

Newsletter Christmas 2016



Welcome to the Christmas edition of your LBRA newsletter.

It seems incredible that another year has almost passed and Christmas is once again upon us. It's been an extremely busy year and as ever December is a hectic month for us. As always our members are our number one priority and we continually work hard to look after your interests. The LBRA was established as an association to work for and support its members, and to help and assist them on a daily basis whatever their needs. As an association we are a collective of like minded people who can share knowledge and information and whose aim is to work together as a united group for the benefit of Lanzarote and its future. We hope you enjoy this Christmas edition of the newsletter and as always would welcome your comments and suggestions.



Holidays

Due to the Christmas, New Year and Three Kings holidays the office will be closed from Thursday 22nd December until Monday 9th January 2017. We shall of course still be working during some of this time so if you need to contact us urgently then please email lanzaroteba@gmail.com

A year end message from LBRA President, Daniel Trigg



I should firstly like to take this opportunity to thank you our members for being part of the association and for your continued support. I am pleased to report that with your support the LBRA, as well as being the only official association for Europeans on the island, continues to be one of the largest. 2016 has been a busy year not only with our LBRA work which is of course looking after our members and their interests, but combined with the property project and our "formal meetings" with ministers and officials etc, attending meetings and presentations at the Cabildo and Ayuntamiento's and government offices it has in all honesty been hectic at times but as always extremely enjoyable and worthwhile. In addition we have once again been awarded a contract to work on the promotion of tourism for Tourism Lanzarote and of course we are still working for Teguise Ayuntamiento providing translation services on their behalf.

I should also like to thank my team at the association, particularly Silvia and Rita, and my family for their support that allows me time away from my own businesses to concentrate on association matters, and for that I am grateful and thankful. When I formed the association in 2008 after many years of planning and work, it was my wish to be able to help others and I feel that this has now been successful achieved.

Our members are the most important part of the organisation, and our commitment is to work hard on your behalf and take care of your interests. As ever our overall objective is to continually increase tourism, improve the facilities, standards and services that the island has to offer, and to support and create unity in the community. We have the knowledge, capabilities, enthusiasm and dedication to work on your behalf and with your support we will continue to do so. Best wishes Daniel



Santa Parade



Puerto del Carmen Annual Santa Parade this year takes place on Friday 23rd December

From its start one of the main objectives of the Lanzarote Business and Residents Association has been to promote tourism in Lanzarote through and with the cooperation of local businesses and residents. The founders of the LBRA had already worked on the very first St Patrick's day celebrations and conceived the idea of having a Christmas parade to bring the "spirit" of Christmas to Lanzarote to fulfil the missing excitement and atmosphere that many felt was needed at this special time of year.

Once the LBRA was officially formed in 2008 they continued to work on this idea and thanks to the contributions of so many people who believed in the idea, together with the LBRA staff and sponsors the first long anticipated Santa Parade in Puerto del Carmen took place on the 24th December 2010 and it was a fantastic success. The association organised the whole event with the support of Tías Ayuntamiento who were responsible for permissions, security and road closures etc, the LBRA ensured that all arrangements were covered, which included not only the parade itself but the ancillary work that goes with it, which includes continual work to gain sponsorship and funding, permits, floats, performers, music and entertainment, together with the publicity and marketing and on the actual day itself setting up and overseeing the whole event. Annually it took months of work and many many meetings and without the LBRA staff, sponsors, volunteers and collaboration from the Ayuntamiento this event would not have taken place.

As from this year the Ayuntamiento will be responsible for organising the event. We shall of course still be assisting but only in an advisory role and will not be responsible for the event.

The event this year will take place on **Friday 23rd December** – meeting at 5.00 to start at 5.30pm and full details will be published nearer the date. If anyone is interested in having a vehicle or charity collection or providing an entertainment feature in the parade then they have to email.....turismo@ayuntamientodetias.es
Members of the public are of course welcome and as normal "Santa Outfits" should be worn.

We wish the Ayuntamiento continued success in what this has become "**A major highlight of the Puerto del Carmen calendar**" that has grown throughout the years and that gives endless pleasure to residents and visitors alike, and we would now like to thank the LBRA staff, contributors, supporters and sponsors who have worked tirelessly to ensure the success of each event. Too many to name but you know who you are.

New Member

We are delighted to welcome new business member La Tienda V who are situated in Tias. Next month we shall find out more about them but for now here are their business details.



