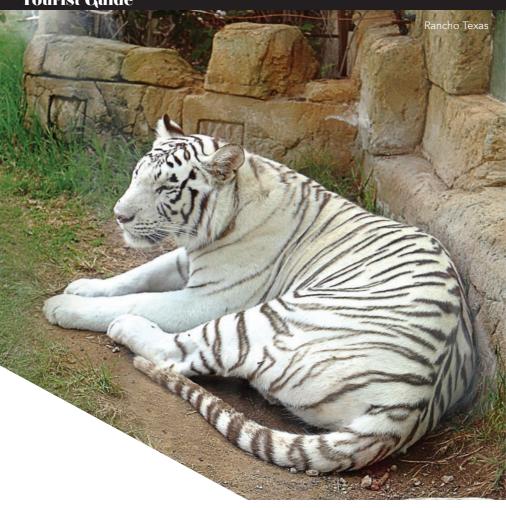
The legend goes that film star Omar Sharif came to Lanzarote in the early 70s, fell in love with this gorgeous dwelling set into the side of a volcano, bought it and promptly lost it in a game of bridge.

Envisioned by Manrique and designed by his right-hand man, Jesús Soto, LagOmar is still stunning, a spaceage honeycomb of tunnels, caves and stairways adorned with the humorous scrap metal sculptures of Mick Gonnel. It's a museum, art gallery, bar, and restaurant, but most of all it's a place you'll never forget – one of those slivers of paradise on earth.









### Casa José Saramago, Tías

Visit the "house built with books" where 1998 Nobel Prize winner José Saramago spent the last 17 years of his life and wrote famous works such as Blindness and Death With Interruptions.

### Fun

### Rancho Texas

Lanzarote's theme park just outside Puerto del Carmen is full of animals, kids activities and fun.

### Aquapark

The island's biggest waterpark in Costa Teguise is open during the summer months.

### **Aqualava**

A smaller, cosier waterpark in Playa Blanca with real sea water warmed by the earth's crust.

### **Submarine Safaris**

A perennial favourite outing under the waves from Puerto Calero.

### **Beaches**

Each of the resorts offers fantastic, clean beaches with lifesavers and nearby facilities, but there are also a number of unmissable beaches elsewhere. Here are a few:

### **Papagayo**

A must-visit, Papagayo is a series of utterly gorgeous beaches at the island's southernmost tip. Crystal clear waters, golden sand and wonderful views await, but go prepared – there are few facilities here.

### **Famara**

Regularly voted tourists' favourite place, Famara is a surfers' paradise and a magnificent beach set against cliffs and distant isles. Bathing is not recommended but you must experience this place's spiritual beauty.



### **El Reducto**

Arrecife's broad crescent sweep of golden sand is the island's largest city beach.

### La Garita

Little known by tourists, Arrieta's family beach is simply great fun for all the family, young and old.

### Caletón Blanco

Pure white sand and a warm, shallow lagoon are the main attractions of this wonderful beach just south of Órzola.

### Janubio

Another place where swimming is a very bad idea, but the stark black strand separating the sea from the saltworks is astonishingly beautiful.



### La Graciosa

Take the ferry from Órzola to a charming island where time stands still; where the streets are paved with sand and where you can find peace on gorgeous beaches.



### Marina Rubicón

Playa Blanca's swish leisure marina is a great place to stroll, see and be seen, but also a popular and buzzing sports marina.

### **Puerto Calero**

Lanzarote's first marina is small but perfectly-formed, a relaxing, luxurious place to stroll, shop, dine and mess around on the water.

### **Events**

There's always something happening on Lanzarote, but here are some of the big dates that attract tourists...

### **Carnival**

The island's carnival parades in February and March are spread over four or five

weekends and are explosions of colour, noise and rhythm.

### Ironman

Late May brings the island's biggest sporting event, a world-class triathlon based in Puerto del Carmen.

### Romería de los Dolores

The weekend closest to 15th September sees islanders converge on Mancha Blanca in traditional dress to celebrate the island's only official miracle.

### **Navidades**

Christmas on Lanzarote is low-key and charming, a relaxed, rural celebration that stretches over two weeks.

### **Fiestas**

Every town on Lanzarote has a fiesta in honour of its patron. Usually occurring in summer, they feature plenty of activities, concerts and processions.

### **Sport**

Almost every weekend sees a special sporting event on Lanzarote, from trail running to marathons, triathlons to football.

Check our sports diary for more info.



### Don't Miss It!

Carnival on Lanzarote is unforgettable, an exuberant explosion of rhythm, noise, colour, fantasy and fun; the culmination of weeks of preparation and a fancy dress street party where the odd ones out are those wearing normal clothes.

Lanzarote's carnival parade season always starts in Arrecife on the evening before Shrove Tuesday. It then moves on to each resort and town over the following weeks. We'll be bringing you full details next month...



