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Sunday

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Duration: 10:00 to 11:30

Meeting point : At the Timple Museum's doorstep

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**University of Chichester  
on Lanzarote**

Dear Sir,

We very much enjoyed your Spring issue especially with the great photo of the Atlantic Museum Underwater Sculpture Park on the cover. We must get some of our students who are competent divers to see it – in fact get successive generations of students to record the changes as nature moves in. All best wishes and look forward to seeing you on our next visit in January 2017 and thanks for the cooperation we always receive from Lancelot.

Duncan Reavey,  
University of Chichester

**GUINEVERE** Dr Duncan Reavey, Principle Senior Lecturer, Learning and Teaching at Chichester University, has been organising a two week Adventure Education and Environment training course for his students on the Island for the past 17 years based in Puerto del Carmen. This year he and fellow lecturers headed a party of 66 trainee teachers who spent one week giving English lessons at the nine of the island’s primary and secondary schools. Most of the environmental courses take place at Pardelas Park, Orzola under the direction of Carlos Dizey, who was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Chichester University for his dedicated work with the students.

**La Gomera Whistling  
Language**

Whilst on holiday on Lanzarote over Easter at the home of our relatives we saw on the German news

that Angela Merkel was spending the week on the island of La Gomera. The presenter mentioned a few words about an ancient “whistling” language used there. Could you tell us something about it? Should you provide an answer our family will mail us a copy of the issue.

Many thanks,  
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**GUINEVER** The whistling language, or “silbo,” of La Gomera came into being because the island is riven by steep canyons and ridges and whistling was the only way farmers and shepherds could communicate across the inhospitable terrain. It allowed them to communicate from hilltop to hilltop up to a distance of two kilometres. The ear-



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By the middle of the last century the whistling language had fallen into disuse and the Canary Islands government was worried that knowledge of this unique form of communication was in danger of completely dying out. To avoid this happening they introduced legislation on La Gomera in 1999 making learning about the “silbo” a compulsory subject in primary schools and an option in secondary schools. In the meantime, the whistling language has been recognised by the European Government as a unique Cultural Heritage of the Canary Islands.

According to local experts, the Gomera whistle compresses spoken sounds to two vowels and four consonants that can be strung together to form more than 4,000 words using whistles of varying tones. The sound is formed by putting the fingers of one hand in the mouth and using the other as a megaphone which can be used to render any language without too many vowels. The spoken message is decoded like a phonetic alphabet. The technique may originate from Berbers in the high Atlas in Morocco, the forerunners of the pre-Hispanic Guanche inhabitants of the Canary Islands.

### La Candelaria

Dear Sir,

Whilst on holiday on Lanzarote for Easter, there was a large collection of back issues of Lancelot in the villa we rented and I found an article on the “Legend of the Candelaria” very fascinating. I noticed

that the source credited was a book published by the Haklyut Society entitled the “Guanches of Tenerife” by Sir Clements Markham, President of the Royal Geographical Society.

I have two questions. The other night I watched a video of “The Last Place on Earth” about the great race for the South Pole in 1911-12 between British and Norwegian teams, led by Scott and Asmundsen, respectively with Martin Shaw playing the role of Scott of the Antarctic. According to the script, Sir Clements Markham was one of the most fervent backers of the British effort. Is he identical to the author of “The Guanches of Tenerife?” And, what was the Haklyut Society and his connection to them?

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## LETTERS TO LANCELOT



**GUINEVERE** He is indeed the same man. Scott was forever indebted to Sir Clements Markham for his support and upon discovering a hitherto unknown majestic mountain 'with a glorious double peak' on his first journey to search for the South Pole in 1905 he named it Mount Markham in his honour. It is the fourth highest mountain in Antarctica.

The entry in Scott's diary reads, 'We have decided that at last we have found something which is fitting to bear the name of him whom we must always delight to honour, and Mount Markham it shall be named in honour of the 'Father' of the expedition. From the "Voyage of the Discovery," by R. F. Scott, published London 1907 by Macmillan and Co.

Sir Clements Markham was an eminent scholar whose book "The Guanches of Tenerife" not only contains his translation into English of the Legend of the Candelaria from a 16th century Spanish manuscript but also includes a glossary of the pre-Hispanic Guanche language and nine surviving whole sentences. Lancelot was very fortunate to have obtained a copy of this work published in 1907 and to be able to share his translation with our readers.

The Haklyut Society used to publish works of exploration and discovery and is named for Richard Haklyut, 1553-1616, an English historian and geographer who pu-

blished three versions of first-hand accounts of voyages of discovery by the most famous explorers of his age. These included Wyndham, Frobisher and Hawkins as well as the "Discovery of Guinea," 1595, by Walter Raleigh, Francis Drake's "Circumnavigation of the World," 1577-80 as well as "Cavendish's Last Voyage," 1591.

### Health Advice

Dear Sir

Calling an ambulance or making an appointment with a doctor when you don't know the system or speak the lingo can be daunting at the best of times. Most residents and some temporary visitors to the Canary Islands are not covered by private insurance, but this should not stop anyone from receiving medical assistance when needed.

Sadly, time and again we assist British nationals who find themselves in vulnerable circumstances which could otherwise have been avoided if they'd just had some basic knowledge about who to call in an emergency assistance, how to set up a doctors' appointment or even where the nearest public health centre is. This trend has been reiterated by feedback from British nationals we've met in person or via our important contacts such as yourselves.

That's why the British Consu-

lates of Gran Canaria and Tenerife jointly created the attached guide to Healthcare in the Canary Islands for all British tourists, swallows and residents. We hope it will serve as a helping hand to anyone that needs medical assistance, whether in an emergency or otherwise.

Today, we've launched this important information via social media and would greatly appreciate your help to share it via your own channels. It's available to view and download at <http://bit.ly/1XIjQfu> or follow our social media channels on my signature below.

Thanks in advance for your collaboration and of course we welcome any feedback you might want to offer us on this new initiative.

Caroline Sproule  
Las Palmas Consulate

### Spanish Civil War

Dear Sir,

What happened in the Canary Islands during the Spanish Civil War? It is generally known that in 1936 an English pilot in a British plane flew General Franco from the Canaries to Morocco from where he launched his attack on mainland Spain which started the Spanish Civil War. However, balanced against that solitary incident, the overwhelming majority of British volunteers who fought in the conflict, many of whom were killed, joined the ranks of the International Brigade on the side of the Republic.





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# LETTERS TO LANCELOT

Among the better known were the authors George Orwell and Laurie Lee, both of whom wrote books on the subject.

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**GUINEVERE** General Franco was considered a potential trouble maker by the Republican Government in Madrid, who appointed him Captain General of the Canary Islands in order to keep him as far as possible out of harm's way in the country's furthest geographical location from the capital, or so they thought.

Basically no fighting took place in the Canaries, apart from a few mopping up operations we write about later, however, the islanders suffered acute shortages of

food, fuel and other basic essentials which led to severe hardship for a decade between 1936 and 1946. This was mainly due to naval blockades instituted by both sides during the Spanish Civil War followed again by the opposing forces in World War Two, Britain and Germany which commenced only a few months after the first conflict ended.

The very fact that Franco and his co-conspirators were able to plan their rebellion in utter secrecy under the eyes of a loyalist civil administration points to their being very much aware of whom the opposition was both on the Islands and in mainland Spain. At the outbreak of the Civil War a series of punitive actions soon subdued the local population.

The civil government at Santa Cruz on Tenerife was loyal to the elected government in Madrid but was overpowered and following the

execution of the civil governor and several officials the revolt was over. On Grand Canary several hundred workers attempted to storm the barracks but were quickly subdued by the army. There was also some resistance on La Gomera and two military columns from Tenerife took the island by force.

Due to the strength of left wing groups, La Palma was the island most clearly opposed to the right wing coup and Franco ordered a military landing. The rebels fled inland where they tried to form guerilla groups but lacking weapons and strategy they were soon captured and their leader, José Miguel Perez, a communist, was executed. This signaled the end of all opposition in the Canaries on the island which was followed by a period of severe repression. There is no record of military action in either Lanzarote or Fuerteventura.



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### Barton Carter

Dear Sir,

May I ask you to bring the following publication to the attention of your readers. "Searching for Barton Carter" is the true story of how a 23-year old American saved the lives of thousands during the Spanish Civil War and is written by a distant relative of his.

Taking time to study abroad is a common practice in the modern day. It's not uncommon to hear a student say they wished they could stay at their destination forever. Well, young Barton Carter did exactly that when he visited Spain in 1936 and his desire to stay led to over 4,000 lives being saved.

Upon a visit to Barcelona, Carter saw the ravages and horrors of the Civil War tearing a people apart. He was so distraught that he turned against his wealthy family's wishes and remained in Spain to volunteer his services. He became an administrator at four different orphanages transporting children and refugees safely from location to location in order to avoid loss of life in battles.

Carter's niece Nancy Clough has been studying his life for several years. She has collected letters, diaries, brochures, newspaper articles and personal anecdotes from those who knew him in her new book. In an introduction she says, 'My family seldom mentioned Barton's name when I was a child and it appeared



to me that my uncle's life was somehow secretive and mysterious. As I got older and heard portions of stories I quickly learned what an astonishing person he was and felt the need to share the details with more people.

Ultimately his efforts would claim Carter's life at 23, but his sacrifice helped give more than 4,000 orphans another shot at life. In an age with endless confrontations and foreign affairs debacles, "Searching for Barton Carter" provides a refreshing take on a humanitarian who didn't care about protocol or status, but merely what was right.

About the author: Nancy Barton Carter Clough earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees and Advanced Study Certificate from various schools throughout Maine and New Hampshire. The more she learned about her uncle the more she thought his legacy needed to continue on since he remains a prominent part of her community. She currently resides with her husband in Concord New Hampshire.

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### Brits Abroad Bizarre Requests



Dear Sir,

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) has released details of the ten weirdest consular calls it has received in the past year, as a reminder to Brits overseas that they should only look to use its services for genuine emergencies. The calls included:

A man planning to move to Spain who was worried he would encounter nudists walking through the streets; a homesick expat asking where he could buy English bacon; a lady in Lebanon looking for help to recruit an English butler; a holidaymaker trying to find Travel Advice for a visit to Coventry; a European filmmaker looking for an English pensioner to play a part in his new film; a woman who was disappointed the British Embassy had not sent someone to give her a tour of St. Petersburg on her arrival in Russia; a man asking for assistance to get illegal employment in Singapore; a mother asking for the contact details of a young British YouTuber, as her son was a fan of his Minecraft videos; a confused businessman looking for information on the construction of plug sockets and a man in South Korea asking what he could do with his old pound notes!

British Embassy  
Press Department Madrid

# EU Referendum on 23 June



Regional British Consular Director Will Middleton visited Lanzarote during a tour of various British communities in Spain to discuss with the local press how effective the expat awareness campaign conducted by British Ambassador Simon Manley on the upcoming referendum had been. He stressed the importance for the 283,000 British residents who are registered on the padrón in Spain, and are eligible to vote, to have their say. Will Middleton was assessing the global campaign by the Electoral Commission to encourage Britons who live overseas to participate in Brexit. He took note of the fact that many Brits strongly object to the law which excludes them from voting in UK elections if they have lived abroad for over 15 years. He was accompanied by Honorary Consul Lanzarote Sue Thain and Vice Consul Las Palmas Esther Martín who are seen with him in the photographs by Liz.



*Honorary Consul Sue Thain holds the MBE she received from Prince William during an Investiture at Buckingham Palace*

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# St Patrick's Day Celebrations on Lanzarote



Described by Irish holiday-makers as the best celebrations of St Patrick's Day anywhere in Europe, the 2016 version in Puerto del Carmen was most certainly outstanding. Following Mass in the village church the harbour area was awash with the Wearing of the Green by hundreds of tourists and local residents. The Ayuntamiento of Tias, thoughtfully held the weekly flea market on the Saint's Day to allow visitors to taste Irish cuisine along with the Guinness as well as a music festival which lasted until well into the night.



The Mayor of Tias and Tourist Councillor stressed the importance of St Patrick's Day for visitors and residents from Ireland, a country of only 4.5 million inhabitants, 200,000 of whom holiday on Lanzarote every year, most of them in Puerto del Carmen.



*The President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins, has enjoyed several holidays in Puerto del Carmen and sent a letter of thanks to Tias Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino as well as his personal greetings on St Patrick's Day*

*Mayor Hernández and Tourist Councillor Vizcaino with Honorary Irish Consul Eileen Izquierda*





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# St George's Day Celebrations on Lanzarote



The Mayor of Tias and Council members joined Lanzarote's British community celebrating St George's Day in Puerto del Carmen on 23 April. Around 8,000 Brits are resident on Lanzarote - the highest amount of any foreign nationality - the majority of who live in Tias District. The outdoor event, which ran from 3 in the afternoon till 9 in the evening, was organised by the Lanzarote-based Ska group The Skatoons with the collaboration of the Tourism Office of the local Town Hall. Other performers included Rat Pack and Sax, Anthony, Chrissie Looker, the Chancers and the Liquid Rollers. The Skatoons, who are very popular on the island, almost entered the UK charts during the last World Cup with "Come on England."



*Mayor Pancho Hernández with Councillors Saray Rodríguez, Amado Vizcaino, Olivier Roper, Nerea Santana, Antonio Betancort among others, flying the Flag of St George in Puerto del Carmen, Municipality of Tias, the district in which most of the British community who are resident on Lanzarote live*

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# Property Registration

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The Spanish Government has passed in recent years various laws in order to synchronize information on real estate.

There are numerous reasons for doing this, but most importantly to help town halls to tax income and also to identify the individual property. These measures also provide more security to potential buyers and are making surveying of properties easier.

It seems to be however a bit of confusion about what different entities are involved in property registration. In continuation we would like to point out the two important public registries.

## Land Registry (Registro de la Propiedad)

This public registry is in charge of registration of the ownership of real estate. It is a public administration, run by a registrar (Registrador). The registrar holds a lawyers title, who passed a public exam and was then appointed to run a registry. The registrar title is of public trust, but the registry itself is run like a private business entity.

In order to register a real estate property, first of all a public ownership title (Escritura) has to be produced. This is usually done through a notary (Notario) or a judge (Juez). Secondly, the corresponding transfer taxes have to be paid, before the deed can get access to the Land Registry. Once it is presented there, the personal at the registry check the deed on its content, legality and other legal imperatives or compliances. If everything is correct, they present the deed to the registrar, who then signs the transfer confirmation note. The deed can then be collected, after paying the corresponding fees. The registration process takes usual-



ly between 2 to 3 weeks, if no fault or mistake is found.

Please note, that the registration of property is voluntary and not obligatory. It is however recommended to do so, because of the legal security it provides. The surveying of a property usually starts by applying for a simple copy of the registration page (nota simple). This can be done through the internet or by going to the registry.

## Rates Registry (Catastro)

This public registry is the instrument of the government to generate the fiscal obligations levied on properties, i.e. tax implications. It also is the bases for generating the rates for the local administrations, i.e. town halls.

Please note, that the registration is also voluntary. However, if somebody doesn't register the change of ownership, it triggers tax complications for the previous owner, because the tax office and the local administrations will call on the registered person.

Ideally, both public registries should coincide, but reality shows different. In order to synchronize the data, a few measures have been introduced to facilitate this task. Firstly, the local administrations are held to review their data and notify those owners of property, whose data are not complete or fiscal

numbers (NIF) are missing. They then have to present a copy of their deed and their personal details, i.e. passport and NIF.

Secondly, the notaries are sending a copy of any public deed signed to the Chambers of Notaries of their province,

which then remits these to the corresponding authorities, i.e. tax office and the rates registry.

The synchronization is not only restricted to personal data, but also on details of the property, i.e. size of surface of plot or constructed areas, etc.. This aspect shows to cause problems, if there is a discrepancy of the registered details between the two registries. In some cases it could obligate the owner to contract an architect or similar professionals to rectify these discrepancies.

It should be in the interest of every real estate owner, resident or not, to have these registers in order, especially when wanting to sell.

The rates registry, as mentioned above, builds the base for various tax implications for property owners. It is especially important for owners, who are using their property as holiday home for themselves, family and friends. They have to pay the so-called "self-use" tax, which is based on the value of property provided by the rates registry. It is important to have all owners registered (in case of joint ownership), because if not so, tax returns are filed incorrectly and this could cause unwanted complications with the tax authorities. The correction of personal details doesn't usually entail great costs to do so.

If you are not sure, whether you registered details are correct, visit your local town hall or your fiscal adviser to find out.



# A Brief Guide to Property Purchase

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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## Central Southern Route La Geria

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

The young vines planted inside are covered with layers of porous black volcanic grains which feed them moisture and protect them from the harsh rays of the sun. They are sheltered from the constant Trade Winds by the semi-circular walls of dry volcanic rock above.

## Puerto Calero Marina

One of Europe's truly beautiful marinas in a magnificent setting which hosts international regattas. The bustling commercial area is enhanced by an open air Museum of Sculptures located among the landscaped pathways comprising 12 impressive pieces by important artists. Watch out for the Puerto Calero signpost on the main island road between Puerto del Carmen and Yaiza

## Yaiza and El Golfo

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

To the right a few kilometres along after the town is a sign to



*Puerto del Carmen Harbour*

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

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

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

## Playa Blanca Papagayo Beaches

Ten years ago a tiny fishing villa-

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

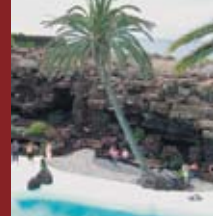
Close by along the headland to the east several paths lead to the magnificent PAPAGAYO BEACHES. Composed of several small bays and coves, many consider these golden sands to be the most beautiful in Spain.

## Marina Rubicón

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

## The Fire Mountains

Returning north on the main road turn left in YAIZA to MONTAÑAS DEL FUEGO, the FIRE MOUNTAINS, part of TIMANFAYA NATIONAL PARK. This region was devastated by intermittent volcanic eruptions over a six year period, 1730 - 1736. The scenery is both breathtaking and



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vividly awesome, a few hundred metres to the left a string of camels await passengers for a scenic ride round the rim of a volcano.