Contact Details: Calle Libertad 19, Local 1, Tias, 35572

Telephone: (0034) 928 834 428 – 645 233 294

Opening Hours:	Mon, Weds & Fri	08:30 to 12:30
	Tues & Thurs	12:30 to 17:30
	Saturday	09:00 to 13:00

Email: latiendavlanzarote@gmail.com

Web-Site: latiendavlanzarote.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/latiendavlanzarote/?ref=settings>

SERVICES:

Vinyl Printing

We print onto vinyl including large format for Business Signs, Car decals, wall-art, banners, stickers, etc. We also laminate large format, posters, etc, for added longevity.

Vaping products

We stock a range of Vape / e-cigarette products, all sourced from the UK, ensuring the best quality products. Our range is constantly increasing to ensure the latest devices and liquids are available for both residents and visitors to our wonderful island.

Repairs & keys

We can repair your shoes, boots, leather bags & belts. Watch batteries and minor watch repairs, key cutting and we sell many shoe care products. We also sell and engrave trophies.

Retail

We have a small selection of watches, some traditional gifts such as flip-flops, walking sticks & sun shades plus we have a fine selection of greetings cards.

New airline routes



Ryan Air has announced their summer 2017 flight details which include 6 new routes from Lanzarote, and in addition they have increased flights to a number of current destinations. The new routes will be Belfast, Berlin Schonefeld, Glasgow, Newcastle, Rome, Fiumicin and Valencia. Please see the link for full details.

<http://www.lancelotdigital.com/lanzarote/ryanair-conectara-lanzarote-con-seis-nuevos-destinos-este-verano>.

Festival Enogastronómico Saborea



We were fortunate to attend the Festival Enogastronómico Saborea event in Teguise. This annual event took place over 2 days in November Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th and over 20,000 people attended. This is the 6th year that the event has been held and it is getting bigger and better every year, with many acknowledging it as the best food and drink event in the Canaries. It was especially good to meet so many members and acquaintances there, with everyone agreeing what a great event it is. Make sure you pencil the date in your diary for next year.



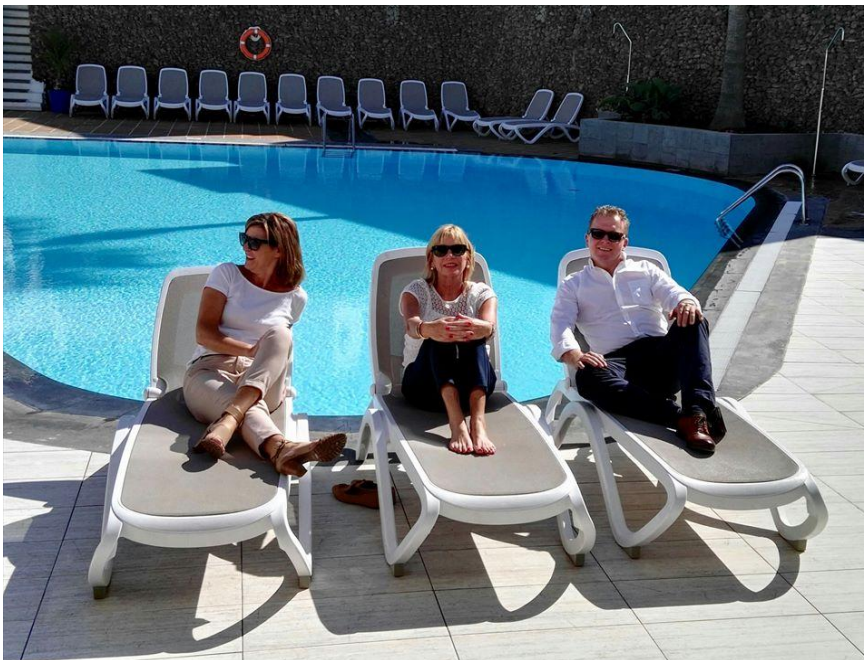
Social Media



Many thanks to everyone who attended the successful social media event held in November with visiting tutor John Beckley. We have received lots of feedback and comments. It seems that many of you are interested in having a future session with John and we are hoping to arrange an event in January or early 2017.

Following on from the meeting we have suggested hosting a monthly social media "think tank" meeting for LBRA members, so please let us know if you are interested in attending.

Special thanks to Geraldine McFadden at Aqua Suites for providing the fabulous venue. If you have not yet visited the newly opened Aqua Suites then we suggest you do, the pool bar is open for snacks and drinks during the day and the restaurants are superb for evening dinner, including the new Italian restaurant.



Waiting for our attendees to arrive.