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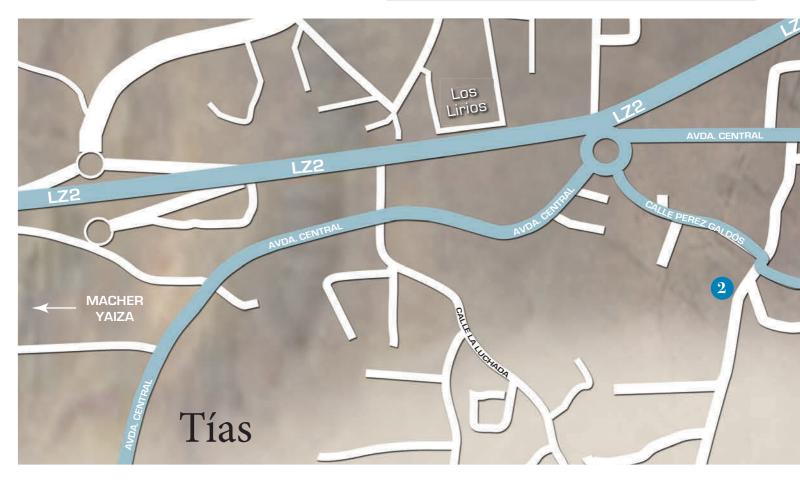
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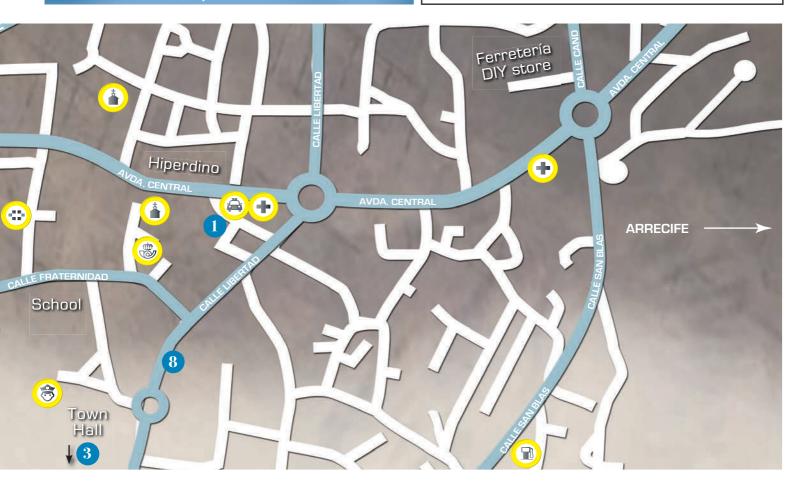




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# PROPERTY SHORTS

#### **ELECTION CURRENCY BOOST**

The pound rose to a three-year high against the Euro immediately following Boris Johnson's victory in the UK General election.

Brexit has, over the last three and a half years, been bad news for sterling, but the currency markets have long been "pricing in" the various outcomes. What they really dislike is uncertainty, and the removal of this factor following the big Conservative victory on 12th December led to feverish activity on the stock exchange, with the Pound rising to €1.20 against the Euro.

Key to this reaction is the size of Boris Johnson's majority, which means he will not have to rely on the support of other parties or smaller factions within his own party. Many hope that this will allow Johnson to move away from the bullish hard talk that marked his campaign and be pragmatic enough to opt for the softer Brexit

deal he is said to secretly favour.

The EU has already said it may seek an extension to the transition period that is due to end on the 31st December this year. During this time, the UK will, to all intents and purposes, remain within the EU while the vital trade deals that govern the future relationship between the UK and the EU are organised.

However, that transition date was originally conceived to cover a period from Theresa May's original Brexit date of March 31st last year. Delay in getting the Withdrawal Agreement passed by parliament has almost halved the time available for these negotiations, and many believe that completing them in 11 months is impossible.





#### **SOLVENCY TEST FOR BUYERS**

Spain's government is studying an amendment to mortgage laws which will introduce a legal requirement for banks to assess the solvency of a potential client "in depth".

This solvency "exam" is one of the demands of an EU directive, but the last Finance Minister, Luis de Guindos, failed to include it in Spain's law governing mortgages, claiming that banks already assessed clients. Opponents, however, point out that the tests currently carried out have no contractual force, while the legally necessary assessments required by the new law will. Economy Minister Nadia Calviño is keen to pass the bill as soon as possible.

It is hoped the tests will decrease reckless or irresponsible approvals of credit, which became a hallmark of Spain's property market in the years before the crisis.

#### **SPAIN LEADS PRICE RISES**

Spain will lead Europe in house price increases next year according to forecasts by international credit agency Moody's. They predict that house prices will rise by 5.5% in 2020, a figure that places Spain ahead of Ireland and Portugal (4.5%) and Germany and the Netherlands (4%). UK house prices are set to rise by just 0.7%.

Moody's also predict that Spain's economy

will grow by 2% in the coming year, which places the nation second in Europe after the Republic of Ireland (3.2%).

The bad news for Spain is that it will remain the European country with the second highest unemployment rate after Greece. With 13.2% unemployment, Spain's rate of unemployed will be more than double those of Germany, the Netherlands and the UK.

#### **BACK TO RESIDENTIAL**

The Airbnb boom appears to be coming to an end for Canarian home owners, as various estate agents report that landlords are beginning to return to seeking long-term residential clients.

Tourist numbers have fallen over the last year, and this has reduced the demand for holiday accommodation that has seen owners focusing on holiday rentals and shunning long-term lets. Canarias 7 newspaper reports that estate agents in Gran Canaria, Fuerteventura and Lanzarote are reporting that 20-25% of rental owners have returned to residential renting.

Sources in Lanzarote said "A year ago there was nothing available for long-term lets. Now, it's possible to find properties, although prices remain high. The trend is most noticeable in non-tourist areas such as Arrecife, Tías and San Bartolomé."



#### T-SHIRT APARTMENT

Clothing firm Diesel made its name with vivid advertising campaigns in the 1990s, but none of them have been quite as eye-catching as a recent campaign, which offers t-shirts



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# PROPERTY BUYERS GUIDE

This article is a general guide to buying real estate in The Canary Islands. It has been compiled from the knowledge and experience of a number of professionals involved in the selling, buying and conveyancing of property in Spain, but it should not be taken as a substitute for proper legal advice.

#### LOCATION

Is your property intended for holiday use, longer term visits, or do you intend to live here all year round? Your choice of location should take your needs into account, such as schools, medical services and recreational outlets.

#### RESEARCH

You need to know a great deal more about your property than you would if you were just spending a couple of weeks there. If there is a community association, ask your neighbours if it is well run. Ask about the community fees - don't forget that if you are in a Community you are legally obliged to pay these.

#### BUYING THE PROPERTY

First, make sure that the person selling you the property is entitled to do so. Your agent will be able to supply you with a list of suitable lawyers to act on your behalf, or the British Consulate in Las Palmas can provide a suitable list on request. Your lawyer needs to check out your intended property thoroughly.

A check of legal title will be made through a search in the local Land Registry Office, which will also indicate if there are any mortgages or charges against the property. If you are buying a plot of land, the lawyer will also check if you can obtain permission to build on the land, and what size and type of property you can build. Once you have been assured by your lawyer that all is in order, you will need to sign a Contract of Purchase raised by a lawyer, and pay a deposit which is usually 10% of the intended purchase price; this deposit is normally held by the lawyer who has been appointed to arrange the signing of the Title Deed.