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

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

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

### Timanfaya Information

On exiting via the barrier turn left and after two kilometres watch out for the Timanfaya Visitors Centre on the left before Mancha Blanca. This is an excellent source of multi-lingual information about the Park and its volcanoes. Admission is free, open 7 days a week 09.00 - 16.45.

### Mancha Blanca

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

### El Monumento

Continue past Mancha Blanca to Tao, turn right until the next roundabout. The MONUMENTO AL CAMPESINO at the right of the



*Charco de San Gines, Arrecife*

road was one of the first creations of the late Cesar Manrique whose intention was to commemorate past generations of Lanzaroteans who stuck to their toil in the fields even after volcanic eruptions had devastated their most fertile land. These hardy early 18th century pioneers invented the irrigation method still in use throughout Lanzarote today. They had noticed that wherever an amount of black volcanic grains known as picon thrown out by the volcano had settled on fertile soil, some type of plant-life eventually emerged from the ground. Soon realising that the grains were porous, farmers began covering their fields with picon. The typical farm house contains a restaurant serving local cuisine. Nearby, the public can watch artisans create traditional arts and crafts which can be purchased in the souvenir shop. Open daily 10.00 - 18.00, restaurant 12.00 - 16 .30, bar 10.00 - 17.45.

### Wine Region

Turning right one enters Lanzarote's unique wine growing region. Each vine is planted in a deep pit and covered with layers of volcanic cinders, a semi-circular wall above serving as wind protection. The tableau of many hundreds of thousands of such pits is unique

in the world. One soon reaches the oldest winery in the Canary Islands, Bodegas El Grifo, which dates back to 1775, and whose very beautiful Wine Museum is open to the public. A sculptured griffon, the vineyard's trademark, stands above the entrance. The museum is located in the wine region road San Bartolomé-Masdache and opens daily from 10.30 - 18.00. Guided tours daily at 10.30 from Monday to Friday.

### San Bartolomé

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

### Tanit Ethnic Museum

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







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### Cesar Manrique Foundation

On the outskirts of town cross straight over the main Monument-Arrecife road until passing some ruins on a plateau to the left. Continuing downhill round a sweeping curve for a few hundred metres the imposing white gateway of the FUNDACION CESAR MANRIQUE appears on your left with its adjoining spacious parking area. The Foundation is housed in what was originally one of the world's most uniquely beautiful homes built by Cesar Manrique for himself and where he lived for over twenty years. Set in a sea of petrified lava and constructed on two levels by interlinking five volcanic bubbles, this residence has attracted journalists from the world's leading architectural magazines and as a work of art in its own right is certainly worth visiting.

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

### Museo Agrícola El Patio

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

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

### Northern Route Tegüise

The main road north from Arrecife leads to TEGUISE, the capital 18 Lancelot



*Haría countryside*

of Lanzarote for over 500 years until ceding the title to Arrecife in the middle of the last century. Moorish corsairs attacked this old town many times murdering, pillaging and carrying its inhabitants off into slavery. A small alley at the side of the church in the main square is called Sangre - Blood - on account of Christian blood flowing through the nearby streets on many occasions. Opposite, the SPINOLA PALACE fronted by two stone lions was the home of a wealthy 19th century merchant family which has been restored and is open to the public. Every Sunday and Public Holiday a market is held in and around the square.

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

### Piracy Museum Santa Bárbara Castle

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

A Piracy Museum is located in the medieval fortress with a wonderful array of interactive screens, panels and information boards with the names and histories of some of the most famous names of pirates and privateers in maritime history. British and North African buccaneers prowled the waters of

the Canaries in search of booty as well as attacking individual islands such as Lanzarote which suffered a series of devastating raids from the 16th until the 18th centuries.

The Pirates Museum open Monday to Friday 9.00 - 16.00

Sunday and Public Holidays 10.00 - 16.00. Closed Saturday.

### Timple Music Museum Palacio Spinola, Tegüise

This museum in the beautiful interior of the 19th century Spinola Palace is dedicated to the "timple" miniature guitar whose strident tones are known as the "The Sound of the Canary Islands." A timple is an integral part of every folklore group and the museum traces its evolution on the island since the start of the last century. Fifty-five instruments from all over world are on display, all of which create a similar sound to the "timple", the most well known of these is the Hawaiian ukelele. Open Monday to Friday 9.00 - 16.00 . Sunday and Public Holidays 9.00 - 15.00. Closed Saturday.

### Haría

The road north passes Los Valles an important agricultural village continuing past several laybys offering commanding views across to the opposite coast. Rounding some sharp curves cut through the cliffs the road descends to HARIA, nestling peacefully in the Valley of



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10,000 Palms. Reminiscent of a North African oasis the town was a spa for wealthy Canarians in the past. The Artesanal Market every Saturday 10.00 – 14.30 is rated 5 Stars by Trip Advisor; Arts & Crafts Workshop Mon-Sat 10-14.00, 16.00-20.00.

### Manrique House Museum

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

### Mirador del Rio

Continuing northward past Maguez village a road towards the cliff-top leads to Guinate Tropical Park. A short drive on the main road and you arrive at MIRADOR DEL RIO, a belvedere with breathtaking views of the straights below and islands out to sea. Open daily 10.00 - 18.00 hrs.

### The Green Caves

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

### Jameos del Agua

This large grotto harbouring an underground lake forms the last



### *Piracy Museum, Santa Bárbara Castle, Teguise*

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

### The Cactus Garden

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

### Arrecife

Continuing south the road leads past a white stone gateway leading to Costa Teguis, one of the three major tourist resorts on Lanzarote. Arriving at the capital ARRECIFE, home to half of the 70,000 inhabitants of Lanzarote, whose tree-lined promenades and SAN GINES

Lagoon are beautifully landscaped. A colourful street market takes place on the promenade every Wednesday selling traditional island arts and crafts among other items.

The main shopping area is in and around Calle Leon y Castillo which has a drawbridge at one end leading to SAN GABRIEL Castle, the Arrecife History Museum. A drive around the NAOS fishing harbour past some abandoned windmills leads to another medieval fort, CASTILLO SAN JOSE, whose 18th century interior was converted by Cesar Manrique in 1974 to house the International Museum of Contemporary Art. Open daily 11.00 - 21.00 hrs. On the lower floor an excellent restaurant with panoramic views out to sea. Open daily 10.00 - 01.00 hrs

### Marina Lanzarote

Just a short walk from the town centre along the seafront leads to the shops and restaurants of the luxury Marina Lanzarote, newly-opened in October 2014. A first class selection of shops and boutiques overlooking the colourful tableau of transatlantic yachts bobbing at their moorings await the visitors as well as dining facilities to suit every taste and every pocket, offering everything from local and international cuisine to smart snack bars and cafeterias.

### La Graciosa & Fuerteventura Car Ferry Service

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

The neighbouring island of Fuerteventura is only 12 minutes away by Fred Olsen and Naviera Armas car ferry with frequent crossings from Playa Blanca to Corralejo. Departure and arrival times are convenient for tourists wishing to spend a whole or half day on Lanzarote's sister isle.





# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Puerto del Carmen as a Tourist Resort

Most Beautiful Landscaped Seaside  
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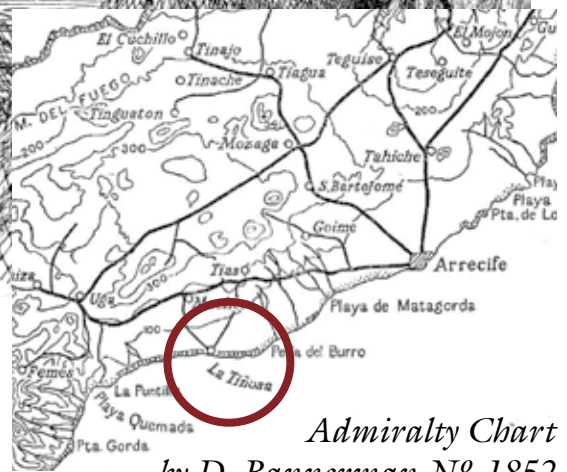
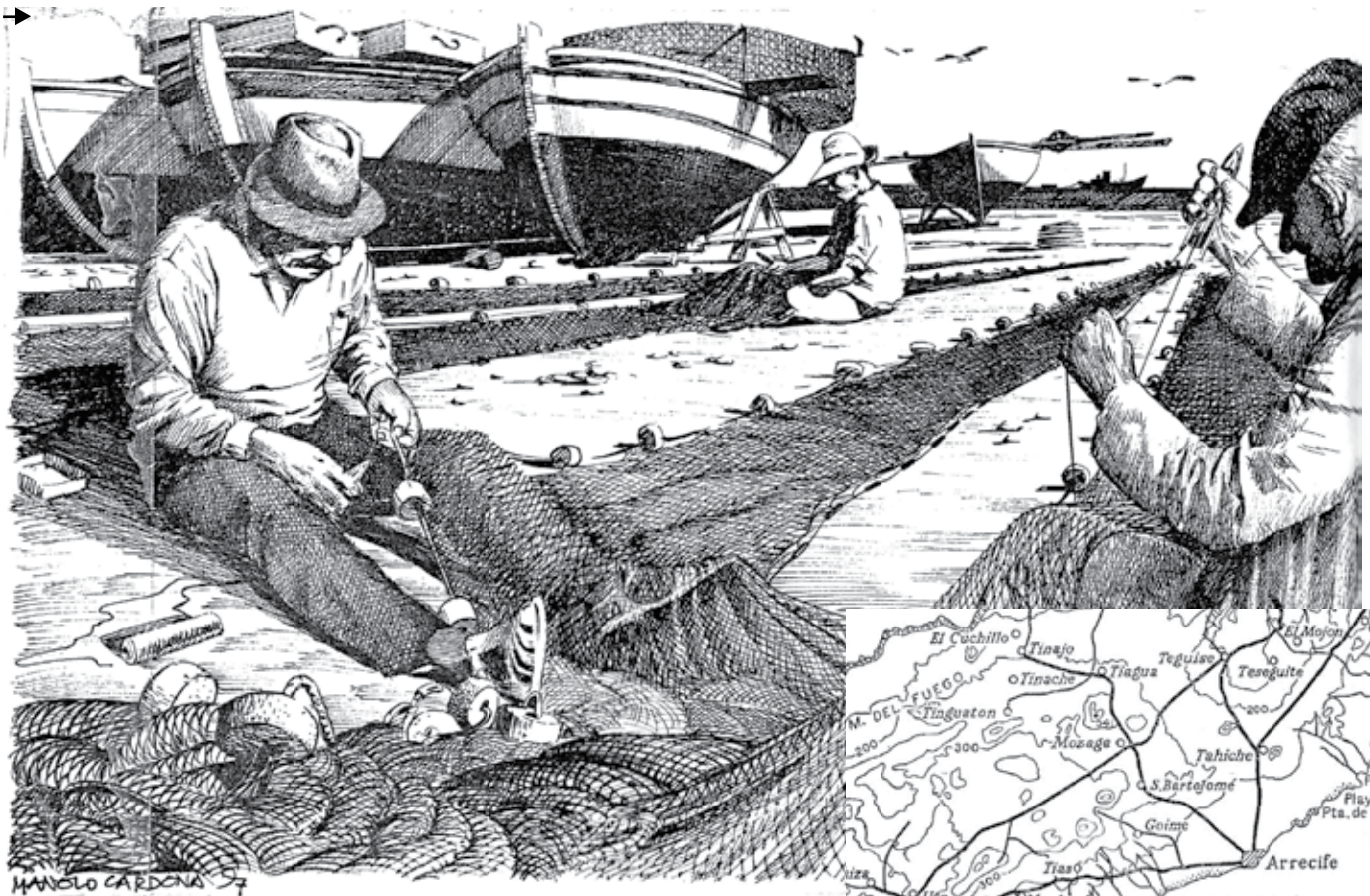
*Puerto del Carmen fishing  
harbour in 1966, before the  
advent of tourism*





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*Admiralty Chart  
by D. Bannerman N° 1852  
showing the Port of La Tiñosa before  
its name changed to Puerto del  
Carmen. It describes the surrounding  
area as 'cultivated'*

## 1435 Originally Named La Tiñosa

*The fishing village and harbour we now know as Puerto del Carmen in the Municipality of Tias, was originally called La Tiñosa (pronounced Tinyosa). The name occurs for the first time in 1435, only thirty years after the arrival of Juan de Bethencourt, who led the colonising expedition to Lanzarote and the other Canary Islands on behalf of the Kingdom of Castile in 1402.*

## 1446

According to historians, in 1446, the first governor of the island Sancho de Herrera, brought the statue of the Virgin of Candelaria from the island of Tenerife to the port of La Tiñosa on Lanzarote aboard his ship.

## 1591 & 1628

### **A Natural Harbour**

In the year 1591, Italian military engineer, Leonardo Torriani who had been commissioned to strengthen the defences of the Canary Islands due to frequent attacks by pirates, described La Tiñosa as a natural harbour. The harbour is next documented, when the galleon, Piedad, unloaded a cargo of corn at La Tiñosa in 1628.

## 1730-1736

### **Fire Mountains Erupt**

According to the writings of Bishop Danila, during the intermittent eruptions of the Fire Mountains from 1730 to 1736 many families moved away from the devastated areas and made their way to the coast of La Tiñosa where they built houses of stone.

## 1769-1794

### **The Barilla Plant Sodium Carbonate**

In 1769, La Tiñosa came into its own as a major port during the boom of the barilla shrub which grows in profusion along the coastline. The burnt out ashes of this salt-tolerant plant was the primary

source of soda ash i.e. sodium carbonate, the main ingredient used in the manufacture of glass and soap.

### **Highly Prized on the London Market**

England absorbed most of the Lanzarote crop which reached an annual production of 1,400 tonnes fetching a price of 33 pounds sterling per ton on the London market. A Lanzarote merchant sent samples of locally-grown barilla to an English chemist Benjamin Jennings for analysis who was very impressed by the high quality of the Lanzarote product. He gave precise instructions on how to cultivate and harvest the plant as well as to burn the dried leaves in order to obtain the precious ash for the manufacture of sodium carbonate.



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*Contracted & Agreed - This 15 day of September:*  
*in the year of our head 1794 with the Comm<sup>r</sup> for Victualling*  
*his Majesty's Navy for & on the behalf of his Majesty by us*  
*Cogan Pollard and Cooper of London Merchants*  
*Have we the hereby*  
*And we do hereby oblige ourselves to*  
*and seasonably to furnish at*  
*the place as shall come to our hands*  
*all such necessaries*

*John Cogan*




Where the leaves were crushed



The Cogan Coat of Arms

Contract dated 1794, Cogan, Pollard and Cooper were the principle exporters of barilla ash and rabbit fur from La Tiñosa to England through their offices in Tenerife. Courtesy author and historian Carlos Cologán Soriano, a direct descendent of the firm's senior partner

## 1760-1794

### Cogan, Pollard & Cooper

The final product was shipped from La Tiñosa to the London firm of Cogan, Pollard and Cooper who had a full order book for the Lanzarote product. An area of the coast adjoining the Playa Chica in Puerto del Carmen is still named "Paseo de la Barilla" to this very day because farmers would bring their dried out barilla to the rocks on the seashore to pound out the leaves before burning them.



*Sodium Carbonate is obtained from the ash of the barilla shrub*

## 1787-1791

### Rabbit Fur

#### "Conejo - Conejero"

An additional point of interest is that the London firm of Cogan, Pollard and Cooper were also the major importers of rabbit skins from the island for the makers of fur hats for the English market. Once again, the quality of the fur from Lanzarote rabbits was far superior

to that from any other source in Europe. These were also shipped via Tenerife to London, from La Tiñosa harbour until the end of the 18th century.

This is historically of major importance for it is the origin of how the people of Lanzarote became known as "conejeros," derived

from the Spanish word for rabbit "conejo." Apparently the shippers in Tenerife would refer to their Lanzarote counterparts as "conejeros" i.e. exporters of rabbit skins. The nickname is still affectionately used for anyone born on the Island.







*Canary Wharf  
in London Docks  
in 1936 with  
porters carrying  
Lanzarote toma-  
toes shipped from  
La Tiñosa*



**1920**

### **La Tiñosa**

In 1920, English ornithologist David Bannerman R.A. (1886-1979), arrived at La Tiñosa harbour from Fuerteventura as part of a trip round the Canary Islands researching nesting grounds of rare birds. His results are included in the monumental 12 volume work "Birds of the Atlantic Islands," which is still considered the major reference work on the subject.

### **"Packing Onions!"**

Bannerman vividly describes the scene upon coming ashore as follows: 'I do not think that I have ever seen so many people jammed into so small a space. These were not idle sightseers, but were all busily engaged in packing onions! Both men and women were at work – the men in every variety of costume, the women all wearing big straw hats.'

'Camels laden with onions lay about on the beach which was covered with crates, and these the



*Harvesting onions and packing them into crates*

women were packing and the men nailing up. Onions were even bobbing about in the waves, as if there had been a terrible shipwreck. The women were singing, children yelling and the men were hammering the crates closed which were then carried into a large shed to await shipment from La Tiñosa harbour.'

**1936**

### **La Tiñosa - Canary Wharf**

Before the advent of tourism in the 1980s the entire area of Puerto del Carmen and Macher had been devoted to agriculture. The majority of sites now occupied by hotels and apartment complexes were covered with fields of tomatoes and



onions most of which were exported to England from the ports of La Tiñosa and Arrecife. The vegetables were unloaded at Canary Wharf which was built in 1936 for Fred. Olsen Lines who imported a large volume of Canarian fruit and vegetables for the English market, especially during the winter months. Some eighty years later, Fred. Olsen still operate ferries connecting all the Canary Islands including frequent daily services between Lanzarote and Fuerteventura.

**1957**

### **La Tiñosa becomes Puerto del Carmen**

In 1957 the name of the villa in the Municipality of Tias was changed from La Tiñosa to Puerto del Carmen in honour of the Patron Saint of fishermen and sailors. A few years later in 1962, local historian Agustin de la Hoz (1926-1988) wrote in his seminal historical work "Lanzarote," "Some eight hundred people live in Puerto del Carmen nearly all of whom earn their living at sea. The shoreline consists of some 13 kilometres of unbroken beaches with clean white sand which are among the most beautiful natural attractions in the Canary Islands. The tranquillity of the area would attract tourists to the island if deck-chairs and umbrellas were placed on the beach as they are at Las Canteras in Las Palmas. I believe various some companies are planning to build hotels on the seafront'.