Blevins Franks Meeting



Blevins Franks kindly invited association members to attend the first meeting that they have held in Lanzarote. The meeting was held at the hotel Costa Calero and it was well attended and we were delighted to see that there were around 22 members in the audience. The meeting was extremely informative and covered a number of subjects including;

- Becoming resident in Spain after Brexit
- New global automatic exchange of information regime
- Canary Isles 99.9% allowance for death taxes
- EU will laws and what you need to know

Particularly interesting was the information regarding the new rates for death duties and inheritance tax and who is liable for paying what amount. Also discussed was the need to file an annual tax report as the HMRC and Hacienda are now obliged to share information. Failure to do so can result in a large fine.

A guest speaker from Prudential International discussed stable investment options. Blevins Franks were very interested in the association and have kindly offered to host a private association meeting if we had enough members interested. **If anyone would like to contact Blevins Franks for personal or financial advice then please let us know and we can put you in direct contact.** They also provided an excellent selection of drinks and snacks both prior to and after the event which gave people the opportunity to mingle and talk with others.





A Christmas Gift

LBRA members Buggies Lanzarote who are based in Puerto Calero would like to offer members a **20%** discount on their 2 and 3 hour tours. This is a great experience and highly recommended. To make a booking telephone (0034) 639 070 754 and please mention you are a member to ensure you receive your discount.



Language Exchange

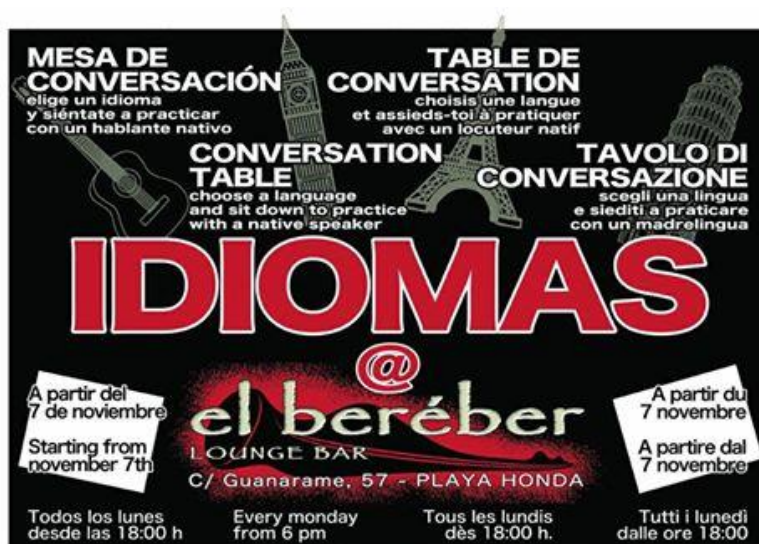
Do you need to practise your Spanish / English? Join our Intercambio de idiomas / Language exchange sessions now being held weekly.

Everyone welcome to join, however some level of English/Spanish is required as these are conversational sessions not teaching classes. They are friendly groups and look forward to welcoming you.

Every Wednesday evening at the Starlight Cinema Café, Rooftop Biosfera Plaza Puerto del Carmen- 5.30 to 7.00p



And now every Monday at el bereber in Playa Honda starting at 6.00p.m.



Lanzarote's Premier Karting Track & MUST Do Attraction. Free Transport From All Resorts In Lanzarote!



Members Go Karting San Bartolome would like to remind everyone that they are open every day throughout the Christmas season including **Christmas** and **New Years day**. They also have Christmas present gift tickets which make an ideal Christmas gift. The terrace provides the perfect spot for viewing and the bar is open for drinks and snacks. For reservations, gift tickets or general information please telephone or email.

Telephone: (0034) 928 52 00 22

Email: info@lanzarotegokarting.com



Not long till Christmas

A reminder if you need good quality Christmas Cards, the Bookswops in Puerto del Carmen have 100's of boxed and individual cards.



They also have gift wrap, gift bags, diaries, calendars and wall planners. With their fantastic range of new and second hand books, greeting cards for all occasions, party goods, gift wrap, stationery and much more...the [Bookswops](#) have it all!

Please note the new opening times

[BookSwop 1](#)

Address: Hotel Fariones end, corner Calle Timanfaya, Puerto del Carmen.

Tel: 928 514 931

Opening Hours: Monday - Friday 09.30 – 18.00. Saturday 09:30 to 14.00

[BookSwop 2](#)

Address: Hotel San Antonio end, C.C. Costa Luz, Puerto del Carmen.

Tel: 928 513 563

Opening Hours: Monday - Friday 09.30 – 17.00 Saturday 09:30 to 13.30



We hope you have enjoyed this newsletter and would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy, peaceful and prosperous 2017.



Danny, Silvia, Rita and the LBRA team.

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