The contract will state the terms and conditions of the sale and will state a specific time for completion. If you decide, up to this completion time, that you cannot proceed with the purchase, you will forfeit the deposit paid, but if the seller changes his mind, he must return the deposit to you in full, plus a compensation payment for damages.

The next step is to complete the transaction by making the outstanding balance of payment and signing the title deed, which is known in Spain as the Escritura. This must be done in the Notary's Office. The Notary's task is to ensure that all of the legal documentation is correct. He will also carry out a search in the Land Registry Office on the day of signing to check the current status of the property or land (and will require the last annual rates receipt from the council in which the property

is situated), that this is up to date as well. It is essential to ensure that your lawyer has current receipts for all other payments such as water, electric and community charges, as debts such as these in Spain are levied against the property and not the owner. Notaries now also demand an Energy Performance Certificate. When in the Notary's Office, you will be asked to produce your passport as evidence of identification. You will also be advised to obtain a NIF number, which your lawyer can arrange for you.

#### MONEY MATTERS

If you are not resident in Spain and are buying property or land it is advisable to bring money from abroad to complete the purchase. It is simple to open a non-resident account in a local bank, and your estate agent will normally help you with this. You can then transfer your funds from your own bank in the UK to this new account. On the signing of the new Title Deed your cheques for payment will be shown to the Notary and included as part of the documentation of the deed.

They must be inscripted with details of the property of land to be purchased, or have an investment certificate from the issuing bank attached. The Notary will also require you to sign a Spanish ministry form, declaring that the investment has been made. It is also possible when purchasing from a non-Spanish resident to pay the completion funds abroad in any currency. In this case, the deed will state an equivalent amount in Euros, as this gives the value in which the transmission tax (stamp duty) is calculated. You will have to produce more than one cheque as you will be liable for capital gains tax. In this situation, a sum of 3% calculated against the value declared in the title deed will need to be retained and paid to the Spanish Tax Authorities.

Estate Agent's fees are normally paid by the vendor and the details of the specific percentage to be paid will normally be noted in the Purchase Contract.

Some unscrupulous illegal agents have been known to charge the purchaser as well as the vendor for their fees, so ensure this is not the case. You may well also find that the price of your title deed is not exactly the same as the cost of the purchase, as some sellers prefer to treat the furnishings and fittings, if they are included, as a separate item.

#### REGISTERING THE PURCHASE

To complete the transaction you must register the deeds at the Registro de la Propiedad (Property Registry). When the deeds are taken to the Registro, the purchase tax of 6.5% of the value of the property must be paid.

Later the Registro will request a second payment to cover their charges. In addition, a tax to the Local Authority, based on the increase of values of land in

# THE COMMUNITY OF OWNERS

The Community of Owners is a Spanish institution affecting any property owners who enjoy shared facilities and services, such as lifts, swimming pools, gardens and communal garages.

Information about your Association must be freely available to you, as should the accounts which have to be published to the members every year. You should check before you buy that your Community Association is functioning well, how much the monthly payment is, and whether the payments for your intended property are up to date.

their area since the property last changed hands (known as 'Plus Valia') is payable.

This is often negotiated between the vendor and purchaser. Your Lawyer can get an estimate in advance of the purchase, so that you have the funds ready. At the same time, a form should be entered to the local authority, advising them of the change of ownership. You should remind whoever is doing your paperwork about this, as it is often forgotten.

Residents must also be tax registered in order to sell property and avoid retentions, even if they pay no tax.

#### OTHER COSTS

Other costs include the Transmission Tax, the Notary's bill, the fees from the Registro and your lawyer's fee, which will probably come to about 10% of the purchase price.

Your Lawyer will ask for these funds to be placed with them before the work is done as clients have often disappeared leaving these bills unpaid.

Non-residents will be liable for property tax, while residents will pay the IBI assessed by the local council.

#### **OUTSTANDING BILLS**

When you buy a property you become liable for any outstanding bills for water, electricity, local rates and community fees. Both the Electricity Board (UNELCO) and the Water Company (CANAL GESTION) have forms which you and the seller must sign, to transfer the bills into your name. When you go to do this check that all payments are up to date.

Local rates are payable at the Town Hall. You or your representative will need to visit the 'Oficina de Recaudacion' at the Town Hall to complete the form changing the rates into your name, and again, checking that all payments are up to date. As bills are not sent out for the rates, property owners often forget to pay them, and they can soon mount up.

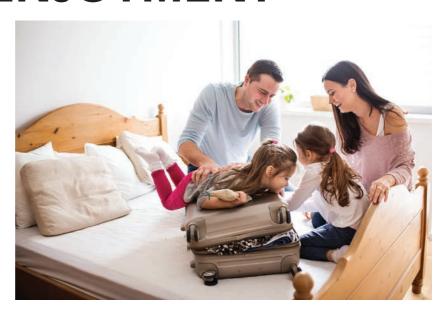
# QUIET ENJOYMENT

The problem of holiday residential rentals zones continues Lanzarote as in many parts of Spain, but here's what you can do about it.

Holidays are great. You can stay out all night, drink as much as you want, stagger home in the early hours, maybe even have a late-night party. Unfortunately, this isn't so great for neighbours who have to get up and work or go to school early the following morning.

For many years this wasn't much of a problem - Spain kept its

tourists in hotels or special complexes and its residential home owners elsewhere. The problems arose when some of those residents realised that it would be lucrative to rent out their apartments, and estate agents realised that this could turn properties into attractive investment prospects.



A lot of water has passed under the bridge since then, but the Canarian law on rentals - which bans holiday lets in tourist zones - remains inadequate and has been successfully challenged on several occasions. If you're a rental owner, you're advised to get legal advice about your activity, and to ensure all income is declared to the tax authorities.



