



## Newsletter April 2017



### Welcome to the April edition of your LBRA newsletter.

Well yet another month has flown past and spring has officially arrived. April is traditionally one of our favourite months of the year as we gain an extra hour of daylight which is always a bonus. This month we also have the Easter holiday so we have the perfect excuse to eat more chocolate. March was a busy month for us as we had the AGM as well as attending a number of official meetings. We have a number of new affiliated members this month and we should like to welcome them and new business members Alchemistry Molecular Cocktail Bar and you can read all about them below. As well there are details of the Charity Coffee Morning being hosted by Kristians Restaurant in Puerto del Carmen which we hope many of you will support. As always our members are our number one priority so if we can be of any help or assistance then please do not hesitate to contact us. Have a great month everyone.

## Charity Coffee Morning

# Coffee Morning

## Everyone Welcome



Members Kristians Restaurant are hosting a charity coffee morning on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, we shall of course be attending and it would be great if you could join us and show your support. We would be very grateful if anyone could donate a raffle prize, if so then please let us know. If you are unable to attend but would still like to donate then again please let us know.

**Date:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

**Venue:** Kristians Restaurant

**Time:** 11.00am

Kristians Restaurant in Puerto del Carmen is hosting a Charity Coffee Morning on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May in aid of local **Cancer Charity PerpetuARTE**. As well as delicious homemade cakes and pastries there will be lots of raffle prizes and entertainment. So enjoy a great morning out, and help raise money for this worthy cause. Tickets €7.00 per person and places must be reserved in advance so please show your support and telephone or email now to reserve your places Telephone (0034) 657 65 92 17 or email: [info@kristians-restaurant.com](mailto:info@kristians-restaurant.com)

Kristians Restaurant  
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## More news from Kristians

### ***Weddings, Birthdays, Christenings, Anniversaries, Events, whatever the occasion choose Kristians***

Chris and Eimear from Kristians Restaurant are pleased to announce that they have completed the extension to their premises and can now offer availability for private functions. A separate area with a bar is available for up to 50 persons so if you are celebrating a special event why not contact Kristians to discuss your requirements.

Kristians have an excellent reputation for food and service and can offer a choice of menus that can be tailor-made to suit individual group requirements and budgets. Since it opened Kristians has become one of the most popular restaurants in Lanzarote, its philosophy is simple focusing on; local seasonal produce, classic dishes with some delightful updates, affordable prices and a friendly yet professional welcome. The team are dedicated to providing the highest quality of food and service.

For more information or to discuss details please telephone (0034) 657 65 92 17 or email: [info@kristians-restaurant.com](mailto:info@kristians-restaurant.com) or visit their website <http://kristians-restaurant.com/en/>

## AGM



As you will be aware we held our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, although not a huge attendance the meeting went well, with all proposals being voted upon and agreed. A number of interesting topics and ideas were discussed and the meeting was declared successful by those who attended.

## Meeting for Teguisse residents

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March the Mayor of Teguisse Oswaldo Betancort held his latest meeting with the English speaking residents and business owners of Teguisse. The meeting took place at the Civic Centre in Costa Teguisse. In attendance with the Mayor were Maripaz Cabrera, Concejal de Mercadillo, Tenencia de Animales, Comercio and consume, and Antonio Callero, Concejal de Turismo, Comunicación Institucional, Transporte, Parques and jardines. Daniel Trigg president of the Lanzarote Business and Residents Association kindly translated throughout the meeting.

There were around 90 attendees and the meeting was voted a great success. At the start it was explained that it would be an interactive meeting and not just one sided with the mayor talking to the audience, and following the welcome and introductions questions began immediately.

Many questions were raised the first being the changing of the traffic direction in Calle Panama and the new site of the rubbish bins, the question was then raised about the amount of beggars outside supermarkets, and whilst it was generally agreed that it was unacceptable the point was made that it is not illegal for them to do this, but that social services are aware of the problem. The next question was regarding the noise from the Diverhotel, particularly the loud music in the summer, when nearby residents suffered as they were unable to open windows and doors, the mayor said this problem had already been addressed with other hotels and that a letter would be sent to the offenders and if no action was taken the police would visit. The next problem was the lighting on the bandstand in the Pueblo Marinero as they were turned off too early at night which left performers in the dark, the mayor suggested that the problem could be solved by fitting a new timer and that he would authorise the work to be carried out.

Mobility access problems was another issue and whilst it was accepted that many changes had been made i.e. lower kerbs at pedestrian crossings and better access to the beach there was still a problem with high pavements etc. The mayor explained that there was a mobility plan in progress and that residents could visit the Ayuntamiento to view it, particularly on a Tuesday morning when English speaking assistance was provided by the Ayuntamiento. It was mentioned that there was a difficulty in obtaining blue badges for disabled users and it was explained that this was not an Ayuntamiento service but that they would look into why there had been a delay in this instance.