**1966**

### **First Tourist Hotel**

50 years ago, in October 1966, the start of tourism in the resort of Puerto del Carmen was marked by the opening of the 77-roomed Fariones Hotel. This three-storey establishment overlooking the beach was built by Vicente Calderón, Fernando Machado and Virgilio Suárez who received a subsidy of 14 million pesetas from the Spanish Ministry of Tourism. The first mentioned, Vicente Calderon, was the owner of Atletico Madrid Football Club, for



*Not a single asphalt road or building along the entire beach from the hotel to the airport in 1967, only a dusty track*



*The newly opened Fariones Hotel in 1967*



*Puerto del Carmen harbour in 1966*

whom its ground is still named. The hotel was bought by the Rosa Hotels Group, a pioneering local hotel and construction firm, in 1980. Over the next decade they expanded and refurbished the accommodation

as well as building a suite hotel and an apartment complex nearby. Also, a centrally located outdoor leisure centre with gym, tennis courts and swimming pool.





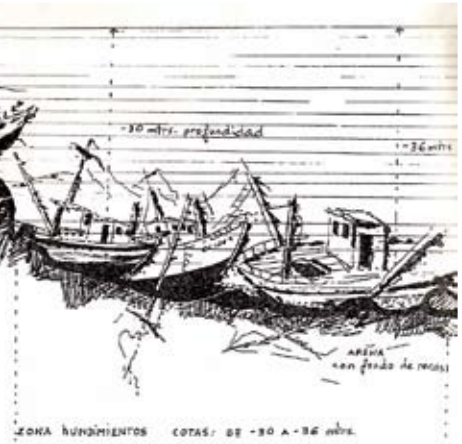
# Paseo de la Barilla – History Repeats Itself

1760-1790 **Barilla Ash**

1979-2016 **Scuba Diving**

Paseo de la Barilla at Playa Chica the pathway named for the export of the plant from 1760 to 1790, became the centre of scuba diving in the resort from 1979 until the present day.

Well over 120,000 diving enthusiasts holiday on Lanzarote each year and the island is ever becoming better known for its excellent diving facilities. The most popular diving centre is at Paseo de la Barilla, Playa Chica, Puerto del Carmen and a refurbishment is planned at a cost of 500,000 euros which has been approved by Spain's Coasts and Maritime Environment Department. The unpolluted waters of the Atlantic offer diverse visibilities of 20 metres or more. Several varieties of large fish can be seen, among them, barracuda, grouper, conger, tuna and rays.



*The diving pioneers who created Los Erizos: Luis Ibañez, Manolo Rodríguez, Prudencio Gúzman, Emilio Torvisco and Barbara Leggett. Above, Luis Ibañez shows the location of the sunken fishing boats seen in the sketch. Photos Luis Ibañez*

## Clubulanza Diving Club

It all began in November 1979 when a group of dedicated local divers belonging to Clubulanza, a dive club owned by Bob Wright - raised the alarm about entire forms of sea life being forced to abandon their traditional habitat from this section of the coastline due to nets, fish traps, increased commercial fishing and excursion craft. They were headed by Luis Ibañez who had designed the beach avenue in an honorary capacity.

## Los Erizos Marine Park

Luis Ibañez recounts, 'In order to attract back the flora and fauna which had abandoned the area we came up with the idea of lowering the remains of disused fishing boats on to the seabed as a protected underwater habitat which we called



*Crew members bid farewell to their former home afloat*

Los Erizos (sea urchins). We then set out to apply for the necessary permits.'

'The national and local authorities not only granted their approval, they also declared the area a protected Marine National Park, the first in the Canary Islands. Arrecife-based fishing fleets generously provided us with eleven vessels towed

by tugs to Los Erizos and sunk to a depth of 30 metres. This was quite an emotional occasion for the fishermen knowing they were sailing towards the final resting place of boats they had worked on for so many years. However, they were happy to know that the ships would be serving as a refuge for other inhabitants of the sea.'

# Through the Eyes of a Tourist

*“A wonderful hotel called Los Fariones in the middle of nowhere”*

Text and photography Manfred Welling

## 1968 Puerto del Carmen

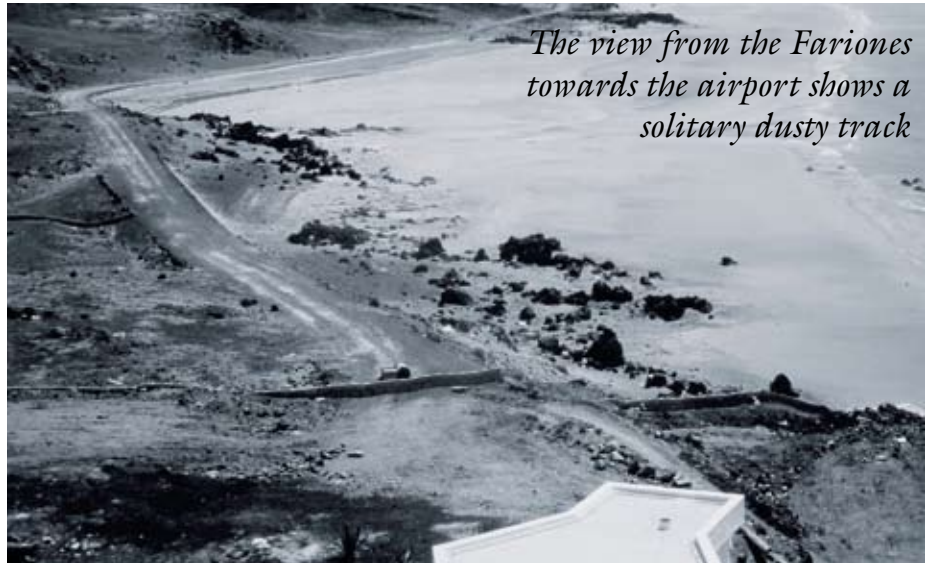
The author of the following report is Manfred Welling, an English tourist who stayed at the Fariones Hotel just two years after it first opened and subsequently visited the island 40 times over the next 26 years.

‘My wife and I first set foot on the island on 8 April 1968, after an eventful flight to Arrecife whose airport in those days consisted of just a few small buildings. There were no direct flights to the island and you had to change in Las Palmas for a tiny Fokker Friendship plane operated by Spantax to take you to Lanzarote. It was the start of a love affair that was to endure for 26 years and enrich our lives.’

## Absence of Tourists

‘Friends in the travel business had recommended the island as the ideal destination to go get some rest, which we both needed. We were told of this wonderful hotel called Los Fariones, in the middle of nowhere, and of an almost total absence of tourists. It sounded – and proved to be – perfect. As the coach took us to the hotel along a dirt track in a greyish brown landscape devoid of any signs of life, with the sea and a totally deserted beach on our left, we wondered what we’d let ourselves in for. There were about fifteen of us in the group and it was very much a journey into the unknown – none of us had ever been to Lanzarote before and had little or no idea of what to expect.’

‘Next morning we walked along that dirt track, which one day would become Avenida de las Playas, to see if we could discover any sign of life, which we did, in the form of a small house that said Banco de Bilbao about halfway to the airport. Not surprisingly, perhaps, it was shut. We then retraced our steps to investigate a small village near the hotel that we’d been told about, which



*The view from the Fariones towards the airport shows a solitary dusty track*



*Manfred Welling and his late wife Almut who visited Lanzarote 40 times over 26 years commencing in 1968*

most people still referred to as La Tiñosa, and which eventually became known as Puerto del Carmen.’

## First Hotel

‘In 1968 the Hotel Fariones, near the old village of Puerto del Carmen, consisted only of the main central building you can just about make out today. On one side there was a row of bungalows stretching towards the sea, in front the winding road that’s still there, but no other buildings. On the other side there was a deserted beach. There were about half a dozen taxis parked outside and a few donkeys standing in the sun waiting for people to make free use of what was quaintly called, “Donkeys for Back-Riding



*Signpost to Arrecife before the main roads were built*

in the Surroundings.” There were also a dozen or so flagpoles that somehow looked out of place.’

‘The hotel was only about two years old so that its gardens were still in a fairly embryonic state – and there wasn’t a palm tree in sight. The hotel entrance originally faced the road coming down the hill, which proved to be an unfortunate design decision, for one day in the mid-seventies, the heavens opened and a river of water came rushing down that road, demolishing the hotel doors, most of the reception area and ended up in the swimming pool. Which is why the entrance now faces sideways.’

‘None of Puerto del Carmen’s streets were asphalted. There were just two village shops’. ➔





## 1988 “Through the Eyes of a Tourist”

Following some 20 holidays on Lanzarote over the past three decades John and Sandra White were not aware of the surprise awaiting them on their most recent visit in February this year. When they reached the bottom of the steps following their arrival on a flight from Manchester, they were greeted by a huge sign which read “Welcome to our 6 Millionth Passenger” as well as an official reception in the arrivals hall by the airport management and the Lanzarote tourism authority.

### Pocillos Beach

The couple had been attracted to the Island following their very first holiday in a small rented villa at Pocillos beach in Puerto del Carmen in the late 1980s. John White said, “we originally expected Lanzarote to be very much the same as all the other Canary Islands we had visited but soon discovered that it had a unique charm all of its own. We returned to the resort ten more times.”

### 1970

### Yehudi Menuhin at the San Antonio Hotel

The second hotel to be built in Puerto del Carmen was the San Antonio, which belonged to Lanzaisis, a subsidiary of British and Commonwealth. Their first manager, Ramon Pajares later became Chairman of the Savoy Group of Hotels and Restaurants in London.

Among celebrities who signed the hotel’s visitors book in the early days was violin virtuoso Yehudi Menuhin and his sister, Hephzibah. During their stay they visited the Green Caves, Cueva de los Verdes, where Yehudi Menuhin, who had taken his violin with him, played snatches of a piece by Paganini in the central area where concerts are now held. During his impromptu concert for just the two of them his sister walked around the whole of the immediate area of the cavern and said that the acoustics were perfect in every single location.

# Cultural Aspects

*El Róbaló  
Wind Toy*



### César Manrique

A César Manrique sculpture, El Róbaló, is being installed in Puerto del Carmen at the final roundabout opposite Los Pocillos Beach and Los Jameos Playa Hotel. Measuring 11 metres in height, El Róbaló is a Wind Toy mobile sculpture by the artist which represents the sea and the fish. These works are an important part of César Manrique’s sculpture mobiles which can be found at several locations on the island, most particularly on the main road from Arrecife to Teguisse at the junction close to the Foundation named for the artist, as well as a second one in the grounds themselves.

*The mobile structure designed by César Manrique, creator of the island’s major tourist attractions, is destined for the beach avenue opposite the Jameos Playa Hotel*



### La Geria Wine Region

The houses and farms of the villages in the surrounding countryside of Macher, La Asomada, Conil and Tegoyo. are perfect examples of the traditional architecture of Lanzarote. They border the truly spectacular sight of the Lanzarote wine region, unique in the world. Known as La Geria, individual

plants are grown in a deep cavity which is then filled with porous volcanic ash granules and protected from the prevailing Trade Winds by a semi-circular wall of lava blocks. A photograph of this tableau taken by César Manrique is catalogued in the New York Museum of Modern Art as “Engineering without Engineers.”



*Architect Luis Ibañez honorary designer of the promenade*

### Pepe Dámaso

The famous Gran Canaria artist, Pepe Dámaso has donated 600 of his personal works of art to a local museum. A close friend of César Manrique over many years, Dámaso said, ‘it always gives me great pleasure to return to Lanzarote where so many happy memories are stored in my mind of my association with my irreplaceable maestro, César Manrique. Based on this artistic relationship I have selected the collection of my works destined for Tias District with great care. As I believe they portray differing facets of my artistic character.’



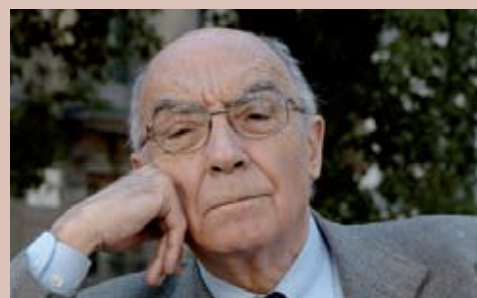
*Pepe Dámaso, well known artist from Gran Canaria*

### Luis Ibañez

Architectural designer and environmentalist Luis Ibañez, has left his artistic imprint permanently on Puerto del Carmen when he acted as honorary architect for the design and landscaping of the beautiful Avenida de las Playas at a time when it consisted of a narrow strip of pavement, cracked and broken in many places.

Back in the 1970s, Luis Ibañez had worked very closely with César Manrique on traditional architectural projects and in the establishment of El Almacén at Arrecife as Lanzarote’s first centre of culture.

His input was also significant for the sport of scuba diving which has, in the meantime, become very important for the tourist economy of the resort. Currently, over 120,000 divers now visit the island annually most of whom dive in Puerto del Carmen.



*Portuguese author, José Saramago*

### José Saramago Nobel Prize for Literature

The Museum House of author José Saramago, 1922-2010, is located in the village of Tias. Winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1998 the novelist chose to leave his native Portugal to live on Lanzarote, at the invitation of the César Manrique Foundation, for the final fifteen years of his life. He was named an Adoptive Son Of Lanzarote and of Tias Municipality.



### 1616 William Shakespeare

Shakespeare praises Canary Wines. Several Tias vineyards produce the famous Malvasia wine praised many times by William Shakespeare. To quote: Henry IV, “But, i faith, you have drunk too much Canaries, and that’s a marvellous searching wine” or, The Merry Wives of Windsor: “I will to my honest knight Falstaff, and drink Canary with him.” Other works include Love’s Labour’s Lost and Twelfth Knight. ➔



# 50th Anniversary



## 1985 The Most Beautiful Landscaped Beach Promenade in Europe “Through the Eyes of a British Resident”

### Artisan Skills

Travel journalists consistently describe the promenade in Puerto del Carmen as the most beautiful in Europe rating it above those at Cannes and Nice in the South of France. Monty Barnes, who was one of the first English residents to settle in Puerto del Carmen in the early 1980s, experienced the total transformation of the seafront from his home opposite the beach and wrote the following short report for a local publication.

‘It was obvious to the onlooker from the outset, that the Municipality of Tias was not interested in building the usual small wall that separates the sidewalk from the beach in dozens of resorts all over Spain and the rest of Europe. They were seeking a construction that would be true to Lanzarote, compatible with the environment, unique design-wise and register a cultural statement for the future. They were fortunate that the celebrated architect Luis Ibañez, offered his services as honorary adviser. Ibañez, who lives in Tias, had already garnered a European reputation for



*Cycling paths along the Beach Avenue. There are also 7 official Hiking Trails throughout the municipality*

his highly original futuristic design of marine planning for the development at Puerto Calero and was known to have worked closely with César Manrique when the late artist was preparing his major work about the unknown architecture of the island entitled “Lanzarote – arquitectura inédita.”

Barnes continues: ‘If you examine the pathways and landscaping of the beach avenue with an objective eye you will see that the local inhabitants have considerable skills in design, decoration and building.

There is a touch of the ancient about some of the wall construction because all the rock is local; the colour difference is amazing ranging from pitch-black to copper or bronze. The labyrinthine pebble decoration must be on the grandest scale ever attempted in a holiday resort and the work force from the local Town Hall are doing an excellent job.’

‘Mostly below eye level there are galleries, patios, arbours, sudden staircases, inclines and levels at all angles which are exciting and full of hidden surprises. A team of garde-





*The harbour as seen from the landscaped scenic route. The start of the hiking trail to Puerto Calero*

ners tend the glorious flower beds and the hundreds of palm trees. This promenade is a major work of art and a tribute to superb craftsmen.’

### **Beauty of the Beach Avenue**

The landscaped beach promenade offers stroller a long walk among beautiful scenery and is equipped with comfortable benches at regular intervals and is well illuminated at night. Many hundreds of thousands of visitors have enjoyed the breathtaking sight of the sun setting behind the volcanic range of mountains to the south whilst walking along the shorefront.

### **The Oldest Tourist Resort**

Since the advent of tourism half a century ago, Puerto del Carmen, which belongs to the Municipality of Tias, has consistently been the most popular tourist destination on Lanzarote. There is accommodation for every taste and every pocket with facilities and amenities that make a holiday both enjoyable and relaxing. Modern hotels and apartment complexes can be found all along its 13 unbroken kilometres of golden sands as well as in nearby streets with not a single skyscraper or advertising hoarding to be seen. Alongside are hundreds of restaurants, shops, cafeterias and bars and a very modern shopping mall within easy reach of most tourist accommodation. Rural tourism can also be enjoyed in the outlying towns and villages.

### **El Varadero Harbour**

The fishing harbour in the village which gave birth to the very



*The EU Blue Flag denoting purity of the seawater and excellence of the facilities flies over all beaches in Puerto del Carmen*

first houses in the area still remains the heart and soul of Puerto del Carmen. El Varadero, the main square is used for concerts and dances during fiestas and the Carnival and a variety of boat trips and excursions leave from the quay.

A flea market is held in the harbour every Friday from 10.00 – 14:00 hrs where local artisans display embroidery, basketwork, ceramics,

jewellery and ceramics besides local cuisine and tapas.

### **Modernisation Programme**

Over the past two years, the Ayuntamiento of Tias has introduced a robust modernisation programme to upgrade and refurbish hotels and apartment complexes with strict adherence to conservation of the environment. Due to their eco-friendly and hospitable business practises many establishments belong to the exclusive Biosphere Reserve category and are members of the Asolan, the Association of Lanzarote hotels. In tandem with the upgrade of accommodation the local council is engaged in sprucing up the infrastructure by widening and landscaping roads and pavements as well as ensuring access for the physically challenged. Other allied tourist related companies are represented by Aetur, the Federation of Lanzarote Tourist Businesses.