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On the other hand, if you're a resident who's fed up of noisy tourists, your first port of call will be the Community of Owners,

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which has the right to ban holiday rentals if the vote is carried by 60% or more of owners. Before last year this law required unanimous vote, which rarely occurred for obvious

reasons. However, if you already have a tourist licence for your apartment (unlikely on Lanzarote), it cannot be withdrawn.

This law is based on the Spanish equivalent of the English legal concept of quiet enjoyment – the owner's right to peace and quiet in their living place.

Communities can also vote to increase the cuota (the annual amount each owner pays for shared services) for owners who are renting. This also makes sense, as tourists may use certain shared property, such as swimming pools, more than residents.

If noise and disturbance is a continuous problem, then more drastic measures including complaints about noise pollutions may be made. In this case it would be highly advisable to seek legal assistance.



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as foam rubber, and hardwoods aren't flexible as plastics.

Also, our sedentary lifestyles have elevated comfort to a religion. It's only since the invention of television that our living rooms have consisted of soft, comfy suites of furniture facing a screen. Before TV and video, the living room was a place to sit up, chat, play games or music - a rather more active vision of leisure than the one we have now. If you wanted to relax back then, you went to bed - and millions did so much earlier.

Now, however, that TV age is already ending, as we spend time in front of our individual screens and the zones in our homes become more fragmented, less communal. The kitchen, not the living room, is fast becoming many homes' most important social area,

> and it's interesting to note that kitchens are rarely designed with comfort foremost in mind.

> Nowadays we value resilience of firmer mattresses, many of us like to sit on hard floors, chairs are becoming more ergonomic - designed for health and efficiency, rather than comfort. Waterbeds and beanbags are relics of the past to most of us - their soft, yielding comfort a sign of lazier times.

> > And as we sit on upright chairs tapping away, our faces bathed in the light from a smartphone screen or tablet - we look more and more like our great grandparents, knitting or reading in the lamplight, each in our own little zone, but together.



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The three most important colours selected by Pantone for next year all indicate that this is not a year for wishywashy half choices. Lead colour, Flame Scarlet, is a throbbing, vibrant red which, along with the equally vivid yellow Saffron, will give the year a Spanish touch. The main three shades are rounded off by Classic Blue a deep, trustworthy shade that's cool and tranquil.

This balance of hot and cool is a deliberate choice. Pantone's director Leatrice Eiseman has said that "We want to make a statement with the hot colours leading the pack. But at the same time, we understand we need those moments of calm to offset all the turmoil that is happening in the world around us."

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And it's those cool, demure shades that dominate the rest of next year's palette, with several blues and greens that don't shout from the rooftops. In fact, colours like Faded Denim, Grape Compote and Mosaic Blue could even be accused of being a little...boring? Perhaps a little dullness is what we're looking for in an increasingly bright, flashy, garish world.

That demure, cool vibe is also evident in shades such as Orange Peel - a pastelly, astringent orange; the delicate Sunlight yellow and a Coral Pink that we still haven't tired of yet.

> Eiseman says there's a which can be by anyone. "We less today talk about, "Oh, then go for it. We shouldn't be

putting labels on colours."

The other key element of next year is sensuality - shades have been deliberately chosen to reflect the natural world and its most alluring flavours and fragrances - oranges, grapes, chives, cinnamon sticks - it looks like next year we'll be wearing scent in more ways than one.



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# Rearrange

Rearranging your living space is one of the most beneficial things we can do in our home - for our own well-being as well as for practical reasons.

Psychologists have often been surprised by how often people report that rearranging their rooms makes them feel happier, but it's not actually that strange. As humans, we instinctually get pleasure from leaving our mark on our environment, and when we don't renew and refresh that environment we can feel depressed and stagnant.

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Rearranging can also reveal fascinating new things about the spaces we live in and the furniture and ornaments we fill them with. Some rearrangements don't work, of course but others will make you wonder why you never thought of them earlier.

The most refreshing thing about rearranging your home is the way that it manages to give a brand new aspect to your interior while retaining the old comfortable familiarity that you love. It's like seeing an old friend in a stunning new outfit, or even looking at your new haircut in a mirror and realising that you love it.

The interesting thing is that, in







many cases, you'll never discover how good or bad a change is until you actually try it out. In that way, we're trying to live better - more comfortably, more practically and more beautifully - every day.

#### Delight of the New

If you're investing in a new ornament, artwork or item of furniture; then it's a great idea to rearrange your room before installing it.

That way you'll get the full feeling of exciting, fresh newness, with the additional oomph provided by your new item. It's far more effective than just plonking that centrepiece time in your old layout and expecting it to transform everything on its own.

#### Shift It Round

Every room rearrangement starts with an idea. It may not be a plan exactly, but once we've decided to put something in another place, we seem to want to carry on.

If you have a fairly lightly furnished room, with items that are light and portable, then you can experiment

however you like. Other rooms will need a bit more work to rearrange, and in some cases rearranging is a serious project - kitchens, for example.

In fact, it's worth thinking about kitchens when you rearrange any other room, because they represent many of the factors you'll need to take into account.

Every room needs to allow you to do what you do with the minimum of fuss, and efficiency is important in that. It applies to the distance between furniture items; the "paths" that people take when walking through the room; the light in the room and the amount of stuff that you actually have in the first place.

But just as importantly you need to think of aesthetic aspects such as balance, flow, harmony and colour. These are what will shape your psychological response to the room.

For example, you may want to balance a minimal style room with elements of feng shui, or integrate old, much-loved ornaments into a new colour scheme. It'll take time, it'll take planning but most of all it'll take the nerve to try, fail and try again.

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#### **Efficiency**

An energy efficiency rating is now legally required for any house sale in the EU, but it's also something to take into account with every appliance you buy. Higher rates appliances may cost more, but usually pay for themselves in energy savings over a short amount of time.





#### **Low Impact**

This relates to the material, manufacture and transport of furniture. Almost everything on Lanzarote arrives in a shipping container, but there's already a lot of stuff here which can be recycled and re-used. Go local wherever possible, and try and consider the carbon footprint of the items you're buying.