The question of the new yellow boxes was raised with it being stated that people were still parking in them and that they should be better marked to say no parking. The mayor did say that there had been an increase in parking fines but that the matter could be addressed. Construction and derelict buildings were issues also raised, and it was explained that due to economic problems, in the past, i.e. builders going out of business and premises having no licenses, but that there was a modular plan for Costa Tegui and investors are being actively encouraged to take on these projects. The mayor said that he was reluctant to use tax payers money to secure the abandoned properties and that the money could be spent on better things. There is a plan to build 23 new duplex properties with more hopefully following on.

Shortage of long term rental properties was discussed with people concerned over the lack of accommodation for people living and working here as many were now offering "holiday lets" to obtain more money and that long term lets were increasing in price, it was hoped that with the new properties being built that this would aid this situation and that residents should remember they have rights as tenants and should be aware of them, no one can be forced out. The problem of people letting their properties for "holiday rentals" in residential areas was also highlighted and it is hoped that when the new law is published this year that will help ease the problem. Anyone affected by this can complain to the Canarian Government who have a department to deal with complaints of this nature. Squatters was another issue particularly the ones close to Club Tahiti and whilst they sympathised there was little they could do as this is out of their control and that social services were again aware of the situation. Other issues were discussed such as the gardening and public areas in Nazaret, plans for the area around the civic centre, Toca Sport (the area owned by the International school) will add to the sports premises a number of commercial premises. Future plans for "camping parks" only in designated, authorised areas i.e. Papagayo and La Graciosa.

The Paseo along Las Cucharas was discussed and the new project will include a tourist office and works should start at the end of 2017. A request was made for better signage to distinguish the red cycle lanes around Playa Bastian as it was felt they were not clearly marked and that something should be done to stop the speeding of hired cycles and scooters etc to avoid further accidents. More rubbish bins were needed again particularly in that area and the room was informed that these were on order and would be in place soon. There was a reminder about not dumping large unwanted items and garden waste by the basuras and that the Ayuntamiento offer a free waste collection service, to arrange collection call 928 845 999 / 928 845 994





## Member Interview. Alchemy Molecular Cocktail Bar

We recently met up with new business members Alchemy Cocktail Bar, newly opened in the Plaza del Arte in Puerto Calero. Of course they are not just your average cocktail bar they are specialists in the art of the extremely popular molecular mixology. For those in the "know" you will already be aware that mixologists create an exciting blend of mixes, science and showmanship. The preparation and presentation is a form of art in itself, which makes the cocktails so spectacular in taste and vision. The choice of cocktails on offer includes alcohol based drinks as well as non alcoholic and the bar also offers a range of beers and quality wines, as well as soft and hot drinks. So if we have wetted your appetite why not find out a bit more about the team behind "Alchemy"



Behind the bar from left to right Luca, Manlio and Gianmarco

**LBRA.** Hi thanks for taking the time to meet us, can you tell us a little more about you and your cocktail bar?

**Alechemistry.** Yes of course, we are 3 partners, all Italian, two brothers Luca and Manlio Fattopace and Gianmarco Fuso. We opened the bar at the beginning of March and have been amazed by the response so far. Manlio and Luca had the idea to open a bar but it had to be somewhere special and different from a normal bar. Manlio came to Lanzarote in 2014 having previously been working in Italy, here he worked in a number of 5 star hotels and decided this was the place to open a business, his brother Luca joined him later that year and they met Gianmarco through a mutual friend. They were involved in organising a large private party and it was so successful that the three of them realised that by working together they could create something unique and special, as each had different skills. The location was of major importance as they offer a quality product and therefore they had to be based in an area that would reflect that quality and lend itself to their creations and Puerto Calero seemed the ideal setting. They wanted to create an intimate venue in tranquil surroundings where customers can appreciate the quality and philosophy of mixology. They stress that although they only use quality products the drinks are sensibly priced with an average cocktail costing €6.50.

**LBRA.** So you each have your own roles?

**Alechemistry.** Yes, **Luca** originally studied law and has a degree, and at a later stage studied and qualified as a sommelier. So his role as sommelier is to source quality yet affordable wines. Having a love of music he is also in charge of the great sounds played and uniquely they offer a huge selection of vinyl music. What they love is for people to come in choose their drinks and then choose what music they like to accompany it (sounds perfect)

**Manlio** studied economics and latterly bar tending and combines his economic background with philosophy to produce wonderful concoctions, which taste and look divine. Whilst there are many cocktails to choose from Manlio is more than happy to discuss individual preferences and create a cocktail to suit your personal preferences. He says when he studied mixology at cocktail school in Naples he learned that "make people a good cocktail and you make people happy".