### **Blue Flags on the Beaches**

Adults and children swim in the sea and play on the sands in the all year round spring climate safe in the knowledge that the Blue Flag of the European Union flying over all the resort’s beaches means that the sea is tested for purity every fortnight and that the beaches conform to the highest safety and cleanliness standards as well as providing all facilities and amenities required under EU legislation.

### **Sustainable Tourism**

On the ecological side, Tias Council is proud to have supported







the building of the very first 'Bio-climatic' house in the whole of the Canary Islands. This energy-efficient prize-winning house reduces pollution by having natural catchments to collect rainwater and dew.

### 1992 **First Ironman Lanzarote Triathlon**

In May 1992, the very first Ironman triathlon took place on Lanzarote with start and finish on the Puerto del Carmen beach avenue. The event was the brainchild of Kenneth Gasque who had competed in the race on Hawaii and thought it would be ideal for Lanzarote. It was the very first extreme endurance event of its kind held in the Canary Islands. Ironman Lanzarote now attracts close to 2,000 triathletes annually compared to the few hundred who participated during the early years and is considered by many to be the best extreme event of its kind on the world circuit.

### **Sports Activities**

The resort of Puerto del Carmen, is home to a large variety of sports allowing activity minded vacationers to base their whole holiday around them. Go to their website for up to date information on athletics, running, cycling, hiking trails, marathons, diving, windsurfing, sai-



*Founder and Race Director Kenneth Gasque has been organising Ironman Lanzarote since 1992. The triathlon starts and finishes on the beach avenue*

ling, high seas fishing, tennis, golf, gymnastics, horse riding and karting. An 18-hole par 72 golf course is located close by. For up to date information visit [ayuntamientode-tias.es](http://ayuntamientode-tias.es) or the Tourist Information Offices on the beach avenue and in the harbour.

### **Local Festivals**

Local fiestas throughout Tias Municipality are enlivened by singers and dancers in traditional costumes as well as folklore fairs displaying local arts and crafts. The most important is the 10 day Fiesta del Carmen in August when visitors can enjoy folk dancing singing and fi-

reworks, wrestling bouts and other sporting contests. On the last Saturday of the fiesta a flotilla of boats, led by a trawler bearing an effigy of the Virgin of Carmen and adorned with flowers and palm fronds, puts to sea from the fishing harbour following a service in the church. Spring and winter are enlivened by the striking costumes and elaborate floats of the February (or March) Carnival procession of floats which makes their way along the beach avenue based on local traditions.

### **St Patrick's Day 17 March**

The Wearing of the Green on St Patrick's Day is honoured on the





*The golden sands of Playa de los Pocillos*



*Playa Chica, the most popular diving site on the island*



*Wearing traditional Lanzarote costumes at a fiesta*



*Brits celebrating St George's Day*



island and the celebrations in Puerto del Carmen are considered by the Irish to be the best of any country in the EU, outside the Emerald Isle. In fact, Irish holidaymakers have voted Lanzarote the “Best Sun and Sea Destination in Europe” for 14 years running at the annual Holiday World Fair in Dublin.

### **Home to Many Expatriates**

Puerto del Carmen is also the area to which most expatriates retire and the most popular choice for a holiday home among those still working. The resident foreign community includes many families bringing up young children happy for them to grow up in a peaceful environment offering excellent educational facilities where the sun shines for twelve months each year. The Canaries were known throughout history as the Fortunate Islands and that also refers to those fortunate enough to reside here nowadays.



*Irish holidaymakers have voted celebrations of St Patrick's Day in Puerto del Carmen as the best in Europe outside of Ireland*



*Puerto del Carmen Carnival*

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# A Tribute to Local Businesses for Creating a Thriving Economy

## *How it all began*

In celebrating the 50th anniversary of Puerto del Carmen as a tourist resort we wish to throw the spotlight over the following pages on companies who pioneered the high standards of services, amenities and facilities which allowed the resort to become one of the most recognised tourist destinations in Europe. It is important to pay tribute to hotels, restaurants, realtors, car hire firms and sports organisations among others, who have developed, modernised and upgraded, their companies over the past five decades - some more recently than others - into thriving and robust enterprises serving both holidaymakers and residents. In tandem with the promotion work of the Ayuntamiento of Tias and Tourism Lanzarote, this has resulted in the percentage of repeat holidaymakers to Puerto del Carmen to be rated amongst the highest in Europe.



*Puerto Del Carmen before the advent of tourism*



*Photo courtesy Joe Hassan*





**Hibiscus Hotel Group \*\*\* \*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\***  
**1984**

**General Manager Alberto Reyes**

In 1984, the Beistegui Family, proprietors of Hibiscus Hotels, made their first investment in Puerto del Carmen with the purchase of Apartamentos los Dragos at a time when just over 300,000 tourists came to Lanzarote. Two years later in 1986 the company built Apartamentos Floresta, comprising 157 flats and sold Los Dragos, in the meantime the amount of holidaymakers had increased by over 25% annually with tourists from the UK rising to over 100,000 for the first time.

In 1988, Hibiscus built the 187-roomed Apartho-

tel Las Costas on Pocillos Beach and three years later purchased the Lanzarote Village complex close to Avenida Las Playas from Norwegian tour operator Saga Tours. In 1985 the company bought Bahia Surf adjoining Floresta to arrive at a combined total of 242 units.

In 2005, the Beistegui family embarked on a total refurbishment and modernisation programme in Puerto del Carmen commencing with Hotel Las Costas which re-opened in 2006 as a 4 Star establishment; Floresta was upgraded to 3 Stars and Lanzarote Village to 4 Stars.

Following 30 years of investment in the quality tourist sector of Lanzarote - especially in Puerto del Carmen, the Hibiscus Hotel Group has plans to build a 5 Star hotel, due to open in 2018.



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## Hotel Fariones \*\*\*\* 1966

General Manager: Javier Suárez

The Fariones Hotel is a permanent symbol of being the very cradle of tourism for Puerto del Carmen and the whole of Lanzarote when it opened its doors fifty years ago in 1966. It was the starters pistol for the development of the tourist resort and the Fariones bar became the centre of the social life of visitors. Above average quality of service and attention to the well being and satisfaction of clients were de rigeur from

the word go with a very high percentage of return visitors especially for Christmas and New Year, some guests have done so for over three decades. Another of the memorable assets of the hotel was its hospitality towards local British residents when it hosted their monthly meetings with Las Palmas Consulate officials and was also often the accommodation of choice of British Ambassadors and embassy staff on their visits to the Island. The hotel has

been the recipient of major honours from the Regional and Insular Governments and international tour operators for conservation of the environment practises in the everyday running of the hotel. A 5 star luxury upgrade is planned for the near future.



## The Birth of Ironman by Kenneth Gasque 1984

In 1984, one year after my wife Annelie and I arrived on Lanzarote, I participated in Ironman in Kona, Hawaii and managed to finish the race. Because I very much enjoyed the experience, it occurred to me that as Lanzarote had almost identical volcanic features to Hawaii why not stage the event on this island. When I approached the directors of Ironman they told me that the rights for Euro-

pe were owned by Detlef Kühnel of Germany, the only country on the continent which had ever staged an Ironman triathlon at that time.

On my return I contacted him and purchased the franchise for Lanzarote and then received organisational and promotional advice from Ironman headquarters who announced that winners of each category of the Lanzarote triathlon would automatically qualify for the next Ironman on Hawaii.

My next step was to devise a route for the three disciplines; a 3.8 km swim in the ocean followed by 182.2 km on a bike and finally a 42.2 km run, the marathon distance. (Except that marathon athletes start the race a little fresher than Ironman participants!) Finally, I sought a suitable location for the start and finish of the race and decided on the beach avenue in Puerto del Carmen. The first Ironman Lanzarote took place on 22 May 1992.



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## Lanzarote Golf 2008

Director José Salces de León

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**Los Jameos Playa \*\*\*\* 1970**  
**General Manager: Beate Reber-Sekula**

In 1970, only four years after the start of tourism on Lanzarote, Theo Gerlach, a successful German property developer, went on holiday to Gran Canaria and fell in love with the Canary Islands at first sight. He immediately purchased three plots upon which he built two 4 star and one 5 star hotel. Thereby, a seed had been planted which would lead to his opening Los Jameos Playa Hotel some twenty-two years later in Puerto del Carmen in 1992 managed by his son Gregor and daughter Anouchka.

It consisted of six buildings in the traditional architectural style of the island based on the principles laid down by César Manrique. Located opposite the golden sands of Los Pocillos beach, the 4 star establishment was among the resort's first five top grade hotels. On 24 October 2014, the hotel celebrated its 20th birthday. Now known as Seaside Resort Hotels, the group have received multiple awards for client's satisfaction, conservation of the environment and philanthropy. →



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## Cabrera Medina 1967 General Manager Mamerto Cabrera

A carpenter by profession, Mamerto Cabrera Medina born in Macher in 1925, decided to open Lanzarote's first car hire firm in Calle Cuba, Arrecife with just five cars. Many people doubted the wisdom of entering this business on a scantily populated island with no tourists and saw no future in it. The beginning was very difficult but Mamerto Cabrera was dedicated to making a success of his business by working very hard always

supported by his wife Nieves Cabrera Camejo and with the advent of tourism, by their four children, Nieves, Pedro, Mamerto and Ángeles. The first offices opened in Puerto del Carmen in the early 1980s.

Almost 50 years later, in 2016, following several expansions and acquisitions, Cabrera Medina have 1,000 employees and run a fleet of 10,000 vehicles for their 60 car hire offices throughout the Canary Islands.

Cabrera Medina has received the highest awards and gold medals for services to tourism, including first



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## Aequora Lanzarote Suites \*\*\*\* 1986

Director: Victor Reboll

In 1986, when tourism was on the increase in Puerto del Carmen, Francisco Manrique arrived on the island from mainland Spain and bought a plot of land to build an apartment complex in a beautiful location next to Los Pocillos Beach. Almost three decades later, his daughter, proprietrix, Ascensión Manrique, decided she wanted to take the establishment to the highest possible level as a tribute to her parents and invested 17 million euros in a total redevelopment and upgrading of the premises.

The fruit of her labours plus the support and hard work of her dedicated and professional staff helped the dream of Ascensión Manrique come to full fruition with the opening of the resort's first upgraded

4 Star suites hotel just over one year ago. At the inauguration, the Mayor of Tias, in the presence of his Councillors and Canary Government Executives, described the establishment as a perfect example, a role model, for the Modernisation Programme of Puerto del Carmen, offering the amenities and facilities to meet the demands of the holiday market.

Hotel bars include the Atlantida in the lobby, the Coral at the pool, the Nautilus in the disco and the Blue Bar in the Chill Out zone which stays open till late at night. The spacious Spa and Wellness area offers cosmetic and beauty treatment plus mud, algae-pack and wine or chocolate therapies.



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## Líneas Marítimas Romero 1930

**Director: Luis Padrón**

Watching a highly modern Líneas Marítimas Romero trawler lowering sculptures into the sea on the day of the inauguration of Museo Atlántico created by Jason deCaires Taylor earlier this year, one never would have imagined that the origins of this company date back almost nine decades.

In 1930, Jorge Toledo, with just one rowing boat, set up Naviera Toledo to carry mail between La Graciosa and Lanzarote once every 10 days which developed into a ferry service between Orzola and Caleta del Sebo. Forty years later he handed the business over to his son in law Juan Romero Morales, the husband of Juana, his daughter. With growing tourist interest in visiting La Graciosa, additional vessels were purchased and on the death of Juan Romero in 2002, ownership of the shipping line passed to his four children Luis, Juan Jorge, Federico and Rosa. They have expanded, innovated and diversified services for tourists over the past 15 years by introducing inter-insular sailings between Lanzarote and Fuerteventura, half and full day excursions and a waterbus service Puerto del Carmen-Puerto Calero-Playa Blanca.

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## La Isla y el Mar \*\*\*\* 1968

Director Concha Saavedra

The Martinez family were one of the earliest pioneers of tourism in Puerto del Carmen when they built the Balcon del Mar Apartments in 1968 and were among the very first developers of quality holiday homes along the Avenida de las Playas and in the area behind. Almost four decades later José Martínez was again among the first to embrace the Ayuntamiento de Tias modernisation programme with the total refurbishment and upgrading of his family's first tourist premises. The renamed La Isla y el Mar Boutique Hotel opened in October last year following a 7.8 million euro facelift.



The inauguration was attended by the Canary Government Tourism Councillor, the Lanzarote Cabildo President and the Mayor of Tias among other authorities. At Fitur 2016 La Isla y el Mar was voted among the 10 Best Sustainable and Upgraded Hotels in Spain. The hotel was awarded a further prize for the use of Renewable Energy and considered a perfect example of harmony between modern design and sustainable tourism.

La Isla y el Mar has 75 Suites, 5 Deluxe Suites (with two bedrooms) and 1 Premium Suite (loft style) with modern furnishing and terraces staggered to overlook the Atlantic Ocean. The traditional island architecture style is preserved within the smart modern design by the use of recycled Lanzarote stone throughout the grounds. ➔

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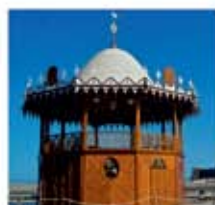




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## **Panorama Apartamentos 1970** **Director Rosa Riverol**

In the early 1970s these premises were among the first tourist establishments to be built in Puerto del Carmen. The owners received a grant from the Health Ministry of the Norwegian Government to adapt the complex for use as a medical facility for people suffering from skin disease (psoriasis). In fact, the very first international charter flight to land at Lanzarote airport was in 1970 when a Boeing 737 carrying 118 passengers arrived from Oslo.

In the 1990s, the Panorama complex was sold and converted into apartments but the majority of clientele continued to be Norwegian. In 2013, Autos Riverol, a local family-owned company who are the proprietors of the P-Can petrol station in Tias, purchased Apartamentos Panorama. They have upgraded all facilities and amenities as part of a total modernisation programme to meet the highest standards demanded by the present day quality tourist market.



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### Pizzeria Capri 1985

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## Aloe Vera Lanzarote 2008

In 2008, Juan Maldonado started "aloe Vera Lanzarote" on Avenida de las Playas in Puerto del Carmen where he now has since opened a second branch. In addition to in store one can also shop on line for his vast range of natural products which are all registered on the Cosmetic Products Notification Europa Portal to meet the latest legislative requirements of the EU and carry a Warranty Seal.

Customers are delighted at the professional attention and advice they receive from the staff especially when learning that leading herbal experts believe that pure Aloe Vera products cultivated from Lanzarote are the best on the market. Juan Maldonado cultivates his aloe plants in the regions of La Geria and Haria where the climate is most suitable for their growth because of nutrients in the soil. Another point worth emphasizing is the trouble the shop takes to gift-wrap purchases clients wish to take home as gifts or souvenirs or to have shipped to anywhere in the world.



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**Costa Sal Villas and Suites**  
**\*\*\*\***  
**1986**

**Director Gustavo Cabrera**

Originally the entire area in and around the Costa Sal Villas and Bungalows consisted of 400,000 m2 of salt ponds which is the origin of the name. Costa Sal opened in 1986 with 126 units, consisting of one and two-bedroomed apartments and bungalows. In the year 2000 there was a major refurbishment and the resort was expanded to 165 units consisting of villas, luxury villas with hot tubs, bungalows and one and 2-bedroomed suites and two pool areas.

Following the modernisation and upgrade and now called Costa Sal Villas and Suites, the complex was awarded 4 Stars this year. According to the management, TripAdvisor has rated the resort in the top two positions of all hotels on the island and No. 5 out of 13,600 in all the Canary Islands. The facilities are always being upgraded leading to a large percentage of repeat guests some of



whom come several times a year. For them, Costa Sal is their Home from Home. Nightly entertainment in the bar and supervised kids club during school holidays. Self-catering option or half board. Costa Sal is de-

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## Nautilus

Lanzarote \*\*\*\* 1988

Director Leda Giordano

Founded in 1988, Nautilus Lanzarote in Puerto del Carmen, has undergone a total refurbishment and modernisation programme upgrading all its facilities including the addition of 600 works of art. The complex has evolved into a unique category of establishment catering for the total comfort of the physically-challenged; a tranquil retreat tastefully designed for anyone involved in the arts from painters and sculptors to film producers; as well as ensuring conservation of the environment through the use of renewable sources of energy for heating, lighting and operating the swimming pool. Nautilus was considered an exemplary Case Study at the 2015 World Summit of Sustainable Tourism.



## La Cañada 1985

La Cañada Restaurant which has been awarded the Michelin star, and the Sicted Distinction of Quality from the Spanish Government, has continued to enjoy an excellent reputation since opening in 1985. Family run by Manuel Cabrera and his son Rubén, with a first class menu for connoisseurs of fine dining, offering an assortment of delicious tapas on display upon entering the establishment. Specialising in Spanish, international and local cuisine with an excellent variety of meat and fish dishes including baked lamb or lamb cutlets from the wood-burning grill. In addition, a comprehensive wine list of local and international wines and a delectable choice of desserts. Centrally located a minute from the beach avenue in Calle César Manrique. Open daily from 12.00 to midnight.




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*Asolan President Susana Pérez*

Founded in 1992, Asolan is now associated with 120 hotels and apartment complexes representing 35,000 tourist beds, which comprise 75% of the island's tourist accommodation.

Asolan's principle objectives are assisting their members keep abreast with tourism innovation especially the latest technology developments, training staff to retain knowledge and develop skills and quality standards, sustainability and conservationist business practices as well as legal advice. They advise their members on the use of renewable energy, eco-friendly LED lighting, thermal pool covers and to encourage holidaymakers to reduce consumption of gas, electricity and water. Asolan is also actively involved in legislation for holiday and urban letting legislation.

Hotel and apartment proprietors who are members of Asolan are very much aware that in today's competing markets, the concept of sustainability as a resource development and management philosophy is permeating all levels of policy and practice relating to tourism and that Lanzarote must remain in the forefront in the area of conservation. Sensitivity to the environment has rapidly become a major component of international tourism marketing strategy. The important message to



*Susana Pérez with the members of the executive*

holidaymakers must be that the environment must be nurtured, modified and protected for future generations and that visitors to Lanzarote can play a very important role in ensuring it's preservation hand in hand with the local population.

