



Newsletter Summer 2016



Welcome to the summer edition of your LBRA newsletter.

Well here we are in the height of "summer" and what a busy year it has been so far for us and the island. The result of "Brexit" has caused a lot of concern and we held a members meeting earlier in the month to talk about this, details of which are below. Due to time constraints there is no member interview in this edition but it will be back in September. August is when most of the "official" offices take their holidays so we do not expect to hear any major announcements over the next few weeks but of course we shall keep you updated. Meanwhile we hope you enjoy this edition and as always would welcome your comments and news and we wish you a happy summer.



As it is the holiday season our office will be closed from Friday 5th August and will reopen on Thursday 1st September. There will however be someone available in case of emergencies so any problems please contact us via email on lanzaroteba@gmail.com

Canarian President meets British Ambassador Simon Manley



The President recently met up with the Ambassador to talk about working together and you can read the full report from the link below.

The President of the Canary Islands, Fernando Clavijo said today that "we will continue working to strengthen ties with the UK," a bond "that long before the birth of the European Union were already strong and will remain so." In this regard, he said that "Canarias will remain attractive for the UK market" and was convinced that this new scenario opens up new opportunities to work together. "

<http://www.gobiernodecanarias.org/noticias/pre/73872/canarias-va-seguir-atractiva-mercado-britanico>

Brexit



We held a meeting on Wednesday 13th July for members to get together and talk about this important subject. Whilst it is agreed that no one knows what will happen it was felt to be a good opportunity to get together and discuss people's views and talk about what options we might have. The general opinion of attendees was disappointment that the leave campaign won, and there is still so much uncertainty about what the future holds for the many "ex-pats" living here and in other countries.

Danny expressed his disappointment with the result and voiced his concern that this could not be a democratic decision when around 5 million British people were denied the right to vote given that they have lived outside of Britain for more than 15 years. Britain was a country built on democracy and equality and had created a fairer society where everyone was equal; we had the same equal rights as a Spanish person under EU law but that has now or will be gone.

In order to help and reassure "ex-pats" the government have issued a document basically saying that nothing will immediately change (this we know) but long term who knows what could happen. You can view the document here.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/advice-for-british-nationals-travelling-and-living-in-europe>

Xenophobia is something that no one likes, and yet it has already started to raise its head and we have to be prepared that it is something that we could be subjected to. Many years ago people moving to foreign countries experienced racism as Danny did here when starting school as a youngster, that is something that has long passed but it could return in the future. So how do we deal with these uncertainties? Well we have to accept that it was a democratic vote and that the vote was to leave and cut ties with the EU and yet 48% voted to stay.

We cannot afford to sit back and wait and the association is looking at everything we can do to improve things for our future.

We need to form a working strategy.

Denmark has dual passports can we? Should we apply for a Spanish passport, not an easy process and you do need to be able to speak some Spanish.

As you may be aware the Spanish government is in turmoil at the moment but the Canary Islands do hold one seat in Government. At the moment as foreign EU citizens we can still vote in local elections but this will change, the local Ayuntamiento's need our votes and we have one further opportunity to show our support at the next local elections, we need to work with and support those parties who will feel will be sympathetic to our cause and will want to help us in the future. Fundamentally it is crucial that we keep that right to vote.

The Canarian government could lobby to create an exemption for British citizens living in the Canary Islands.

- Annually approximately 25 million people travel to southern Europe, at the moment they can receive help and travel assistance (health/consulate) etc – what happens in the future?
- British pensions are used as collateral against Spanish pensions – what happens in the future?
- Health system, EU money goes into the Spanish budget

Comments from around the table: everyone was in agreement and had concerns. One main point is that we had felt equal to our Spanish neighbours and that we could take our place at meeting tables and discuss/argue our point, that has all changed now.

It was felt that many of people who voted did not understand what a referendum was and voted as per a general election, and people did not understand the EU status. No one had a plan following Brexit; only Mark Carney the Governor of the Bank of England who is also Chairman of the Monetary Policy Committee had prepared for an exit.

Should we set up a Change.org page and campaign with something to gain momentum? The EU has to protect itself and begin a process to a proper census with campaigning on all sides.

A page has now been started on Change.org see the details below
Giles Tremlett has launched a campaign change.org to ask the Spanish Government that the British living in Spain may have dual nationality. Giles Tremlett explains his initiative to request dual nationality for British living in Spain.

<http://www.theolivepress.es/spain-news/2016/07/06/hundreds-sign-petition-demanding-dual-nationality-for-british-people-living-in-spain/>

An article on “dual nationality”

<http://www.elmundo.es/internacional/2016/07/13/5784ea4346163f7e7d8b45cb.html>

Continuing on the “Brexit” theme our president Danny was recently interviewed for his views in the Spanish national press.