**Gianmarco** studied business management and design and is now responsible for the marketing of the business and promotional material. All three of course under Manlio's skilful direction can mix cocktails and the three seem to work in perfect harmony.

**LBRA.** Do you have a signature cocktail?

**Alechemistry.** Yes two at the moment "Rockefeller Rosemary" and Old Gentlemen". If people are unsure of what to try they will often opt for the signature cocktails.



**LBRA.** The record vinyls are a unique idea how are people enjoying them?

**Alchemystry.** Very much so, its very popular it is something different and we encourage people to come in and browse through the collection and choose what music they would like played. Luca explains that most of the collection he brought with him from Italy with the idea to create a different ambience. The collection is vast and includes music from Michael Jackson, Pink Floyd, The Beatles, Status Quo, among many others. We also have a choice of "chill out" music so depending on the time and clientele the music can vary greatly. We have one regular customer who lives here who has brought in his own vinyl collection for others to listen to and enjoy, so yes very successful.

**LBRA.** How easy/difficult have you found setting up a business in Lanzarote, and any pitfalls for anyone planning to open a business?

**Alchemystry.** Well they laugh at this, with their backgrounds in law, economics and businesses management; if they had had problems then they would have been doing something wrong. But seriously the main thing was to find the right premises and then everything came together.

They wanted to design the bar themselves and did most of the reform work themselves, alongside professionals to ensure everything was correct. The main concern was how people would respond to the product. They knew they had a good quality product but how would people react to it, fortunately so far the results have been good, with people trying and liking the whole concept. It's not just a cocktail bar, its an experience. Their advice is it is hard work but remain focused, and try not to stress, this is Lanzarote accept its lifestyle.



**LBRA.** So your business is Cocktails and wines will you be expanding on that?

**Alchemystry.** We plan to host regular events for wine and degustaciones, places will have to be reserved in advance but the idea is to give people the opportunity to enjoy quality wine and food tastings, the focus is on exploring the flavours and savouring the moment, rather than just consuming vast amounts.

**LBRA.** Is Lanzarote meeting your expectations?

**Alchemystry.** Yes and more so it has everything you want, it is a busy island but not overly busy like its neighbours Gran Canaria and Tenerife. How could you not enjoy living and working in front of the sea, the relaxing pace, the sun and the climate and its multicultural we love it.

**LBRA.** What if any changes would you like to see in Lanzarote?

**Alchemystry.** Not many changes but we would like to see more fresh and new inventive businesses coming to the island that could help improve its image.

LBRA. How do you like to relax?

**Alchemistry. Luca.** Before we had the business I had a very busy social life, went to the gym and was very active, now as we work 6 days my free time is spent (he laughs) sleeping and watching TV.

**Manlio.** Previously I spent a lot of time at the beach, surfing, juggling flares with friends but now it is impossible. Now I like to relax with a beer, eat at my favourite restaurant, which is a tiny restaurant in the port of Arrecife only 4 tables, no menus, just whatever is fresh that day (we have the location so we can try but with only 4 tables we cannot share it) haha

**Gianmarco.** I like to find the natural Lanzarote, back to nature, exploring off the track, the reef and surfing.



LBRA. What next any future plans?

**Alchemistry.** Yes we have a project ongoing that will see our outside space increase. We are building a stage area where we can have live music and more seating that will include chill out sofa's and beds etc. It should be finished within weeks and we are really exciting about it as it will be a totally relaxed area which combined with some great music, should provide another new and unique venue for Lanzarote.

LBRA. Any think you would like to add?

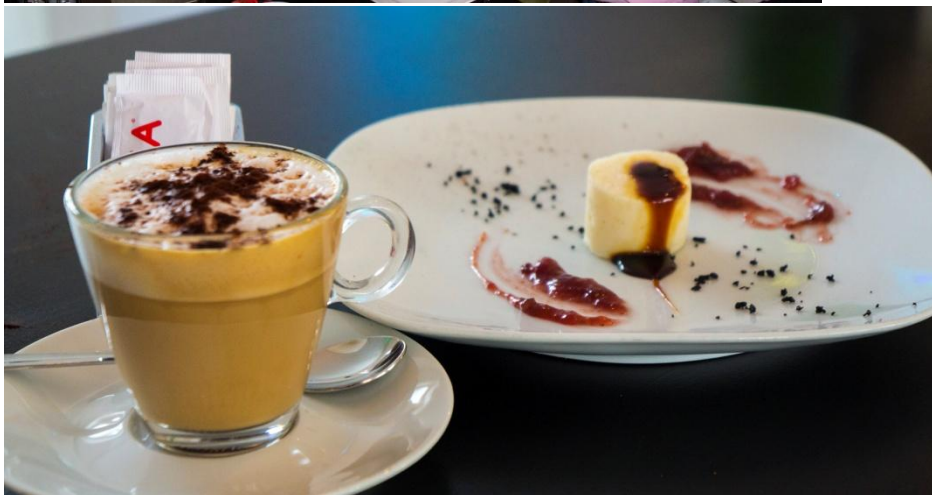
**Alchemistry.** Just that we hope people will come and meet us and enjoy the cocktails and the happy and relaxed atmosphere that we have hopefully created. Listen to some good music and just enjoy and be happy, that would make us happy.