Asolan members play an active role in the promotion of the tourist sector in conjunction with Spel Overseas Tourism by attending the major international trade fairs. Members also advocate Sustainable Tourism at ecology forums by informing the tourist sector about

the island's conservationist policies as a World Biosphere Reserve. Their strong campaigning on behalf of Lanzarote Sustainable Accommodation (known by the acronym GAS [www.lanzarotesustainable.com](http://www.lanzarotesustainable.com)) promoting ecological and social values, was recognised by the award of the Canarian Government "Medal of Tourism Excellence" and the Insular Cabildo "Isla de Lanzarote Trophy." The Association also supports humanitarian and charitable causes and the Sara Animal Protection organisation.





## KC Properties 1985

Resident on Lanzarote since 1984, Kevin Roper with his wife Claudine, began selling properties to tourists in Puerto del Carmen centred around the Avenida de las Playas. He recalls explaining to prospective clients that all local architecture was traditional based on the principles of César Manrique and as they had been already been impressed by the magnificent Tourist Centres they were delighted to find out that the design of their new home had been influenced by the same artist. Kevin considers himself privileged to have witnessed what had essentially been a small fishing village develop into a “paradise island,” the destination of choice of millions of tourists as well as for statesmen and leading personalities from all over Europe. KC Properties were also involved in developing and marketing quality homes as well as letting luxury villas in up-market areas of Puerto



del Carmen and elsewhere. Kevin and Claudine have raised a lot of money for local charities holding garage sales in their own home. Their two children were educated

at local schools, Olivier, who graduated as a solicitor and is a local councillor, works in the estate agency and his sister Sabine graduated as a paediatrician.

## Shopping Pleasure and Leisure for the Whole Family

### Biosfera Plaza 2002

**Director María José Ortega**

Inaugurated in 2002 in the centre of downtown Puerto del Carmen and considered the best shopping mall on Lanzarote, Biosfera Plaza offers an exciting range of over 40 stores carrying the very latest Spanish and international summer fashion. Among them Zara, Guess, Desigual, Levis, Timberland, Bershka, Sfera, Pull & Bear, Oysho, Blanco and Footlocker.

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## 1975

The members of Aetur Federation of Lanzarote Tourist Businesses operate companies involved in leisure activities, restaurants and bars, coach and boat excursions, travel agencies and tour operators, rural tourism as well as schools for surf and kite surf. An Aetur representative sits on the board of every major insular and regional tourist promotion and business committee. The Federation is working to help the owners of Holiday Lets in Tourist Areas or of Vacation Homes in Urban Areas to regularise their legal situation.

Members elect a president and a board which consists of a representative from each association. Their aim is to protect, defend and improve the activities of their members through a team of experienced experts. Among other activities, Aetur offers professional legal advice and combats unfair trade practises affecting its members.

**Aetur offers comprehensive advice for starting up new Tourist Sector businesses in the Canary Islands; the required legal obligations for registration with the Hacienda and Social Security; Employment and Self-Employed assessment, as well as guidelines for quality and standards.**

In 2015, Aetur, in conjunction with the members of the Buco Schools and Dive Centres Association introduced the 1st Lanzarote Scuba Festival at Playa Chica beach and El Fondeadero Hall, Puerto del Carmen. This year's event held in mid-May entitled "Sharks and Volcanos," included talks on the importance of the eco-system in local waters and how to behave when coming face to face with a shark. On the final day, divers visited the Museo Atlántico Underwater Sculpture Park at Playa de las Coloradas.



*Victoriano Elvira, the current President, was co-founder of Aetur in 1979*



*A group of divers affiliated to Buco Dive Centres, both in the water and on land at Playa Chica during the Lanzarote Scuba Festival*



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# Hospiten Lanzarote Established 1999

Founder and President of Hospiten, Pedro Luis Cobiella, received the Gold Medal of the Canarian Government in 2007, for his "Important Contribution to Tourism." Hospiten Lanzarote is a modern private hospital in Puerto del Carmen, Lanzarote. The hospital is equipped with the latest technological means, and works with leading Spanish and international health insurance companies.

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Clinical Neurophysiology, Gynecology and Obstetrics, Dentistry, Ophthalmology, ENT, Pediatrics, Traumatology and Orthopedic Surgery, and Urology.

Healthcare activity at Hospiten Lanzarote includes more than 10,000 emergency cases and around 850 surgical interventions a year. In the Canary Archipelago the Hospiten Group has another four medical-hospital centers in Tenerife and yet another two in Gran Canaria. The group also owns MD Anderson Cancer Center in Madrid, a hospital in the Malaga area of Estepona and a specialty center in Algeciras, Cadiz, in addition to another nine centers in the Dominican Republic, Mexico and Jamaica.

## Lanzarote Investments 2001

John and Gemma Killeen opened their first office in Matagorda, Puerto del Carmen in 2001, having started dabbling as a web-based property company generating leads for estate agents before local realtors started marketing on the internet. Joined by solicitor Marcos Gubern, they moved to a more central area in the resort in 2005 before opening a front line office on the Avenida de las Playas in 2009. John says that almost all clients were in the market for a holiday home suitable to move to when retiring a few years down the road. In 2013 the firm opened an office in Playa Blanca with a view to opening two more branches before the end of June in Puerto Calero and at Playa



Bastian, Costa Teguisse. The administration for all five branches will be handled at Costa Teguisse as it is closest to Arrecife, where all the notaries and the central property re-

gistry are located. With a team of eight sales staff and four administrators, John claims that the firm will be the largest Independent Estate Agents on the Island.



## Spar Supermarkets 1954

The González Viera family, Francisco, Nemesio, Juan, Nieves and Concha (who were later joined by their children), opened their first supermarket in Arrecife in 1954, and now have 28 stores on Lanzarote, 6 of them Eurospars. They were originally called Marcial, the name of their father. When its first branch in a tourist resort opened in 1972 at C/ Doramas close to the Beach Avenue in Puerto del Carmen most complexes and villas which now stand in that area had not yet been built and the vast majority of their clientele were holidaymakers from abroad and the supermarket had to adjust to their needs.

But right from the beginning, the staff at Marcial supermarkets were friendly, building up a relationship with their customers as well as stocking up on items their shoppers from the UK, Germany and Scandinavia, as well as from other European countries, were asking for. The Spar grocery group



has gradually expanded going from strength to strength and have diversified into other areas including a leading shopping mall and a major hotel and now number among the leading retail businesses in

the Canary Islands. But Spar have always maintained their reputation for an excellent selection of fresh food at competitive prices coupled with first class customer service in all their 28 outlets. →

An advertisement for Spar supermarkets. The background is a light green gradient. In the foreground, a green bicycle is shown from the handlebars down to the front wheel. A wicker basket is attached to the front of the bicycle, overflowing with a variety of colorful flowers, including purple, yellow, and pink daisies. The text is arranged in several red banners with white text. At the top left, a banner says "SO THAT YOU". A larger banner across the middle says "SAVE ON EVERYTHING". To the right, another banner says "EXCEPT YOUR HAPPINESS". At the bottom left, a white box contains the text: "Spar supermarkets: Playa Blanca, Mácher, y Puerto del Carmen Costa Teguisse, Playa Honda, Arrecife". At the bottom right, the Spar logo (a green tree inside a circle) is next to the word "SPAR" in white on a red background. Below the logo, the slogan "Always by your side" is written in black. Small flower icons are scattered around the bottom right area.



## Real Estate Lanzarote 1985

Bill Brown and his family first became familiar with Lanzarote as scuba diving and water sports enthusiasts using the facility of Bob Wright's dive school at La Tiñosa harbour, the first on the island. Small wonder that when he later opened his Real Estate Lanzarote office in the village only a stone's throw away, he was able to hang a "Gone Diving" sign on the door during the lunchtime break. Having reassured himself that his children would receive a good education on the island schools he moved his family to Lanzarote. As a former managing director of a large building company in the UK it was natural for Bill to turn to real estate as a profession because so many tourists he met in the harbour restaurants told him that they wanted to buy a holiday home on the island.

He recalls his first sale of a small one room bedroom apartment in a complex for around 10,000 pounds sterling – "indicative of property pri-



ces in the late 80s." His business expanded to developing and selling a unit of 75 bungalows and villas which were all sold within five weeks "those were the days!" Now retired, Bill be-

lieves that Lanzarote will continue to expand in popularity accompanied by a further growth of the holiday homes market. His business is now run by his son Nick Brown.

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### Director Celia Espino

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the treatment they receive from all the personnel at the complex.

A good example are a retired couple from Germany, Helmut and Doris Vries who have holidayed at Barcarola Club since 1997, twice a year, each time for 2 months! They say, "For us there is nowhere better to stay on the island. We feel as if we are in our own home, because of the friendliness of the staff led by the manageress Celia Espino. We love Lanzarote so much, and discover something new every time, we go to all the fiestas, and have posted over 100 videos on [www.youtube.com/hevrie](http://www.youtube.com/hevrie) "



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## Grupo Faycan 1972

Jerónimo Quevedo, founder of Grupo Faycan Car Hire, was one of the first major investors in the commercial life of Puerto del Carmen. For many years he represented Hertz, the world No. 1 on Lanzarote and the other Canary Islands. In tandem with the increase in tourism, the company expanded into the development and rental of holiday homes and commercial premises as well as restaurants, a travel agency, sports and souvenir shops. Their subsidiary Lanzafuerte, Supermercado de la Madera (Infasa) in Arrecife, the largest timber merchants on Lanzarote, specialise in kitchens, both designed and made to measure as well supplies of every type of wood, timber, laminated flooring and treated plywood.

Now managed by Yeriel Quevedo, the company has earned an excellent reputation among the foreign community over the past 30 years for the high quality of its products, reliability and first class customer service. The entire administration has recently been centralised in spacious premises under one roof adjoining the Lanzafuerte showrooms.



## ASG Interconsulting 1991

### Director Ángeles San Gregorio

In 1991, ASG Interconsulting Lawyers opened their offices in the old town of Puerto del Carmen, famous for its fishing traditions as La Tiñosa. They became known by local residents as the office "in the village" for having pioneered legal and fiscal advisory services for resident and non-resident members of the foreign community.

ASG started off in one room with a solicitor offering legal advice but gradually built up a solid clientele thanks to the loyalty of clients who were grateful for the solid advice they had received. The firm has grown steadily in the areas of property conveyance, foreign investments and transfers of lease and have established close links with legal offices in London and Dublin, and, on the Spanish mainland, in



Madrid, Barcelona, Granada, Malaga and Cadiz.

Their Arrecife office opened in 1990 followed by Puerto del Carmen one year later (as above). In 2006 they opened in Playa Blanca to serve the foreign community in

the south of the island and in order to meet growing demand in the island capital, ASG refurbished and expanded their Arrecife offices two years ago. They also have a branch in Corralejo, Fuerteventura since 2005.

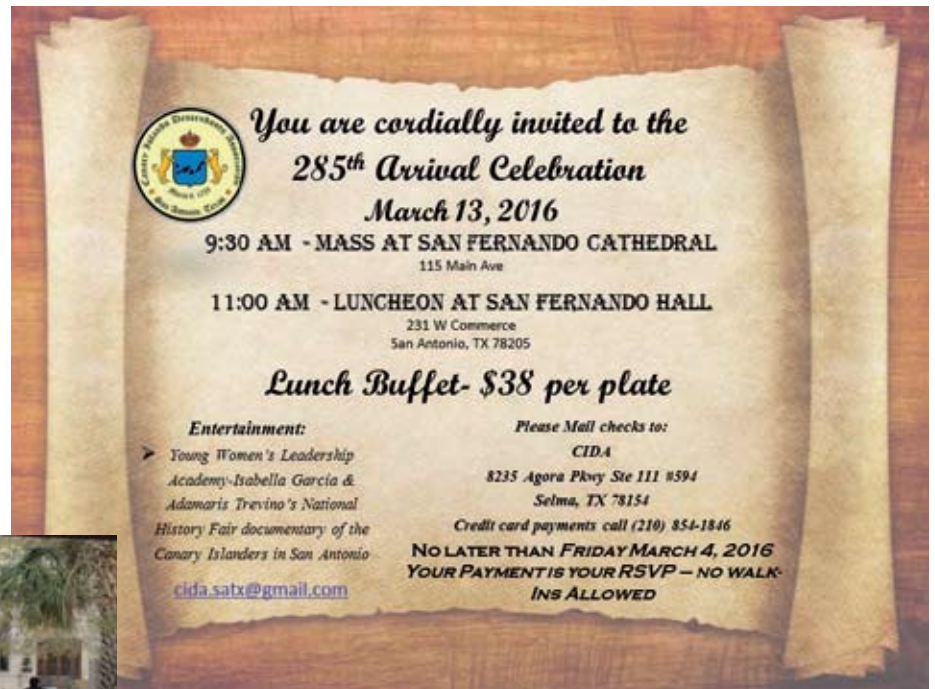


# Canarian Descendents Celebrate 285th Anniversary

Photography Paul Casanova Garcia



The Canarian Descendents of San Antonio, CIDA, celebrated the 285th year of the arrival of their ancestors, the 16 Founding Families of what is now the 7th largest city in America. Of the 56 who emigrated 44 were from Lanzarote, as can be seen by several of the flags carried by their direct descendents. Among guests who were invited but were unable to attend were Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés, Teguisse Mayor Oswaldo Betancort and Historian Francisco Delgado.



*Dr Alfonso Chiscano is seen with the Vice Rector of International Relations at La Laguna University, Tenerife, Carmen Rubio who is strengthening educational ties with the University of Texas at San Antonio*







## Eating out on Lanzarote

### Amura Puerto Calero

Lunch or dine in our beautifully refurbished restaurant on the waterfront, which has received the Big Gourmand Award from the Michelin Guide. Set among palms and sub-tropical foliage, the spacious outdoor terrace directly overlooks the luxury marina. Maitre d' Maxi Vidal offers the daily specials innovative cuisine whose innovative cooking style is based on a fusion of Mediterranean dishes, top quality and a healthy diet. Recommendations include, lamb, lobster salad, cherne fish, delicious bacalao cod, and calf sirloin, followed by a variety of home-made desserts. Also tasty Canarian cuisine. 3 course meal without wine at 35 euros per head. Enjoy tapas, aperitifs and snacks priced from 10 to 15 euros under the pergola on the terrace: a large selection of specialities priced under 10 euros include, Iberian ham and tomato on toast, avocado and apple tartar with marinated tuna; Exotic desserts include tiramisu with cocoa ice cream followed by an assortment of coffees from all over the world. Watch out for the new weekly menu with seasonal products at irresistible prices. Private banqueting suites for weddings, birthday parties and other special occasions for up



to 500 guests. Open daily 12.00 – 23 hrs bar and snacks, lunch served from 13.00 hrs.

### El Diablo Restaurant

A once-in-a-lifetime eating experience awaits guests at the El Diablo Restaurant in the Fire Mountains. Food is cooked on a grill heated by geothermal heat emerging from a volcanic chasm below in the bowels of the earth. The temperature inside the mountain at this point is 500° C and even a few inches below the surface it is 100° as can be seen in two displays by park rangers. Before or after your meal be sure to go

on the guided tour of the Volcanic Route on coaches equipped with multi-lingual commentaries. The tour is included in the admission price paid at the park entrance.

### Bar Bagatela

Founded in 1979, Bar Bagatela is one of the oldest cafeteria-bars in Puerto del Carmen. Located in Centro Commercial Maritimo, Local 8, and specialises in English Breakfasts and Combined Dishes.

Drinks, cafeteria and bar service from 16.30 hrs. Open daily Monday to Sunday 08.30 to 24.00 hrs. Certified Member of the Business Stimulation Programme promoted by the Canarian Government and the Ayuntamiento de Tias.

Nice relaxing bar for snacks and drinks and reputed to serve up the best mojitos in town.

### Casa-Museo al Campesino

The House-Museum of the Rural Worker at Mozaga is most certainly the most authentic of the Island's restaurants to enjoy traditional Lanzarote food. The buildings and patios are in the style of the typical farm houses of old even down to the spacious catchment areas for rain. The food



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is on display in a glass cabinet offering both hot and cold dishes. There is also a good selection of local wines and cheeses. The restaurant is beside the Monument at the junction of the Arrecife-Tinajo and Uga-Teguise roads. Snacks and hot or cold drinks are also served throughout the day.

### Qué Muac Castillo de San José

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



### Plaza 24 Marina Lanzarote Arrecife

This restaurant, a very welcome addition to eating out in Arrecife, is set in a dream location on the waterfront overlooking luxury yachts bobbing around in the ocean, only a few minutes from the town centre. The menu offers the most popular international and Canarian dishes besides the best of traditional Lanzarote cuisine.

Breakfast is served daily from 10.00 and Tapas from 12:00-23:00 hrs. Lunch 13:00-16:00hrs; Dinner 19:00-2:00h.

Among our specialities: Lobster salad with sweet tomato vinaigrette; Tuna tartar with avocado and papaya, sesame and soya oil; Galician style octopus with "mojo" sauce; King prawns and cuttlefish black rice; Cod fillet with fried onions and tomatoes, sliced potatoes and Iberian ham pil-pil; Shoulder of lamb, at low temperature, with vegetable crumbs and juice; Hot chocolate, vanilla ice cream and crunchy biscuit; Baileys and nougat ice cream coffee. Average price p.p. €25 - 30.

Having dined, take time to browse around the boutiques and shops in the marina arcade. As Plaza 24 adjoins Naos Harbour, it is an ideal spot for departing cruise-liner passengers to enjoy a final meal or snack, a cup of coffee or something a little stronger, before sailing off into the sunset.



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Reports from the Canarian Government

## *The Policy of the Canarian Government Tourism Department towards the Role of Lanzarote and the Chinijo Archipelago in the Global Geopark Network of UNESCO*

**“Geopark Lanzarote and the Chinijo Archipelago consists of 42 land sites of geological interest and 19 marine areas in the surrounding seas”**

Photos Nacho González



*Canarian President Fernando Clavijo reiterated the Canary Islands commitment to Responsible Tourism*

Lanzarote was presented at the International Tourist Bourse in Berlin as a Geopark, an area with an exceptional geological heritage clearly linked with a natural landscape, history, folklore and culture that is good for education. International partnership through networking allows members to profit from a worldwide exchange of experience, compared to being a local isolated initiative. Many Geoparks promote awareness of geological hazards including volcanoes and earthquakes and help prepare disaster mitigation strategies among local communities.