#### **Waste Free**

Fashion is at the heart of interior design, but we're becoming more and more aware of the devastating impact today's high-turnover consumer lifestyles are causing.

The solutions can involve upcycling (adapting old items into new ones) and adoption of more minimal, simpler lifestyles.

#### **Endure and Adapt**

Long-lasting furniture is not only more environmentally friendly, it's cheaper in the long run, too. Maintenance of materials such as wood and wicker also helps them last longer.

Buy items with more than one use, and make sure you use them well.

#### Health

We're becoming more and more conscious of the health aspects of the things we bring into our homes. The health impact of plastics, flame retardants in mattresses and furniture, noise and even the effects of light from blue screens are all aspects that we should plan for.

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In northern countries, a roof has just one job - to keep the rain off. That explains the sloping gables and fragile tiles or slates that render other uses impossible.

Here on Lanzarote, however, roofs are usually flat, and that gives you several more square metres of usable space to take advantage of. Until recently, people used this space to set up a satellite dish, but even they are obsolete technology nowadays. The days when Lanzarote rooftops were home to a healthy crop of space-facing metal mushrooms will soon be over.

Instead, those mushrooms may be replaced by what look like playing cards stacks of solar panels that are increasingly being installed to take advantage of the island's sun energy. They're a big investment but one that pays off.

That sunshine is also why rooftops are perfect places to grow plants, dry washing or catch a few rays yourself. In fact, make sure your rooftop is structurally sound, and that no planning permission will be required for small alterations, and you can really go to town up there.



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Spain soon brought its metalworking culture to the islands. Wrought ironwork was an essential part of Spanish colonial style, and can still be seen in older areas of the islands. Later, the tourist boom led to huge



hotels, in which steel played a hugely important part.

Metal has also influenced the art of the islands, and that is nowhere more evident than in the works of César Manrique. His wind toys fascinating, whirling, mobile sculptures - are all made of steel; as are the deliberately sculptures rusted devils and blind crabs at Timanfaya and Jameos del Agua.

A closer look at any of the tourist centres on Lanzarote will reveal the level of detail Manrique applied – even the waste paper bins and ashtrays are made of metal and designed to his specifications. Other artists, such as French sculptor Mick Gonnel have since echoed Manrique's love for sculptures and recycled ironmongery.

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Balconies are one of the defining Canarian architectural features, a colonial idea that can be seen to impressive effect in the historical area of Vegueta in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria or on the seafront of Santa Cruz de La Palma.

# Life

middle classes would take the fresh, warm air in the evening, dressing to the nines for what was a very public display. This display function of the balcony can still be seen in the Pope's addresses or after royal weddings in Britain.

Balconies range from tiny platforms in cities to large areas fitting two or more chairs or sun loungers, and this factor is what will dictate your balcony life.

Plants are perfect for balconies, but avoid strong smelling tomatoes and go for herbs or pretty, tumbling climbers – this is a place where vertical, 3D gardening is vital, and can also give you more intimacy.

Balconies are also close enough to indoors to make lighting them easy – allowing you to enjoy the air after nightfall, as well.

Wrought iron balconies are one of the defining elements of Spanish colonial style.

To most people brought up in Britain or Ireland, balconies are fairly novel. So how can you get the most out of yours?

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humans, some plants like

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genuinely dislike each other's company. And, just like humans, the reasons for these affinities and incompatibilities are varied.

Some plants repels the pests that affect others; some shed leaves or fruit that others thrive on; larger plants provide shade or protection for smaller ones and many pairings simply combine their qualities to brilliant effect.

Take, for example, a flowering plant. It will attract bees and other insects which will pollinate its flowers, but another set of flowers makes that much more likely - especially if they're of a different colour. And, as you can't have a fruit without a flower, it makes sense for kitchen gardeners to encourage beautiful blooms.

Any plants that are close together will compete for basic nutrients, so you need to be sure they get plenty of fertiliser - but you can also ensure they compete differently. Carrots, for example, get their nutrients from deep in the soil, while radishes get the goodness from a much shallower layer.

Onions and garlic shouldn't be planted anywhere near beans and peas, for example, while tomatoes and potatoes should also be kept apart. The reasons for this aren't well known, but generations of gardeners have noted them.

Thyme repels cabbage butterflies, while chives and garlic are unattractive to greenfly. Oregano is perhaps the best overall insect repellent you can have in a garden. You can plant herbs such as these among tomatoes and pepper plants, and they'll all help each other thrive







The silhouette of the Tabaiba shrub is one of the sights that defines Lanzarote's wild malpais zones, but it's also a plant that can be a home companion, too.



- as well as providing you with the perfect pizza topping.

Never forget that, on Lanzarote, larger, tougher plants can often give the protection from the wind or sun required for a smaller, more delicate

plant to survive. And as water is naturally scarce here, it makes sense to garden vertically, allowing water to trickle down from higher to lower plants - this is the secret of terrace farming.