**LBRA.** We would like to say thanks to the guys Manlio, Luca and Gianmarco, for their time and having watched them at work we can see that each have their individual experiences and skills and that together they make a great team, each determined to play a part that links the business together.

On a final note of recommendation to the bar, on the day we were there a couple arrived who were staying in Puerto del Carmen, they had come across on the ferry and having seen there was a Molecular Cocktail Bar had decided to postpone their return trip to later so they could try the

cocktails. We spoke to them and they said that they were actually experts in molecular cocktails and that wherever they travelled in the world they always tried them and that the ones they had in Alchemy were amongst the best they had tried and that the complementary tapas were excellent and complimented the cocktails perfectly. They said they were happy to be included in the interview and they were delighted that they had decided to stay longer and try the cocktails as the experience was a highlight of their holiday. We think they and we shall be visiting again soon.

Alchemy is open Tuesday – Sunday 2.00pm – late



## Friends of Costa Teguisse



LBRA representative Ian Slade recently attended the "Friends of Costa Teguisse" meeting to celebrate the annual carnival. The meeting was held at the Melia Salinas Hotel which is currently undergoing some refurbishment and there was an opportunity to view some of the newly refurbished rooms.

Amongst the number of topics discussed it was announced that work on the "New Paseo" continues with an investment of 1.4 million with the emphasis on quality not price, and there are plans to include a children's playground and tourist office along the paseo. Ian also had the opportunity to discuss a number of suggestions and ideas with the mayor and tourism officials which were received with enthusiasm. Many thanks to Ian for representing the association at the meeting.





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## Volunteers required

Just a reminder

Please note the message below is an automated translation. Anyone interested can send an email to [somosbiosfera@cabildodelanzarote.com](mailto:somosbiosfera@cabildodelanzarote.com)

The Cabildo seeks entities, public and private, young and old, and people of all ages in general, concerned and committed to the island and its people to be part of the volunteer team of the Lanzarote Biosphere Reserve

'Junt @ s Somos Biosfera', the new volunteer environmental and social program of the Lanzarote Biosphere Reserve

Those interested in becoming part of this volunteer program of the Cabildo of Lanzarote will be able to register or request information of the next activities and initiatives that are developed, in [somosbiosfera@cabildodelanzarote.com](mailto:somosbiosfera@cabildodelanzarote.com)

Lanzarote, February 23, 2017

"The conservation and care of our environment and social environment is a matter for everyone." This is considered from the area of the Biosphere Reserve of the Cabildo of Lanzarote and that is why they have launched 'Junt @ s Somos Biosfera', a volunteer program in which public administrations, entities in general and citizenship, are Unite through this participative volunteer project, young, dynamic, social and committed to the island of Lanzarote and La Graciosa.

In line with the Biosphere Reserve led by the Cabildo's president, Pedro San Ginés, this volunteer line has been activated as a perfect vehicle to foster values as important and fundamental to a territory as Lanzarote, the Biosphere Reserve, as Are the conservation and care of the environment. Likewise, through this type of initiatives, attitudes of cooperation and collaboration, as well as respect, equality and tolerance, among others, are promoted.

Through a team of volunteers and volunteers who will coordinate under the program 'Junt @ s Somos Biosfera', different actions will be carried out that will cover both environmental and social initiatives. In addition, these actions will be accompanied by various educational, training, leisure and leisure activities that will add value to them.

Among the actions of the project have been programmed some related to the environment as coastal and beach cleaning activities, cleaning of urban areas and abandoned plots, revegetation and repopulation with native species, elimination and control of invasive species; And other social volunteering and civic science, such as restoration of deteriorated urban spaces, urban green spaces, accompaniment of groups in social exclusion and others included in the Zero Plastic campaign of the Biosphere Reserve with actions to monitor the dynamics of Microplastic contamination.

All volunteer activities will start with informative talks and conclude with group evaluation and entertainment activities, such as sharing a lunch or any other cultural or leisure activity organized for achieving the objectives pursued by the activity and also facilitate the Cohesion of the volunteer team.

All those who wish to register or request more information about this volunteer program or to join one of the activities that will be organized soon, can send an email to [somosbiosfera@cabildodelanzarote.com](mailto:somosbiosfera@cabildodelanzarote.com)

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



Best wishes

Danny, Silvia, Rita and the LBRA Team



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