Lanzarote is more fortunate than many other of the world’s volcanic regions because its volcanoes belong to the “Hawaii” category, which, in the case of an impending earthquake or eruption, signals its intentions up to a half a year in advance. One of the first warning signals are plumes of smoke rising from various craters



*Canary Government President Fernando Clavijo, Tourism Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo and Lanzarote Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio at the ITB in Berlin*





*According to Canarian Tourism and Culture Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo it is of major importance for an island such as Lanzarote and the Chinijo Archipelago to have been declared a Unesco Geopark World Heritage Centre last year in November. A view echoed by Promotur Managing Director Maria Mendez*



*Haria Tourism Councillor Soraya Brito welcomes to the Haria stand the Canarian and Lanzarote Tourism Councillors, Maria Teresa Lorenzo and Echedey Eugenio to see the multilingual Haria Town and Country Walking Guide with three major trails*



*Managing Director of Promotur Maria Mendez during discussions for a strong promotion campaign at Tourism Trade Fairs in Barcelona and Oslo*



*The promotion teams of Lanzarote Tourism, Spel, the Tourist Centres and Town Halls during a presentation of the declaration of Lanzarote and the Chinijo Archipelago as a Geopark*

followed by eruptions out to sea off the coast. This was the case prior to the 1730-1736 intermittent eruptions in the Fire Mountains as well as those almost a century later in 1824 of much shorter duration.

Geoparks also serve a historic purpose as they hold records on past climate changes and are educators on current climate change as well as adopting a best practi-

ce approach to utilising renewable energy and employing the best standards of green tourism. These are two of the most important factors for Lanzarote's maintaining its status as a World Biosphere Reserve. Tourism industry promotion in Geoparks as a geographically sustainable and applicable tourism model, sustains and enhances the geographical character of a destination.

It is also a source of information about the sustainable use and need for natural resources.

In fact, sustainable tourism promotion within a Geopark actually encompasses many areas of responsible tourism such as eco-tourism, cultural-heritage tourism, rural tourism and culinary tourism. The Global Geoparks Network is supported by Unesco.





# Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from the Cabildo

## 4th Biosphere Reserve Congress Lima, Peru A New Vision for the Decade 2016-2025

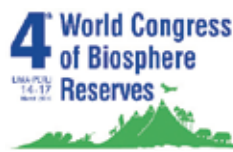
Photos Jesús Porteros, Jesús Betancort, Liz



*Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés attended the Biosphere Congress*

The Lanzarote Cabildo attended the congress in Peru as the island was designated a World Biosphere Reserve in 1993. In the declaration by Unesco, specific mention was made of the outstanding contribution of César Manrique who was a member of the Spanish Committee of MAB. He was the forerunner of the proposal to declare Lanzarote Biosphere Reserve through his work integrated into the landscape, known as Art - Nature / Nature - Art, harmony between man and his natural surroundings. Due to Manrique's influence the Lanzarote Cabildo sought to combine a thriving tourist destination in combination with respect for the environment.

According to Unesco, Biosphere Reserves are nominated by national governments and remain under the sovereign jurisdiction of the states where they are located and their status is internationally recognized. What they have in common is that they are all areas comprising terrestrial, marine and coastal ecosystems. Each individual reserve promotes its own solutions reconciling the conservation of biodiversity with its sustainable use. Lanzarote is one of only very few tourist resorts declared as Biosphere Reserves in 120 countries of the world.



*In the photographs: Cabildo President of the Biosphere Board, Pedro San Ginés appointed Echedey Eugenio as Vice President of the organisation to represent the Unesco proposed 'Lanzarote 2020 Strategy for the Environment' programme. The meeting was attended by the Spanish "Man and the Biosphere" Committee Chairman Marisa Tejedor and the Consul of Peru in Las Palmas René Zavallos Avilés. Members of the Lanzarote Biosphere Reserve include, the Central and Regional Governments the mayors of the seven municipality and the César Manrique Foundation and La Laguna and Las Palmas Universities*



*Peruvian Consul René Zavallos Avilés addressed the Lanzarote Biosphere Reserve Committee*



# Lanzarote News Roundup

## €5.5 Million Investment from Regional Government Lanzarote 20th Anniversary as World Biosphere Reserve



*Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés with Canarian Tourism and Culture Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo*

### Tourism and Culture

Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés and Canarian Government Tourism and Culture Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo gave details of the tourist infrastructure and cultural projects the Regional Authority will be investing in Lanzarote. Tourism: €300,000; Sports Events €175,000; Museo Atlántico €800,000; Refurbishment Casa de los Volcanes: €1,200,000; Tourist Infrastructure and Competitiveness €2,150,000; Promotur Promotion €600,000; Cultural Events €380,000; Sporting Activities €175,000.



*The first ever meeting of the Lanzarote World Biosphere Reserve Committee in the interior and exterior of Casa de los Volcanes on the upper level of Jameos del Agua*



### Two Decades

The Lanzarote Cabildo celebrated the 20th anniversary of the World Biosphere Reserve Committee established on 22 April 1996. Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés expressed his appreciation on behalf of all the insular authority's to the team which has been running the committee over the past two decades especially Director Ana Carasco and Observatory Director Aquilino Miguélez.

### Language and Culture

The Lanzarote Cabildo, through Councillors Echedey Eugenio and Patricia Pérez, concluded the 4th annual Spanish for Foreigners courses which allows residents from overseas an opportunity whilst learning the language to learn about Canarian history, traditions and culture. Via this project, 125 students of 20 different nationalities attended classes for three different levels of language tuition at schools in Arrecife, Tegui, Yaiza, Tias and San Bartolomé with the help of the municipalities, the César Manrique Foundation, the Saramago Foundation, the Tourist Centres, the Biosphere Reserve as well as other educational entities. →



*Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio and Education Councillor Patricia Pérez closing the Cabildo IV Spanish for Foreigners Course*





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## Insular Theatre in Arrecife Named ‘El Salinero’ Road Safety Certificates for Fifty Drivers



*Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés, Culture Councillor Oscar Pérez with fellow Councillors, announce that the public had chosen the name ‘El Salinero’ for the Teatro Insular*



*Cabildo Vice President and Councillor for Transport José Juan Cruz at the awards ceremony*



### EU Road Safety

Cabildo Vice President and Councillor for Transport, José Juan Cruz handed out certificates to more than 50 drivers who had completed a course of road safety procedures and the use of digital or analogue tachographs. Under European Union Social Regulation No 561 the tachograph controls the activity of professional drivers by limiting their daily driving hours and ensuring the minimum working condition standards.

### ‘El Salinero’ Victor Fernández

Victor Fernández Gopar (Las Breñas 1844 – Yaiza 1920) was a shepherd who was taught to read and write by the local priest as there were no schools in the south of the island in those days. In 1895 he was put in charge of building the Janubio Saltworks and learnt the art of extracting salt by evaporation.

At the same time he became a poet and folk singer earning the name ‘El Salinero,’ lamenting social injustice and the hard work and poverty suffered by farmers



and workers at the salt ponds. His music and lyrics still form part of the repertoire of local folklore groups especially in the District of Yaiza.



*The Lanzarote Cabildo congratulated the organisers of the annual Lanzarote Cine Festival (FICL), which took place this year in April, on being awarded the Certificate of Quality by Spain’s Short Films Association*



# Lanzarote News Roundup

## Rapid Charging Points for Electric Vehicles Lanzarote Digital Archive Celebrates Anniversary



*Rapid Charging Point for electric vehicles at Playa Blanca*

### Clean Energy

As part of the Lanzarote Cabildo scheme to encourage the use Electric Vehicles, (EVs), the insular authority have installed rapid charging points for EVs at Avenida de Canarias, Playa Blanca; C/ Arco Iris corner El Bardo, Arrieta, and in the near future at the Monumento al Campesino

Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés emphasized Lanzarote's policy of "No to Petrol" 'we support the use of renewable clean energy wherever possible. To encourage greater use

of Electric Vehicles on the island and as a token of our commitment to conservation, for the time being recharging is free'. In the photograph the President is seen with Vice President and Transport Councillor José Juan Cruz, Councillor for Industry, Commerce and Energy Ariagona González and IBIL Technical Director Miguel Palacio. To receive user cards go to [www.ibil.eso](http://www.ibil.eso) or call 902 540 810. Information is also available at the Cabildo Citizen Attention Office in Arrecife.



*Deputy Cabildo President and Transport Councillor José Juan Cruz participated in talks with the Spanish Airports Authority about the modernisation of Lanzarote Airport to allow a more fluid flow of passengers entering the terminals*



*The President of the Cabildo and of the Lanzarote Water Authority is shown the newly refurbished and re-equipped Janubio Desalination Plant which should be functioning by the end of the summer*



### Memoria de Lanzarote

One of 12,500 documents stored in the archives of Memoria de Lanzarote Digital Archive to be found on their Web portal. The highly dedicated professional team at Memoria Lanzarote Digital Archives who are based at Casa Amarilla, the former Cabildo building

in Arrecife, Mario Ferrer, Miguel Angel Martín and Arminda Arteta are celebrating their seventh birthday. Besides compiling data of the island's history, they have also mounted two major exhibitions over the past few months starting with Jacinto Martín of Haria (1877-1948), one of the first re-

cognised photographers in the Canary Islands whose 300 images on glass plate photography were on display. The second was the history of films made on Lanzarote the best known of which were 1 Million Years BC with Raquel Welch (1966) and Broken Embraces with Penelope Cruz (2009).





# Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from the Cabildo

## Lanzarote at the B-Travel Tourism Fair in Barcelona



*Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio*



*Discussing strategy for the upcoming tourist fairs in Barcelona, Oslo and Berlin (from left) Spel Managing Director, Héctor Fernández, Canarian Tourism Councillor Maria Teresa Lorenzo, Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés, Tourism and Tourist Centres Councillor Echedey Eugenio and Managing Director Promotur Maria Méndez*



Lanzarote was represented at the Dia de España Workshop in Oslo attended by 300 tourism professionals including tour operators and airline executives who were able to enjoy a look at the island's tourist attractions as well as opportunities to enjoy active holidays devoted to golf, hiking and other sports as well as culture.



*Lanzarote at the 14th annual "MICE" Meetings, Incentives, Conference and Exhibitions Fair in Germany MICE*

The centre of attraction at the Cicar/Cabrera Medina stand at the Barcelona B-Travel Tourism Fair was the Seat Ibiza car painted by César Manrique in 1987. Cabrera Medina has reproduced 100 replicas of this unique model as part of their fleet of 8,000 rental cars throughout the

Canary Islands. Officially called Seat Ibiza-Manrique-del Sol, the vivid colours typical of the artist's work add to the singular design of this totally-unique car which reflects the inimitable quality of the tourist centres he created for his beloved native isle.





# Lanzarote News Roundup

## Promotion Campaigns in Oslo and Berlin



*Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés, Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio, Tourist Centres Managing Director José Juan Lorenzo and Social Media Consultant Carmen Martín at the presentation of the Tourist Centres latest website [cactlanzarote.com](http://cactlanzarote.com) at the Castillo de San José*

“Responsive, intuitive and accessible” is how José Juan Lorenzo described the new Web 2.0 website for the Tourist Centres, which will provide information for tourists before, during and after their visits to the Centres on the basis of

“Discover, Enjoy and Feel.” This type of technology has never been easier or more accessible to everyone interested in the Tourist Centres, including timetables of events, special shows and all necessary information about each Centre.



*Tourism Councillor Echedey Eugenio and Overseas Director Héctor Fernández review the results of promotion campaigns in Berlin, Oslo, Barcelona and Dublin*



*José González Betancort at the Lanzarote stand during the B-Travel Fair*

Lanzarote at the new B-Travel Exhibition grounds at Montjuic, Barcelona. The letter “B” encompasses a variety of categories to enjoy on holiday. B-Happy i.e. family holidays, wellness breaks etc; B-Culture i.e. art, history or culture; B-Special i.e. shopping, unique experiences; B-Adventure i.e. Sports, countryside, marine and B-Delicious gastro-nomic holidays.



### Mararia Award

The work of Mararia, the Lanzarote Cultural and Social Women’s Support Association was recognised by the Canarian Institute for Equality for their outstanding contribution towards improving the position of the women of the island in the field of social initiative .



*Mararia members with their President Nieves Rosa Hernández*





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Reports from Tías

## Blue Flags Fly over Every Beach in Puerto del Carmen Mayor and Council Approve 1,400-Vehicle Car Park

Photos: Dory Hernández



*Tias Mayor Pancho Hernández*



*Tias Mayor Pancho Hernández and Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino with the map of the projected refurbishment and expansion of amenities at Plaza de los Naciones, Playa de los Pocillos*

### Car Park Approved

Tias Town Hall has approved the building of a 2-storey park with space for 186 cars at Calle Roque del Este between the Fariones Hotel and the Barracuda restaurant. Mayor Pancho Hernández, Urban Councillor Saray Rodríguez and Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino explained the car park as being a major component for the Modernisation programme for Puerto de Carmen. The Town Hall contemplates signing on 20 unemployed workers on a six month contract to complement the civic labour force.

*Tias Town Hall Council during the session to approve the building of Puerto del Carmen's first car park. Located in one the resort's busiest areas and just a minute from the beach, work is scheduled to begin as soon as possible*



### €500,000 Destined to Refurbish Plaza de las Naciones

Plaza de los Naciones is a large area on Playa de los Pocillos which was designed by the artist Ildefonso Aguilar in the 1990s. Under the central government budget for the modernisation of the public areas of Puerto del Carmen, half a million euros has been destined towards a major expansion and refurbishment programme. It will include a large playground for children including a splash pool; an area for beach and water sports as well as a jetty. Among further amenities, a restaurant overlooking the beach and ocean, a solarium and a cycling zone. All facilities will be accessible for the physically challenged.





## Multi-Lingual Hiking Guide for Tias Municipality

*The Ayuntamiento of Tias has published an excellent guide to seven hiking trails located within the municipality. The work, prepared by Senderismo Lanzarote, is excellently written with accurate descriptions which are easily followed.*



*Tias Mayor Pancho Hernández with Youth and Projects Councillor Nerea Santana, historian, Nacho Romero. Also present Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino and historian Julián Rodríguez*

Mayor Hernández said that the guide made the entire Tias district more accessible to holidaymakers as well as the local population. Councillor Nerea Santana added that the carefully selected routes provide a depth of knowledge about the municipality not known to many people and Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino revealed that the multi-lingual publication aroused great interest at tourism trade events in Europe and will be introduced to the British public in November at the WTM.

Holidaymakers can download hiking trails from Google in KLM format or at [www.ayuntamientodetias.es](http://www.ayuntamientodetias.es).



*Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino with Promotion Executive Ani Ruiz in the new Tourist Information Centre in the harbour opposite the church*



*Pancho Hernández and Tourism Councillor Amado Vizcaino at Playa Chico the birthplace of diving on Lanzarote almost 40 years ago*

Puerto del Carmen's diving facilities were displayed at the 8th Dive Travel Show in Madrid, as the epicentre of diving on Lanzarote and was the first on the island to open in 1979. Nearly 120,000 people visit the island every year on diving holidays



*Puerto del Carmen's second Tourist Information has opened in La Tiñosa harbour opposite the church. Open from 10.00 – 18.00 hrs throughout the week*

The Town Hall Citizen Attention Office is also located in the building and local residents do not need to go to Tias Town Hall to be attended to. They also issue empadronado certificates for travel and new identification cards: Tel: 928 51 27 43





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Reports from Arrecife

## Eva de Anta Appointed Mayoress of Arrecife City Pays Tribute to Legendary Policeman Heraclio Niz

Photos: Sergio Betancort



*Eva de Anta Appointed Mayoress of Arrecife*

Mayoress of Arrecife Eva de Anta has formerly served as Councillor for Social Services and Councillor for Culture, during which time she was responsible for the refurbishment of the 16th century Castillo de San Gabriel and its conversion into the History of Arrecife Museum

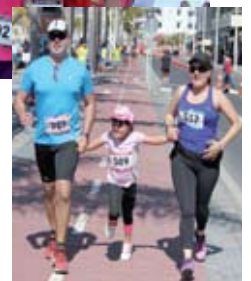


*The lights of the 16th century Castillo de San Gabriel were changed to blue on World Autism Awareness Day, shining a light on the 'Autism Speaks' global grassroots campaign asking society for tolerance, inclusion and respect for those suffering from the disability and their families. Among the authorities, local support organisations present included AsperCan, Tinguafaya and Creciendo Yaiza*



The Ayuntamiento of Arrecife has decided to erect a statue of "Heraclio Niz" a legendary figure of the Island capital. Following a successful career as a Lucha Canaria wrestler winning every major championship, Heraclio Niz became a policeman and as such received a first class reputation for friendliness especially among holidaymakers for which he was awarded an award for excellence from the Spanish Government. Another public aspect of his life was as an actor in several movies, the most well known of which was in the Raquel Welch feature 2 Million Years BC. In a 23 page National Geographic colour feature in 1969 by Stephanie Dinkins,

the first ever in the international press, they used a photo of a smiling Heraclio Niz bearing the caption: "At Your Service!" Heraclio Niz Mesa, policeman and past wrestling champion, flashes a smile of 24-carat hospitality for visitors to Arrecife. The Spanish Government Heraclio with a special medal for his helpfulness to tourists".



200 runners show solidarity during the 3rd annual "Run, Walk and Integrate" race which raises money for the physically challenged on the island. First to start along the Arrecife sea-front were the children and physically challenged who had to complete a 500 metre course and each participant received a "finishers" medal upon crossing the tape. The event was organised by Asociación Tinguafaya and the Youth and Sports Department of the Ayuntamiento of Arrecife, Councillor Lemes. The prizes were handed out by local authorities including Mayoress Eva de Anta and Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés.