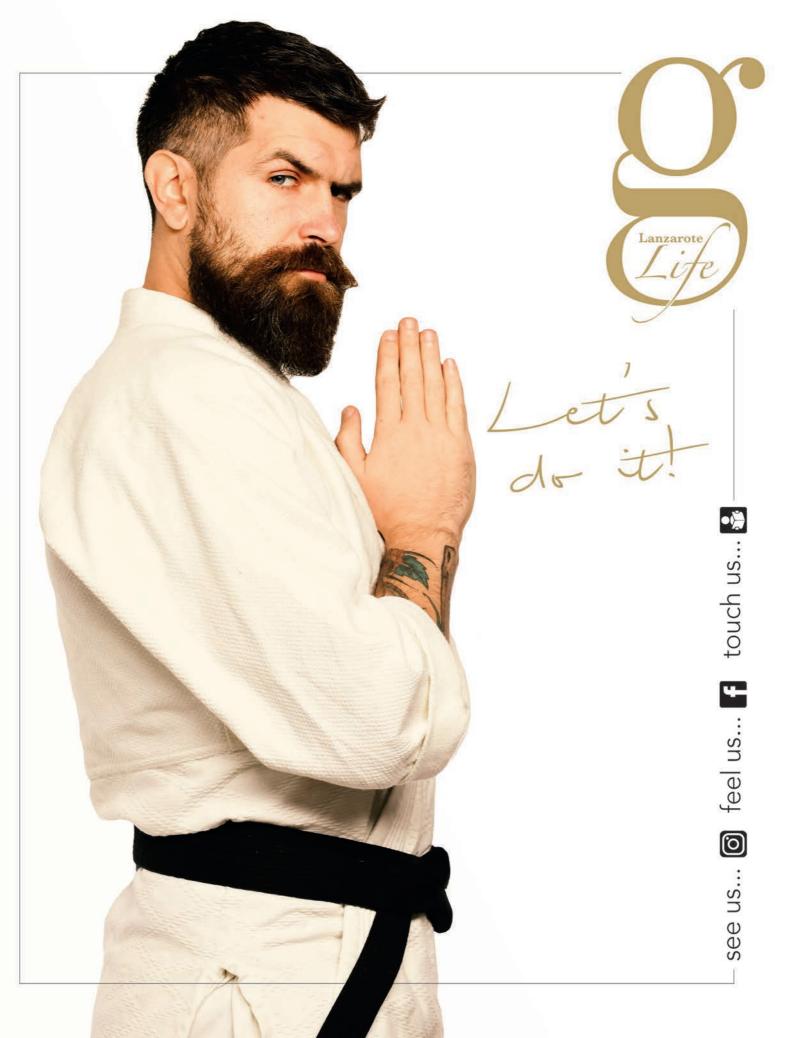


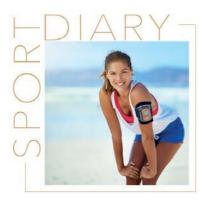
# Sweet

Black lava fields covered in loose stones and boulders are tough terrain to make your home, but in many areas of Lanzarote, these areas are covered with fresh green clumps that are so tight they almost look like domes. This unmistakable plant is the tabaiba dulce, or Euphorbia balsamifera - so typical of Lanzarote that it is the island's official plant.

The perfect ornamental plant for any garden, it's fairly easy to grow from cuttings, but take care where you put it, as its sap can cause nasty reactions.







# THE YEAR AHEAD

January's a quiet month for sport on Lanzarote, but the year ahead is full of action. Here are just a few of the events to look forward to.

Our monthly Sport Diary will be a regular feature of the magazine from now on, and is open to all events. If you have a sporting event you'd like to publicise FREE get in touch with us: editorial@gazettelife.com

# FOUR-STAGE MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE

# 26th - 29th January, La Santa

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# **DESAFIO OCTAVA ISLA**

# 22nd & 23rd February, La Graciosa

La Graciosa's biggest event - a rough, tough, triathlon on an island without roads.

# **IRONMAN LANZAROTE**

# 23rd May, Puerto del Carmen

A day of joy, tears, pride, agony and sheer spectacle starting from 7 am on Playa Grande. It's Lanzarote's biggest sporting event.



# LANZAROTE WINE RUN

# 13th June (not confirmed yet), La Geria

A unique event for athletes and fans of the good life – a social, fun race through La Geria which is held alongside a fantastic food fair.

# EUROPEAN FREESTYLE PROTOUR WINDSURF TOURNAMENT



# July, date tbc, **Costa Teguise**

Cucharas Beach is now a regular annual stop on the freestyle windsurf circuit, and this event is always a heap of fun.

# FAMARA VERTICAL

# 14th August (to be confirmed), Famara

A brutal ascent has made this trail race one of the island's most favourite challenges. The night race is also unique.

# TRAVESIA A NADO DEL RIO

# October, date tbc, La Graciosa

There are longer swimming races, and there are ones with more reliable conditions, but the annual dash from Lanzarote to La Graciosa remains the island's most popular, most exciting swimming challenge.

# **LANZAROTE MARATHON**

# December, date tbc, **Costa Tequise**

Lanzarote's oldest distance event is still one of the most popular; a friendly, fun and challenging trot along the seafront from Costa Teguise to Puerto del Carmen.



# FAILING TO FIND THE KILLER TOUCH







The Rojillos (Reds) have had a difficult start to the season. They have only lost on three occasions, which only the top two clubs can better, but the problem has been that they have drawn 10 of the 16 games played.

This leaves UD Lanzarote in 13th spot, seven points from the relegation positions but a whopping 12 points adrift of the playoffs for promotion to Segunda B (Third Tier).

In their last home match against eighthplaced side CF Unión Viera they raced into a wonderful 3-0 halftime lead. Leaking a goal on the hour mark, nerves soon set in and the Gran Canarian side who had won five and drawn one of their last six matches fought back and won a point in a 3-3 draw.

The good news is that, even though things are not running smoothly, the fans have seen their side play with 100% commitment and the players are determined to get things right.

For some time now the club has had an issue with the uneven playing surface on the astroturf. Following several injuries to our players and opponents, the club is seeking authorisation to play their home matches in the stadium in Tías until the Arrecife Town Hall finds a solution to this problem.

At this moment, the approval has not been received so, for future home matches please check on the website or Facebook (details below) for confirmation of venue.

If Lanzarote do play in Tías it won't be the first time. They did so with excellent results in 2003 and also seven years ago, when the pitch surface was re-laid in Arrecife.

The ground can hold over 2,000 and with a home gate in Arrecife on a good day being around 800, this smaller stadium will give a great atmosphere. As always, just pay at the gate on the day.

The management and players are so grateful for the support the club receives from foreign fans. In spite of not getting the results that they would have hoped for, holidaymakers and expats are coming to matches in bigger numbers. The club applauds you.

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# **UPCOMING HOME MATCHES**

19th Jan Lanzarote v SD Tenisca (check as possibly play 18th)

2nd Feb Lanzarote v CD Unión Puerto

# THE KIDS ARE BACK IN TOWN!

Lanzarote rugby has had a few ups and downs over the last years, but on an island with plenty of British expats, as well as local Spaniards, Europeans and Latin Americans who are rugby mad, it's always going to find a way.