**por el 'Brexit' en Lanzarote:
gasto turístico es británico**

**estrategia de diversificación para no depender tanto del Reino
es británicos en la Isla temen la pérdida de derechos**



Deign. A una conclusión parecida llega Daniel Trigg, presidente de la 'Lanzarote Business and Residents Association', colectivo de residentes y empresarios europeos fundado en 2008. “Si la libra sigue bajando, habrá menos para gastar en la economía local”, señala Trigg, que teme la pérdida de derechos por dejar de ser ciudadanos de la Unión Europea.

“La libra es una moneda muy fuerte y confiamos en que exista un reequilibrio a medio plazo y no haya consecuencias graves para España ni para Lanzarote”, apunta Fernández. El consejero de la Sociedad de Promoción señala que

Website

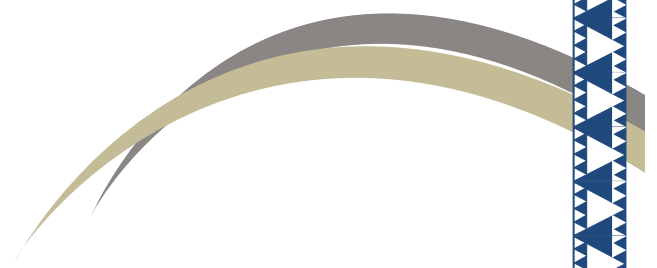
A number of people have commented on our new website and asked us who designed it, so we thought we would introduce you to Ash who did the work for us. The main concern we had was that Ash is based in London which may have created working difficulties. This we are happy to say was not the case; Ash was fully supportive throughout the process and was extremely helpful with ideas and creativity. He provided us with a full support service as well as creating tutorials to guide us through the workings and all procedures. His after service support is great if we need any help he is there in an instant and has provided far more help than what was in his brief, so thanks Ash and we would highly recommend him to others.



Ashley Pearson has created a number of websites for clients around the world. Based in London, he has created a floristry website, a Vietnamese retreat website along with the brand new website for the Lanzarote Business and Resident's Association.

Ashley also works as an IT Executive for a news company in London. He is also a volunteer for Google specializing in support for YouTube and is YouTube Certified in Audience Growth. This means he attends international Google and YouTube events and is qualified to offer YouTube consulting.

Ashley is looking for additional business and individuals to work with in the Lanzarote area who want to take their website, social media or YouTube channels to the next level. He can be reached via email at ash.pearson1@gmail.com



Guided Walks

Have you experienced one of the (free) guided walks in historical Tegui? Our social media man Simon and Silvia recently joined one of the tours and had a great time. Simon will produce a video and blog but for now here are some pictures and details...



Guided Walks for Tegui

Tegui Ayuntamiento have a new FREE service for visitors and residents, this is a new tourist and cultural initiative that will take place every Wednesday and Sunday, during March, April, May and June. Meeting point: Casa Museo del Timple, located in the Spinola Palace opposite the Plaza de San Miguel. Visit time: 1 hour and a half.

Guided Tours:

Wednesday's "Historical Tegui":

A guided tour through time gone by, visiting the historical old town of Tegui walking through its traditional streets and picturesque alleyways with its marvellous architecture gives you a real flavour of the island and its people.

Sunday's "Tegui and its surroundings":

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

Duration: 10:00 to 11:30

Difficulty: Easy.

Languages: Spanish and English.

Recommendations: Comfortable walking shoes and clothing (jacket).



Here at the LBRA we love to showcase the best of what Lanzarote has to offer through our various social media accounts including [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Google Plus](#). You should definitely connect with us via social media as we share useful information about life in Lanzarote, various upcoming events and beautiful photos from around the island to inspire you to either holiday or live here on this incredible place! With the world of social media also increasingly switching to video we decided this would also be a fantastic way to showcase the island. While a photo says a thousand words, a video is even better for giving a feel for what life is like somewhere and is perfect for travel destinations. Because of this we started a [YouTube channel](#) at the end of last year in which we post videos to promote upcoming events, destination videos and videos about the various amazing things you can see and do here in Lanzarote.

We are pleased to say we have just a hit a new milestone of 2000 followers, and the number of people following us continues to grow daily. Are you following us on Twitter yet?
#LoveLanzarote #LanzaLBRA

Emergency Health Assistance

A Reminder

We have been asked to share the following information by the British Consulate.

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 Consulates of Gran Canaria and Tenerife jointly created this 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. Its' available to view and download at <http://bit.ly/1XIjOfu>

Big success for Starlight Open Air Cinema opening night



The LBRA team were invited to the official opening night party of the Starlight Open Air Cinema on the Rooftop of the Biosfera shopping centre in Puerto del Carmen.

We had a great time at Lanzarote's first ever open air cinema with a viewing of the excellent recent Hollywood Blockbuster 'The Martian' starring Matt Damon, complimentary drinks, popcorn, and delicious paninis.