## Cultural Guide Presented at the XXI Annual Book Fair Lanzarote's Capital Celebrates International Jazz Week



*Arrecife Town Councillors fully supported all the events at the Book Fair*



Tourism and Culture Councillor Rafael Juan González introduced the new Culture Guide to Arrecife as seen in the photo. In tandem were a series of poetry readings and films for youngsters all related to books and the environmental protection of the island capital



*Canarian Tourism Councillor Maria Teresa Lornezo joined Deputy Mayor Rafael Juan González and Director of Cabildo Publications Félix Martín Hormiga at the presentation of the XXI Arrecife Book Fair and the publication of a work by poet Pedro Lezcano Montalvo entitled "El Pescador"*

### International Jazz Day

Arrecife joined 195 capitals all over the world celebrating International Jazz Day which culminated in a televised all-star concert at the White House hosted by President Obama and Michele Obama. They said, 'Jazz is more than music, it is a universal message of peace, harmonising rhythm and meaning, carrying values significant for every woman and man, providing unique opportunities for mutual understanding, through listening, playing and improvisation.'



*Arrecife Tourism and Culture Councillor Rafael Juan González organised a concert to celebrate International Jazz Day at the end of April together with the Classical Orchestra of Lanzarote jazz offshoot the Trajazz Quartet led by Alexis Lemes. Rafael Juan González said, "Jazz is not only a style of music, it also contributes greatly in creating a more inclusive society"*

Arrecife has joined other cities such as Barcelona and Berlin in declaring itself as Veg-Friendly by adapting a special logo for display by restaurants and snack bars indicating that vegetarian food is available. In announcing the initiative, Tourism Councillor Rafael Juan González said that it was part of the sustainable ecological image of the island capital





# Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from Haría

## Canarian Cochineal Cultivation Recognised by EU Parliament Comprehensive Walking Guide to Haria Town and Country



*Mayor Marci Acuña is seeking to stimulate the cultivation of cochineal dye in Mala*



### Cochineal Dye

Following the official announcement that the European Commission had granted the Seal of Denomination of Origin to the cultivation of Cochineal in the Canary Islands, Haría Mayor Marci Acuña, a member of the Canarian Parliament, asked whether the regional authority had plans to stimulate the production of this natural dye on the island of Lanzarote.

Between 1845 and 1869, the area around Mala in Haría Municipality was found to be the most suitable location on the island for growing the tunera cactus because of the nutrients in the soil.

This is the host plant upon which the cochineal insect feeds and from which the dye is extracted after it has been scraped off the leaf and dried. The Spanish discovered the dye when they conquered Mexico in the 16th century and found that cochineal was used by the Aztec Indians to paint their faces and bodies when going into battle.



*Haría infants, and their mums, were given road safety instruction by the local police on European Road Safety Day*

According to the EU, youngsters are particularly vulnerable to road accidents as each year more than 800 children under the age of 15 are killed on European roads. Under EU law, seat belts must be used in all vehicles. Children over 1.35 m

can use an adult seat belt, those under 1.35 m must use equipment appropriate to their size. It is now against the law to use a rear-facing child seat on the front passenger seat – unless the airbag has been deactivated.



### Máquez Aula

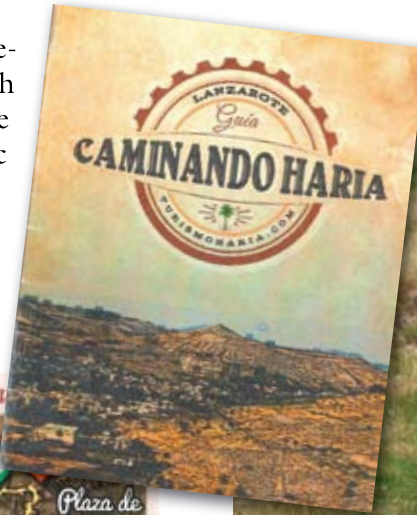
Gabriel and his friends from school during lessons on the importance of the environment on Lanzarote, at the Aula de la Naturaleza in Máquez. They also went on various walks in the surrounding countryside. Photo Pili



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Named Caminando Haria, this excellent selection of routes for strolls or walks through the town and countryside. The 90 minute hikes guide the visitor through the historic parts of the town including the home of César Manrique, to the Cliffs of Famara via several ravines as well as several other hills and valleys of the municipality. Search online at [caminandoharia.com](http://caminandoharia.com)



*Tourism Councillor  
Soraya Brito*

This photo taken in 1920 shows residents of La Graciosa lighting a bonfire known as LA TEGALA on the summit of the Famara Cliffs asking their family to send a boat over to row them home. They had crossed over El Rio Straights early in the morning to sell fish in the market at Haria and were returning home with produce and fresh water. Each family had a specific location from where they sent their smoke signal. This was 10 years before Jorge Toledo, patriarch of Lineas Romero Ferries, started a postal service between the two islands with one rowing boat in 1930.

A map of La Graciosa was drawn up at the same time as the photograph was taken by British ornithologist David Armitage Bannerman OBE, MA, (1886-1979) President of the Royal British Ornithological Society, for his 12 volume work, Birds of the Atlantic Isles which is still considered the major reference work on the subject by scholars and universities.



*The proprietors of La Graciosa-based Lineas Romero Ferries, Luis, Juan Jorge, Federico and Rosa Romero. See page 42*





# Lanzarote News Roundup

Reports from Teguise

## Spain's National Indies Archive Grants Access to Teguise Preparing the 600th Anniversary of Lanzarote's First Capital



*Mayor Oswaldo Betancort*

Teguise Mayor Oswaldo Betancort has signed an agreement with the Director General of Fine Arts and Cultural Heritage which allows Teguisense access to Spain's National Indies Archives in Seville and digitally reproduce historical information on the town hall website. He was accompanied by Town Hall Historian Francisco Hernández and Archivist Maria Dolores Rodriguez. During a slave raid by Algerian pirates in 1618, they pillaged the town and burned all the records.

### Highly Successful Conference on Innovative Education

Innovative Education programmes provide cutting-edge solutions in the area of specialised needs: Early childhood education, theme schools, curriculum and instruction, professional development, alternative and corrections education, academic enrichment and other special-needs educational services.



*The visitors from Teguisense at the entrance to the National Archives in Seville built in 1785*



*Mayor Oswaldo Betancort, seen signing the agreement for access to the National Archives, stressed how important it was to post new historical data about Teguisense, capital of Lanzarote for over five centuries*



*Mayor Oswaldo Betancort addressing the 400 members of the audience consisting of insular and regional educational staff*



Following an agreement signed by Mayor Oswaldo Betancort with Vicar General of the Canarian Diocese Hipólito Cabrera the Ayuntamiento has commenced the first phase of the restoration of the bell tower of the early 16th century Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.



## EU Blue Flag Awarded to Playa de las Cucharas



*Mayor Oswaldo Betancort with Tourism Executive Inma Armas and Public Works Councillor Eugenio Robayna*



*Presentation of the guided walks, Mayor Oswaldo Betancort, Commercial Councillor Mari Paz Cabrera, Town Historian Francisco Hernández and Nacho Romero, Environmental Educationalist of Senderismo Lanzarote*



*Tourism Councillor Antonio Callero*

Mayor Oswaldo Betancort expressed his great satisfaction that the Blue Flag was flying over Las Cucharas Beach which is enjoyed by thousands of holidaymakers every week. The Blue Flag symbolises the cleanliness of the seawater and that the beach has satisfied all EU requirements for the facilities and amenities for its users.

## Free Guided Walks in Teguisé Town and Countryside

Holidaymakers are highly recommended to take the two free guided walks around Teguisé and the surrounding countryside, one on Sunday and other on Wednesday, commentary in English or Spanish. The royal and ancient town of Teguisé was the capital of Lanzarote from the middle ages until the middle of the 19th century and generally speaking, nothing has changed in the layout of the central square or the surrounding streets.

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Church, which is currently undergoing restoration, is one of the finest examples of religious architecture in the Canary Islands. Interestingly, the passage on one side is named Calle José Mann, for Joe Mann, an Englishman who devoted the last years of his life to rebuilding the church organ in an honorary capacity. On the other side is a lane called Sangre (blood) for the worshippers who were slain by corsairs from North Africa in the 17th century.

As far as local administration is concerned the building housing the Town Hall has also retained its original façade although the interior has been modernised. The same applies to the two monasteries, San Francisco and Santa Domingo, the latter now serves as an art gallery and exhibition centre.

You can book a Sunday or Wednesday tour with choice of language on <http://www.teguise.es/visitas-guiadas>



*Unveiling the sculpture of Leandro Perdomo, born in Teguisé, who was one of Lanzarote's most important writers, Mayor Oswaldo Betancort, Culture Councillor Olivia Duque and members of the Perdomo family authors and historians*







*Members of the Lanzarote Rotary Club paid the entire cost of the sculpture and its installation, located on the roundabout on the seafront promenade leading to the Lanzarote Cabildo. Among recipients, the widow of Jesús Soto, artist Santiago Alemán, Ironman Lanzarote founder, Kenneth Gasque and English Lancelot editor Larry Yaskiel. Previous award winners included, the artist and environmentalist César Manrique, creator of the Tourist Centres, Hermanos Diaz Rijo who pioneered seawater desalination on Lanzarote, Cabildo President Nicolás de Paiz, Juan Rosa, industrialist, Juan Brito, ceramist and natural historian and José Calero founder of the marina which bears his name*



## Rotary International Donates 7 meter Sculpture Installed in Arrecife at Roundabout Close to the Cabildo

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of Lanzarote Rotary Club, the members have donated a 7 metre-high sculpture they had commissioned from the sculptor Paco Curbelo as a gift to Lanzarote and Arrecife, the island capital. The figure is a large size version of the sculpture the Rotary Club presents annually to the Conejero (Lanzarotean) of the Year for their contribution towards the cultural heritage of the island. Among those present was Arrecife Mayor José Montelongo (at the time), the Governor of Rotary International for Spain D 2201, José Ramón Civantes, President of the Lanzarote Rotary Club Ventura Acuña and Island Delegate Juan Prats as well as several of the recipients of the award over the past years. Also, Rotarians Rafael Montero, Marcial Cabrera Lemes, J. Domingo Casanova, Wolfgang Heigl, Joe Hassan and Severino Betancort.



*The current, and a former President of Lanzarote Rotary Club, Ventura Acuña and Wolf Heigl with the sculptor Paco Curbelo at the plaque bearing the names of the 20 recipients of the Conejero of the Year award*





*Rotarians with local authorities*



*From left Usua Ibarra, Rafael Juan González, Maria José Docal and Olivia Duque*



*Santiago Alemán with artist Ruffina Santana*



*Marci Acuña with Ana Oncina and Manuel Concepción*



*Lancelot TV reporter Usua Ibarra and cameraman Juan Cruces*

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# Agustin Pallares Named Adoptive Son of Lanzarote



*Rosalía Lasso, the wife of Agustin Pallares receives the “Cangrejo de Oro” from the President who described her as the “pedestal of the life of the historian”*

Born in La Oliva, Fuerteventura in 1928, Agustin Pallares was the son and grandson of lighthouse keepers a profession he liked very although it meant a constant switch of location. However it was when he was stationed on the small isle of Alegranza, off the coast of Lanzarote, close to La Graciosa, that he had an opportunity to develop his love of reading and to learn foreign languages. This was the beginning of a life of research on the one hand and the isolation on the tiny islet is where he developed his love of nature which was transferred to the island of Lanzarote upon retiring from his profession.

He soon used his knowledge of languages to become a tourist guide as well as to research every aspect of the island’s environment and topography. It is said that Agustin Pallares has climbed to the top of very single volcano on Lanzarote and walked over every square metre of its surface. The breadth of the knowledge he has accumulated over the past seven decades is voluminous. Beginning with the Guanches, the ancient pre-Hispanic inhabitants of the Canary Islands who were descended from the Berbers his publications cover almost every aspect of the cultural and environmental aspects of the island’s history.

His monumental “Toponymy of Lanzarote” gives an in-depth description of every single place name and its history. The President of the Cabildo summed up the life’s work of Agustin Pallares as the “lighthouse of the island’s cultural and environmental history and a beacon of knowledge on every facet of its history and traditions over the past five decades.



*Agustin Pallares receives his medal and illuminated address as Adoptive Son of Lanzarote from the President of the Cabildo Pedro San Ginés who said that it was an absolute luxury for the Island to be able to count on someone of the calibre of Agustin Pallares among its citizens*

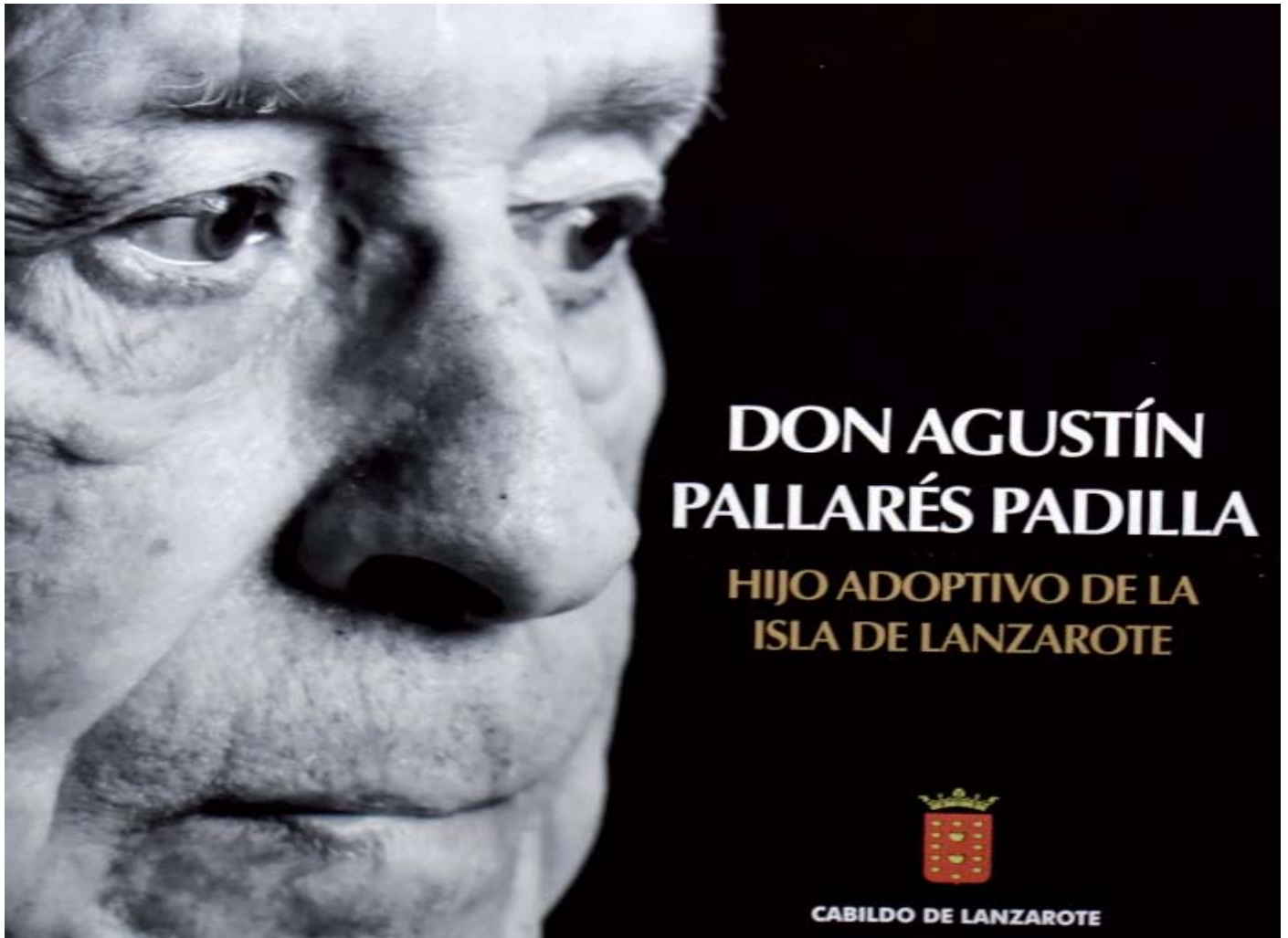


*Biographer Ignacio Romero in his eloquent tribute said that in his line of work Agustin Pallares plays an essential role disseminating our pre-history, history and culture, that is to say the entire construction of what contributes to an understanding of our identity*

*TV  
moderator  
José Maria  
de Paiz  
presenting  
Agustin  
Pallares*







*Agustin Pallarés during his emotional address told the gathering that was already on the verge of publishing a new work which will show that the exact date of the termination of the eruptions of the Fire Mountains generally given as 1736, was in fact 1735, i.e. 1730-1735*



*Among the audience, Cabildo Vice President José Juan Cruz congratulating Agustín Pallarés*



*The presentation was followed by a short concert by timplist virtuoso Alexis Lemes accompanied by guitarist Adrián Niz and double bass player Jorge Cañas which was very well received by the audience*



*Arrecife Culture Councillor, Rafael Juan González, Canarian Parliament Deputy David de la Hoz, San Bartolomé Mayores Dolores Corujo and Cabildo Finance Councillor Luis Arraéz*



# “From Lanzarote to Kyoto with César Manrique”

“De Lanzarote a Kyoto con César Manrique” by Tax Auditor, Chartered Accountant Nicolás Laiz Herreras, is a posthumously published account of his business trip to Japan with César Manrique in 1987, together with other details of the artist’s life which have never been published before. As a lecturer in economics at the (UNED) Open University on Lanzarote and Tenerife he had invited several distinguished academics to visit the island. Among them, Jorge Nadal, Lecturer in History at Barcelona University who described César Manrique as “a second Gaudi” others said “an absolute genius” and even “an artist who was capable of turning a dustbin into a work of art.”

Nicolás Laiz was introduced to the artist in 1986 by José Ramirez, former president of the Cabildo who had authorised all the artist’s tourist centres. He asked him if he could take care of the artist’s financial affairs. Soon after they met an executive of the Japanese company Seibu, one of the biggest industrialist groups in the world, came across a new shopping mall in Madrid called La Vaguada designed by Cesar Manrique. He was so impressed by how the artist had blended in natural ambiental features in the midst of a highly commercial enterprise that he invited him to visit his company’s offices in Kyoto.