That's why it's real pleasure to report that the sport is in good health. And even more heartening is the fact that children are one of the most important elements of rugby on Lanzarote. Iain Kerr reports on the developments.

After a steady and determined rebuilding process over the last couple of years, Lanzarote Rugby School is now back on the map!

Gratefully accepting the invitation to travel to Tenerife for the 3rd Torneo Villa de Adeje for rugby schools, some 25 junior players, coaches and parents set off early in the morning of 16th November for a weekend of rugby and fun.

Lanzarote fielded representation in the Under-10, Under-14 and Under-18 categories, in what turned out to be an exceptionally well-organised tournament. Our junior players demonstrated some excellent skills on the pitch, and were delighted to receive a special mention from the organisers of the tournament.

The results at these events, of course, are of little importance, with the main objectives being to have as much fun as possible and to develop in the youngsters the core values of this brilliant sport; among them respect, teamwork, sportsmanship, hard work and humility.









The event is the first of many programmed in for this season throughout the islands, four of which (Lanzarote, Tenerife, Gran Canaria and Fuerteventura) have established rugby scenes.

For more info please don't hesitate to contact us on facebook or on 630 817 234. Or why not just turn up at one of the regular training sessions on Saturdays at 10am in the football stadium at Playa Honda. Boys and girls of all ages welcome!!!



The number of cars and motorbikes on Lanzarote has risen constantly. There are now over 129,000 registered vehicles of all types on the islands, a figure that includes 33% more cars and more than twice as many motorcycles than there were 15 years ago.

All those vehicles need to be kept somewhere when not in use, and parking is becoming a sore point in several parts of the island. Among the main issues are:

# LACK OF PARKING SPACES:

This is becoming a serious problem in all three of the tourist resorts, as well as several other towns on the island. On a fine day in high tourist season, it can be impossible to find a parking space near the beach.

# NO FREE PARKING:

A problem that explains the lines of cars parked haphazardly on roadsides approaching the airport, as well as the increasing difficulty of parking near Arrecife's centre. This situation is mainly caused by commuters who don't fancy losing a chunk of their weekly wage to parking fees. The onus is on employers and local authorities to provide adequate facilities.

# **HIRE CARS:**

Hire cars have paid their road tax and are thus as entitled to use public parking spaces as any other vehicle. However, their presence can be controversial when they take up parking space and leave none for tourists or residents.

# DISABLED PARKING:

The main complaint here is the shortage of disabled parking spaces.

When parking, keep your eye out for road markings that indicate pay zones (blue), prohibited or reserved areas (yellow) and free parking areas (white). Look for signs limiting parking to certain hours or days and obey them, and be sure never to block entrances.

Having said all this, it must be pointed out that parking in most of Arrecife is still a doddle compared to the situation you'll find in major cities elsewhere. The price of parking is also more reasonable than British drivers have come to expect, as well.

# **JOBSWORTHS:**

There are some areas, or some workers, who seem to enjoy fining cars for the most basic infringements of parking law. Make sure you park in an authorised area, keep within the lines and don't get too close to other vehicles and you should be OK. If you can't, then good luck...



# **CLEAN BARCELONA**

While Madrid's new city government attempts to reopen the city's famous "Madrid Central" zone to traffic, Barcelona has taken its anti-contamination measures way further, establishing a 95 square city centre zone where high emissions vehicles will be banned.

The Low Emissions Zone will cover almost the whole city of Barcelona, including several suburbs and satellite towns. Older cars classed

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as "high emissions" will be banned entirely from 7am to 8pm on weekdays. The ban will initially only apply to cars and motorcycles, but buses, lorries and vans will be included after a year.



# **SCOOTER CONTROL**

Regulations governing electric scooter use have, up to now, been left to local councils who have responded in all sorts of different ways. However, Spain's traffic department the DGT has just published provisional guidelines aimed at scooter users, police and councils, until a more comprehensive, EU-compliant law is approved. Electric scooters are defined as personal mobility vehicles and, like any other vehicle users, scooter riders will be forbidden to operate

their vehicles while drunk, while wearing headphones or while using a mobile phone.

Driving electric scooters on pavements or pedestrian areas will be forbidden, as will more than one person using a scooter. The requirement for helmets and the rules for parking or leaving scooters in public spaces will be left to the local council.

Although not yet officially law, the DGT guidelines will have the same legal force as any other element of the nation's Highway Code.

# **GREY AREA DEFINED**

Do Guardia Civil speed cameras leap into action immediately you go over the speed limit, or is there a little leeway involved?

Most of us will have realised that speed cameras don't always capture speeding vehicles, and those that are caught are rarely just over the limit. But the precise extent of that "grey area" before the cameras are activated has never been published before.

The Guardia Civil themselves responded to this frequentlyasked question with a Tweet just before Christmas. According to their spokesperson, "Up to 100 km/h, add on 7 km/h; over 100 km/h, add on 7".

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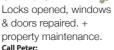


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1st January: New Year's Day 6th January: Epiphany 9th April: Holy Thursday 10th April: Good Friday

1st May: International Workers' Day

30th May: Canary Islands Day 15th August: Assumption

15th September: Nuestra Señora de los Dolores

12th October: Spain's National Day7th December: Day of the Constitution8th December: Immaculate Conception

25th December: Christmas Day

In addition to these 12 days, each municipality on the island will also confirm two days holiday in the New Year, which vary according to the Fiestas and celebrations in each area, as well as which of them already fall on a Sunday. For example, Arrecife usually takes the Tuesday after its carnival parade off (25th February this year) and Tias, Haría and San Bartolomé followed suit last year. San Juan's Day (24th June) is celebrated in Haría and Arrecife, while the Virgin of Carmen (July 16th) is always honoured in Yaiza and Teguise.

If in doubt, confirm with your local Ayuntamiento.



Tide Tables for Arrecife, Lanzarote. Height are in metres.