The Starlight Open Air Cinema offers a unique and special movie experience for film lovers, and anyone looking for a different experience in Lanzarote.

There is comfortable seating, state of the air audio headsets with superb sound quality, a full cafe/bar serving drinks and hot and cold snacks, and even push button waiter service to your seat for little touch of luxury.

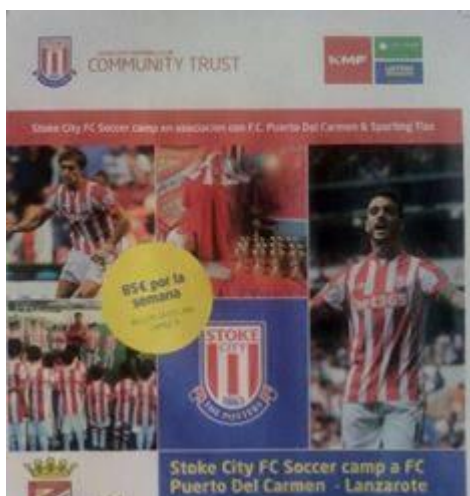
From the Rooftop Biosfera you will also enjoy stunning views out to the Atlantic Ocean which is really amazing as the sun sets, and the stars come out. Viewing a movie under the stars with the perfect postcard views really is something special.

There was a large audience invited for the opening night party, and local media were there to cover the event. Everyone was having a great time with lots of excited conversations and laughter to be heard, and no this wasn't just from the free drinks haha. This is a great place to go with your family, a group of friends or alternatively or would make an excellent place to take a date. In addition to the Starlight Cinema, and StarCafe with cool chillout area, there is also a Cine 6D which offers a unique virtual reality ride, where the seats move and you can experience what it would be like to soar high about Lanzarote. It is an immersive next generation thrill ride which blurs the line between fiction and reality. This really has to be experienced to be believed!

After seeing such a positive audience reaction, we are sure the Starlight Open Air Cinema will be a big success, and makes a brilliant addition to the ever growing list of things to do when you are living in or visiting Lanzarote!

For more information about the Starlight Cinema, Star Cafe and Cine 6D, head over to the Rooftop Biosfera website: <http://rooftopbiosfera.com/>. You can also find the Starlight Cinema on Facebook and Twitter, to keep up to date with all the latest movie listings, offers and other information.

SUMMER SOCCER CAMP IS HERE AGAIN IN AUGUST



The Stoke City summer camp is here from the 8th of August to the 12th from 09.00 in the morning till 1.00 in the afternoon and limited places are available. Whether you live here or you are on holiday if you'd like to take part in this soccer camp just please contact Jack on (0034) 670 806 223 or email fcpuertodelcarmen@gmail.com

Flights



Low cost flight operator Easy Jet has announced that they will commence a new flight route from Luton to Lanzarote from September. Ryan Air announced new routes from Newcastle to Lanzarote and Jet2 have announced new routes from Birmingham to Lanzarote. These new routes indicate the high demand that Lanzarote has for visitors and is great news for everyone.

http://www.jet2.com/News/New_Routes/

Costa Tegusie Hotel News

Hispania has bought the 4 star Oasis Resort Hotel in Costa Tegusie for 28 million euros. This new addition will give Hispania Barceló a resort with 800 rooms in Lanzarote. Although recently renovated the group plans to spend a further 4 million adding and improving facilities. This is great news for Costa Tegusie and the island. See the link for full details

http://www.hosteltur.com/117237_hispania-creara-gran-resort-800-habitaciones-lanzarote.html

Holiday Figures



A report in the Lancelot states that the island is reaching 95% in occupancy figures which again is fantastic news; the article says that this has created a higher demand for employment. The forecast is that the trend will continue throughout 2016 and into 2017.

<http://www.lancelotdigital.com/lanzarote/lanzarote-ronda-el-95-de-ocupacion-turistica-y-busca-que-repercute-en-una-subida-del-empleo>

News from Teguisse Ayuntamiento

The Ayuntamiento confirm that a new firm has been awarded the contract for the maintenance and gardening in Costa Teguisse. The contract should commence in September which is great news for the area as many people had been concerned with the recent standards and conditions. The contract will run initially for 4 years with a probable further 2 year extension. Follow the link below for full details.

<http://www.teguise.es/teguise-aprueba-en-pleno-la-adjudicacion-del-mantenimiento-y-mejora-de-jardines-de-costa-teguise-la-villa-y-tahiche/>

Teguisse Assistance

As you will be aware we currently provide free translation assistance at Teguisse Ayuntamiento every Tuesday morning, but please note that due to holidays the Teguisse assistance is not available during August. The next date for attended assistance will be Tuesday 6th September. The Ayuntamiento's will of course remain open as usual.

We hope you have enjoyed this edition and as always would welcome your comments and suggestions. Have a great summer.

Best wishes

Danny, Silvia, Rita and the LBRA Team



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