The Japanese conglomerate owned 53 companies including railways, urban transport and a huge chain of hotels and wanted to appoint Manrique as the artistic director of several major new enterprises including the refurbishment of the old town of Kyoto, the historical capital of Japan, as well as to design all their new commercial centres.

However, according to the book, Manrique turned down the Seibu offer because he felt he was 67 years old at the time and the job would involve flying from Lanzarote to Japan twice a month at a time when he was developing several new tourist centres for the island.



*Nicolás Laiz Herreras*



*Javier and Nicolás Laiz with their mother Maria Teresa Placeres*



*Milagros Prats with writer Juan Cruz Sepulveda and historian Isidoro Sánchez who introduced the contents of the book*



*Carlos Manrique, Javier and Nicolas Laiz with Eduardo Sánchez*



# Nicolás Laiz Wins Major Prize at Madrid Art Exhibition

Nicolás Laiz Placeres (1975) was awarded the runner-up prize at the Arco JustMad Contemporary Art Fair in Madrid for the most promising emergent new artists in Spain, with a work entitled 'Micropaisaje 1' or 'Microlandscape 1.0.' Nicolas Laiz assembled a skull at the base of a cactus - the plant most emblematic of Lanzarote - composed of the residue of tar, seashells, enamel, steel, plastic and wood representing oil prospecting and items of litter carelessly thrown away onto the natural surroundings by uncaring visitors. Among distinguished visitors and art collectors from museums and embassies to the 2016 art fair which runs concurrently with Arco was Carmen Cervera, Baroness Thyssen.

Nicolás Laiz has a degree in Fine Arts from the Complutense University, Madrid (2001) and a Masters in Fine Arts from Goldsmiths College, London (2003). He has exhibited at Gallery DF, Santiago de Compostela, the Tablet Gallery, London and in various galleries in Austria, Seoul, Madrid, Tenerife and Lanzarote.

## Pedro David Betancort

Four years ago, a totally healthy young man Pedro David Betancort, who lived with his mother and sister in Arrecife was suddenly struck down with a brain tumour and two strokes which left him mentally and physically 85% disabled. Following several operations he only regained the ability to partially use his right hand. His mother, who at the time was taking art lessons from Nicolás Laiz, thought that maybe her son could be taught to do something artistic and asked him if he would be prepared to teach him how to

paint. It was a brilliant idea because after 4 hours a weak tuition for over a year Pedro David Betancort was able to paint and which colours to use and knew when the work was finished. In the photo we see the two friends, the art master and his pupil, together after the first exhibition of his work in an Arrecife art gallery.



*Nicolas Laiz, Daniel Jordán y Moneiba Lemes with Cabildo Councillor Óscar Pérez and Adonay Bermúdez*



*The winning sculpture*



*Cabildo President Pedro San Ginés and Culture Councillor Oscar Pérez congratulate the artist Nicolás Laiz and the exhibition commissioner Adonay Bermúdez*



*Nicolás Laiz with a very happy Pedro David Betancort who has just finished a painting*



## Wedding Trends

The ideal setting and ambience to celebrate your special events. Amura Restaurant at Puerto Calero held its 1st Wedding Trends weekend during April. In conjunction with Atelier Novias of Madrid, on display were all the needs for a bride and groom, bridesmaids and ushers. Wedding dresses of the very best materials, tuxedos and shoes. Hairstyling, makeup, jewellery, decorations, banquets, cakes, videos, photography, djs and entertainment. Everything to make the most important day of your life a special occasion.



## 5th Anniversary of the Timple Museum

The occasion was marked by a concert at Santa Domingo Hall by some of the most accomplished timplist musicians in the Canary Islands playing unique versions of folklore songs as well as a Mozart sonata a csárdás by Vittorio Monti as well as a Creole tango. Teguisse Culture Councillor Olivia Duque said, 'The versatility of the soloists demonstrated how the unique sound of the timple, affectionately known as the voice of the Canary Islands, can be adequately adapted to enhance every genre of popular music whatever its category.'



*Maitre d' Maxi Vidal organising the preparation for Wedding Trends and other occasions*



*International week at the Escuela de Idiomas, Arrecife following a talk on the pop music of the sixties by Lancelot editor Larry Yaskiel*



# TOURIST INFORMATION



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## Postage and Post Office

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

Friday 08.30 - 14.30 hrs, Saturday 09.30 - 12.30 hrs. Arrecife post office: Monday-Friday 08.30 - 20.30 hrs, Saturday 09.30 - 13.00 hrs. Opening times are for stamps and registered letters etc. but both offices close earlier for money transfer.



*Puerto del Carmen Church*

## Markets

### Arrecife Markets

Charco de San Ginés  
Wed and Thur 9-2

Marina Lanzarote  
Mercado de Naos  
Food Market  
10.00 - 23.00 hrs

Recova Town Market  
Mon to Sat 9-2

Historic Old Town  
Saturday 9-2

Puerto Calero  
Friday 9-2

Puerto del Carmen  
Plaza del Varadero  
Friday 10-3

Playa Blanca  
Marina Rubicón  
Wed & Sat to 10-2

Teguisse Market  
Sundays and  
Public Holidays 9-2

Costa Teguisse  
Pueblo Marinero  
Thursday mornings 9-2

Tinajo, Mancha Blanca  
Sunday 9-2

Haría Artesanal Market  
Saturday 10-14:30

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## British Consulate

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

## Christian Worship

### Church of England

All services are Holy Eucharist with hymns. 10 am Nazaret: Iglesia Nuestra Señora, 1st and 3rd Sunday in the month. 12.30 pm Puerto del Carmen: Nuestra Señora del Carmen (Old Town Harbour). 5.30 pm Playa Blanca: Nuestra Señora del Carmen, Main Street. For more information call 928 514 241.

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### Catholic Church

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

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### International Evangelical Church

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

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### Interdenominational Worship at Costa Teguisse

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

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### Norsk Kirkesentre and Social-Cultural Centre

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

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



# BRIDGE No 123

By Maria Brandt

Let the opponents help you  
to make your contract

Dealer North North-South vulnerable

♠ A 10 6 2

♣ A Q 8

♦ A J 4

♣ K J 2

♠ K Q J 5

♥ J 7 4 2

♦ 8

♣ 9 8 6 3

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♠ 9 8 7 4

♥ K 10 5 3

♦ 6 5

♣ Q 10 7

♠ 3

♥ 9 6

♦ K Q 10 9 7 3 2

♣ A 5 4

Bidding

N	E	S	W
1 Cl	pass	1 D	pass
2 NT	pass	3 D	pass
4 D	pass	5 D	pass
6 D	pass	pass	pass



South eventually signed off in 5 Diamonds, but North decided the Queen of Hearts and the Jack of Clubs would have a part to play, and continued to slam.

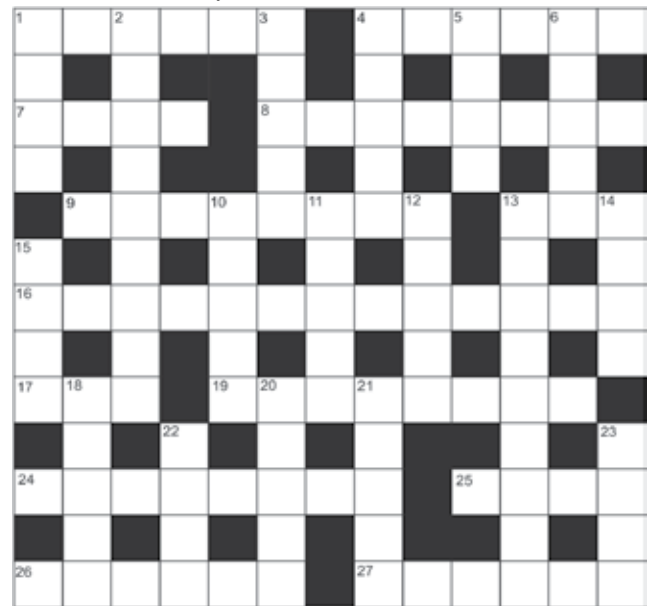
After the lead of the King of Spades, covered by dummy's Ace, South faced a task that seemed easy. There were 11 sure tricks – 7 Diamonds, 2 Clubs, 1 Heart and 1 Spade - and two finesses could be tried for the 12th. However, there was a safer way to make the contract against almost any distribution. After winning the Ace of Spades, he ruffed a Spade home with a high trump. Next he entered dummy twice with trump leads, eliminating the outstanding trumps, to ruff two more Spades. Then the six of Hearts was lead to the EIGHT in dummy, and the deed was done. East had to win, and any return play guaranteed South his 12th trick. Even if East had had a Spade remaining, it would not have helped him, since there was still a trump in the dummy.

This was a neat play to ensure 12 tricks.

**SOLUTION TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD NO.62, Across;** 1 Optician, 5 Pastor, 10 Otter, 11 Albatross, 12 Coalesced, 13 Rigid, 14 Picasso, 16 Nation, 19 Island, 21 Puccini, 23 Offal, 25 Resembles, 27 Allowance, 28 Temp, 29 Trough, 30 Grosbeak. **Down;** 1 Otolaryngologist, 2 Tetrarchs, 3 Carre, 4 Ajaccio, 6 Antarctic, 7 Thong, 8 Reside, 9 Abadan, 15 Scallywag, 17 Oriflamme, 18 Dipstick, 20 Daring, 21 Pasreur, 22 Mozart, 24 Faldo, 26 Myths.

# SIMPLE CROSSWORD No 123

By Imelda Coombes



ACROSS

- 1 Relating to high mountains. (6)
- 4 Folk song. (6)
- 7 Standard. (4)
- 8 A relative. (8)
- 9 Unprejudiced. (8)
- 13 Tiny. (3)
- 16 Of broad scope or content. (13)
- 17 An ineffectual person. (3)
- 19 An area of land. (8)
- 24 An arm of the Indian Ocean. (5,3)
- 25 Preserves containing fruit. (4)
- 26 Infuriate. (6)
- 27 The bones of the ankle and feet. (6)

DOWN

- 1 Chronic skin disease. (4)
- 2 Acted. (9)
- 3 Keen. (5)
- 4 Encephalon. (5)
- 5 A simple board game. (4)
- 6 An impure form of quartz. (5)
- 10 Made a mistake. (5)
- 11 Pains. (5)
- 12 A male singing voice. (5)
- 13 Old World songbirds. (9)
- 14 Level. (4)
- 15 Sour. (4)
- 18 Marriage. (5)
- 20 Publication. (5)
- 21 An extended area of land. (5)
- 22 The ninth letter in the Greek alphabet. (4)
- 23 Local name for the River Thames at Oxford. (4)

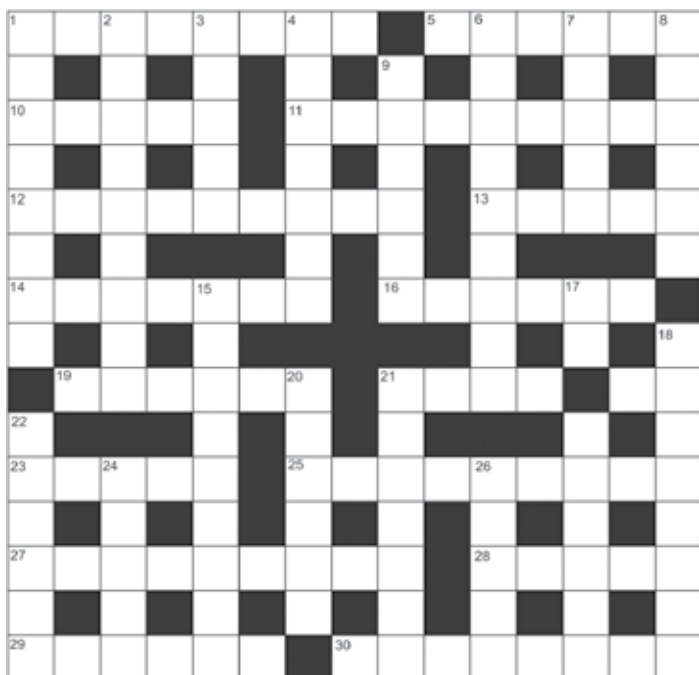
**SOLUTION TO SIMPLE CROSSWORD NO.122.**

**Across;** 1 Petrol, 4 Origin, 7 Ixobrychis, 8 Greenfly, 9 Reported, 13 Rob, 16 Grand National, 17 Elk, 19 Rendered, 24 Adorable, 25 Ring, 26 Meadow, 27 Dingle. **Down;** 1 Pair, 2 Theme Park, 3 Lager, 4 Obese, 5 Iona, 6 Igloo, 10 Order, 11 Train, 12 Drive, 13 Rendering, 14 Ball, 15 Ague, 18 Ladle, 20 Elbow, 21 Dread, 22 Arid, 23 Ogle.



# GENERAL KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD No 63

By Imelda Coombes



## ACROSS

- 1 Dame Agatha – 1890-1976, Author of detective stories. (8)
- 5 Taking a nap. (6)
- 10 The main means of mass communication.(5)
- 11 Pasta in the form of long strings. (9)
- 12 Athletic contest of ten different events. (9)
- 13 To be performed slowly. (music) (5)
- 14 The pilot of an aeroplane. (7)
- 16 A son of the sovereign. (6)
- 19 A person who fishes with rod and line. (6)
- 21 The southernmost province of Portugal. (7)
- 23 To diminish or slacken. (3,2)
- 25 A person who exhibits qualities in outdoor activities. (9)
- 27 To make more complicated or ornate. (9)
- 28 To clean or polish by washing or rubbing. (5)
- 29 To make a formal offer or estimate for a job. (6)
- 30 Become or make more intense or serious. (8)

## DOWN

- 1 An amusing or entertaining person. (8)
- 2 To edit a literary work for publication. (9)
- 3 A stinging pain or feeling. (5)
- 4 Resembling an island. (7)
- 6 The standard monetary unit of Austria before the Euro. (9)
- 7 To go into a house. (5)
- 8 Any substance that can injure the body. (6)
- 9 A short sleep or doze. (6)
- 15 An electric device for transmitting speech. (9)
- 17 A tree native to Brazil also called the star fruit. (9)
- 18 A woman hired to suckle the child of another. (3,5)
- 20 A mischievous or impish rogue. (6)
- 21 Long-legged shore birds having black and white plumage. (7)
- 22 A kind of watch chain usually attached to a waistcoat. (6)
- 24 To do exercises and prepare for a specific purpose. (5)
- 26 A girl's name. (5)

## LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

### Ombudsman - *Diputado del Común*

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



### Cabildo Consumer Protection Office

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



### Mararia - Official Women's Support Office

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



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Call 638 484 113 or visit [www.aalanzarote.com](http://www.aalanzarote.com) Costa Teguisse Barcelo Hotel Mon and Wed 18.00-19.00. Tel: 928 511 846 or 928 173 525



### Visiting Rotarians Welcome - Lanzarote Rotary Club - Arrecife

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



### English-Working Lodge

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



### Local Bridge Club

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



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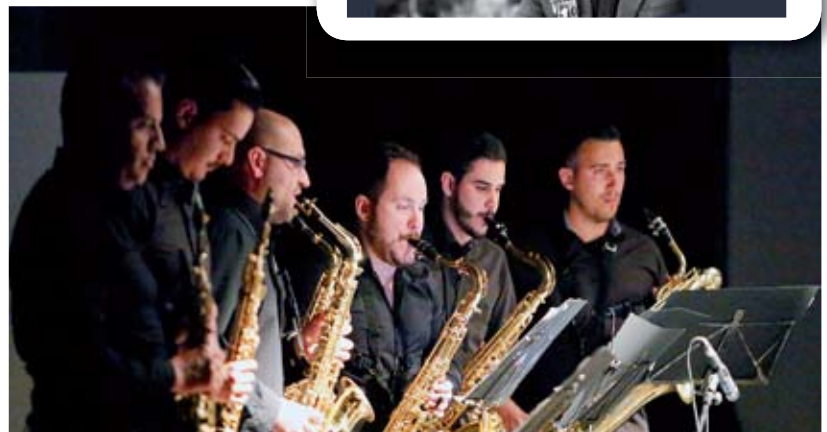


*In the photograph Cabildo Education Councillor Carmen Rosa Marqués with the representative from the Mapfre Foundation and Publications Director Félix Martín Hormiga*

## 1 May – 15 June Casa de los Arroyo Anne Frank Exhibition

The Anne Frank Exhibition which opened at the end of April can be seen until 15 June at Casa de los Arroyo in Arrecife weekdays from 10.00 – 15.00 hrs. Besides the photographs, visitors can see a documentary entitled “The Short Life of Anne Frank” based on the famous diary Anne Frank wrote whilst she and her

family were in hiding in Holland. Having survived until just before the war ended, Nazi troops burst in one day following a tip off and shipped Anne Frank and her family to Bergen Belsen concentration camp where they were all murdered. Only a few weeks later, the area was liberated by British troops.



*Lanzarote’s own Samuel Aguilar, seen above with the members of Sax and Brass, has emerged in the forefront of innovative and exciting avant-garde composers.*

Young Lanzarote composer and musician Samuel Aguilar, directed and presented his latest work, Two Years, performed by his 16-piece group Supreme Sax and Brass comprised of Strings, Metal and Percussion at Convento Santo Domingo Concert Hall in Teguiise. Besides playing on stage, musicians performed from various positions in the hall which contributed to

turning the evening into an exciting musical feast full of surprises.

This 55 minute concert of avant-garde music placed Samuel Aguilar among the most innovative musicians of his generation among the forefront of modern day composers and will surely enhance Lanzarote’s reputation as a destination of quality among music fans all over the

world. His versatility is proven by the ambient background music he composed for Jameos del Agua which provides visitors with the perfect sound to accompany their visit to the unique tourist attraction. Lanzarote-born Samuel Aguilar teaches music at Tenerife Conservatory of Music. Review by musician/composer Sergio de Paiz.



Arrecife Culture Councillor Rafael Juan González in conjunction with the César Manrique Foundation presents the I Arrecife Cycle of Classical Concerts at Casa Saramago. With him, Founder of the Lanzarote Classical Orchestra Roberto Fuentes and CM Director of Activities Fernando Gómez Aguilera. The next concerts are scheduled for 11 June and 9 July, commencing at 20.30







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