(Times may vary by a few minutes around the island)							
Day	Hour	Metres	Day	Hour	Metres		
1	H: 04:49 L: 11:16 H: 17:22 L: 23:23	2.3 0.9 2.0 1.1	17 0	H: 06:05 L: 12:34 H: 18:49	2.5 0.7 2.2		
2	H: 05:39 L: 12:09 H: 18:19	2.2 1.0 2.0	18	L: 00:58 H: 07:14 L: 13:44 H: 20:02	0.9 2.3 0.8 2.2		
3	L: 00:22 H: 06:38 L: 13:11 H: 19:24	1.2 2.1 1.1 1.9	19	L: 02:16 H: 08:31 L: 14:57 H: 21:16	1.0 2.2 0.9 2.2		
4	L: 01:31 H: 07:46 L: 14:15 H: 20:32	1.2 2.1 1.1 2.0	20	L: 03:33 H: 09:45 L: 16:04 H: 22:21	0.9 2.2 0.8 2.3		
<b>5</b>	L: 02:41 H: 08:53 L: 15:16 H: 21:32	1.2 2.1 1.0 2.1	21	L: 04:40 H: 10:49 L: 17:00 H: 23:15	0.8 2.3 0.8 2.5		
6	L: 03:44 H: 09:53 L: 16:10 H: 22:24	1.1 2.2 0.9 2.3	22	L: 05:35 H: 11:42 L: 17:49	0.7 2.4 0.7		
7	L: 04:38 H: 10:45 L: 16:57 H: 23:10	0.9 2.3 0.8 2.4	23	H: 00:01 L: 06:21 H: 12:26 L: 18:31	2.6 0.6 2.4 0.6		
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H=High Tide L=Low Tide Moon Quarter Moon							





# Happy New Year!

Of course the Christmas festivities continue here in January with the celebration of Día de los Reves (King's Day) on January 6th and the procession of the Three Wise Men the day before.

And after all that celebrating, Lanzarote is the perfect place to head to one of the many beaches here and top up your tan. The UV here, even in winter, remains at around 6 which is still high on the UV index so you could still burn quite easily and you do need to stay sun safe - even on cloudy days in midwinter!

January skies usually bring plenty of sunshine and the promise of a bright New Year sees many winter sun seekers arriving on the island. As in December the evenings are cooler so be sure to have a fleece and maybe a pair of jeans ready for the night time.

Last year we had a lovely January: the first two weeks were dry and bright and I even filmed a weather report whilst paragliding 100 metres above Playa Quemada in the first week, and then from the 458-metre summit of the Caldera Blanca in Week 2. It was not until Week 3 that we saw some rain and on the whole it was a pretty dry winter. Usually we would expect 40-45 mm of rain, but the winter of 2017-18 saw just 15mm, and that was mainly from the end of October and November.

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# What to expect in January



# Day Time Temps

Average 21°C (Ranges from 18°C to 24°C)

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# Night Time Temps

Average 14°C (Ranges from 12°C to 16°C)



# Sunshine Hours

7 hours



# Sea Temp

19°C



# Rain

2 days approx 22 mm in total



### Wind

Up to 15kph mostly trade winds from the NE

# Horos

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# Aries

(MARCH 21-APRIL 19TH)

You feel like you've been living out of a suitcase recently, Aries, but that's about to change as you settle down for period of stability and focused work. You'll find this rewarding and deeply fulfilling,

and your relationships will also take on a deeper aspect this month.

# Taurus

(20 APRIL - 20 MAY)

Now, more than ever, is the time to follow up on contacts you've made or reestablished in the last few months, Taurus. Like a spider building her web, it's time for you to be the centre of your rich, life-enhancing network of friendship and love.



# Gemini

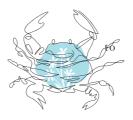
(21 MAY TO 20 JUNE)

This is a month when you'll surprise friends with your strength and support and when it's combined with your light, easy charm, it can be a devastating combination. There'll be rewards coming soon enough.

# Cancer

(21 JUNE TO 22 JULY)

This is going to be one hell of a year, Cancer, and you'll be keen to get it off to a flying start. But before you roll your sleeves up and get to work, make sure you plan ahead and get some expert advice. Then start the countdown...



# Leo

(21 JULY TO 22 AUG)

You're a bit the worse for wear after the Christmas break, Leo, so first take a little care of yourself then get serious about that fitness routine. You'll need all the strength and stamina you can get shortly, and if your body's in tip-top shape your mind will be ready, too.

# Virgo

(23 AUG TO 22 SEPT)

This is a month when you should slowly feel your way forward rather than stride out confidently. The way ahead is uncertain, and not only do you need to be cautious, but you need to get to know the terrain and learn which way suits you best.



# Aquarius

(20TH JAN - 18TH FEB)

You're still finding it hard to let go of the project you're working on, Aquarius, That's fine, but this month you'll have to step aside for a day or two and devote yourself to a completely different matter of the heart. Don't let it discombobulate you.

# Libra

(23 SEPT TO 22 OCT)

You're feeling thrilled at new contacts, but don't forget to honour your old commitments. You need a solid base of trust and safety to deal with the exciting changes that are coming your way. Launch your future from the reliable aspects of the past.



# Scordio

(23 OCT TO 21 NOV)

People are slowly coming round to the fact that you've made some real changes in your life, Scorpio, and the respect you get will help you onwards from now on. This is a serious time, but it's also one when you can't afford not to laugh and have fun with friends.

# **Sagittarius**

(22 NOV TO 21 DEC)

Wake up, Sagittarius! You seem to be sleepwalking from one day to the next, and it's the noise and the distraction of life that are keeping it that way. Lose the phone, find some silence and solitude and start to take stock of your life honestly. Then act.



# Capricorn

(22 DEC TO 19 JAN)

You'll have a reason to apologise to someone you should have listened to earlier, Capricorn. Don't feel ashamed, just learn from your mistake and move on with your head held high. That's the fastest way to a fulfilling future.

# Pisces

(19 FEB TO 20 MAR)

If you've been putting a bit of money away, now's the time to give yourself a treat, Pisces. You need to invest in your present as well as your future, and that means indulging yourself and enjoying life to the full once in a while.



# Instagram of the month







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# **AMOUR**

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