



ARONA GETS TOUGH

Clampdown on street vending

The Tourist Police in Arona, a special unit which forms part of the Local Police, have recently clamped down on illegal street vendors on the coastal paths of Playa de Las Américas and Los Cristianos.

During the operation which took place over three days, police seized over 80 kilos of goods and issued 15 denuncias. Carolina Reverón, Arona's police councillor, said: "Officers from the unit have seen an increase in street sales on the beaches and promenades of Los Cristianos and Playa de Las Américas. This damages the image of the island abroad and also creates prejudices about whether these people are working illegally". Reverón pointed out that, according to Arona's regula-

tions to develop and guarantee harmonious living in the borough which were issued in 2006, it is forbidden to sell drinks, food or other goods in public places without official authorisation, and this licence must be clearly visible. In addition, it is forbidden to collaborate with illegal traders; for example, to warn them that the police are patrolling the area. During the three days of intensive monitoring, numerous inspections were carried out during which goods were seized, mostly because the traders ran away when the police arrived. The result of the initiative was positive in that all the persons checked were legally resident in Spain and had all the necessary residence permits and identification documents. Fur-



↑ Over 80 kilos of goods were seized but none were counterfeit

thermore, no counterfeit items were discovered among the confiscated goods. The traders committed an administrative offence but no fraud, and no one was arrested. Only one of the traders had to pay a fine of €126 and recover his goods from the Local Police pound. Reverón pointed out that Article 16.2 of the municipal ordinance bans the sale of goods and the use of public space

for advertising. This not only refers to promotions for restaurants, discos, pubs or bars, but also to the providers of excursions and leisure activities or estate agency offices. Without explicit permission, such activities are banned in public spaces. Reverón announced that further checks aimed at curbing the illegal use of public places and the harassment of tourists and residents will be made in the future. ■

ADEJE BOOK FAIR

Brit lit!

Adeje council recently held the fifteenth annual Book and Comic Fair, with various events staged between April 17 and 27 including an event for British novelists based in the Canaries that took place on April 22.

Authors were present between 11am and 1pm to sign copies of their books and hold a Q&A about the pros and cons of being an English-language writer in Tenerife, the benefits and pitfalls of self-publishing over traditional publishing,

personal writing methods, and other related topics.

At the top table were authors Joe Cawley, Richard and Nikki Attree, Lee Bullen, Gemma Metcalfe, Susan Dehmel, Brad Smith, and Roger and Rebecca Stone.

Featured books included the new thriller *Trust Me* by Gemma Metcalfe, the popular *More Ketchup* books by Joe Cawley, *Nobody's Poodle* and *Somebody's Doodle* by Richard and Nikki Attree, *Beset* and a range of other writings



↑ Brad Smith, Lee Bullen and Richard Attree during the Q&A

by Lee Bullen, and *How to Treat a Woman* by Rebecca Stone. Susan Dehmel was also there, the author of *Boris & Friends*, a trilingual book with all proceeds

going to the K9 animal rescue charity; and Brad Smith was present to talk about his currently-untitled upcoming debut about the road to Santiago. It was an entertaining

PUERTO COLÓN TO MARINA DEL SUR

Sailing the open seas

The first ever Puerto Colón to Marina del Sur Crossing took place in the south of Tenerife on May 1.

There were 16 sailboats participating from all over Tenerife and the whole event was filmed with drones, providing incredible footage (see: www.travesiapuertocolon.com). The departure from Puerto Colón in Costa Adeje was a sight to see, with the sailboats competing for a good start and to take advantage of the favourable winds in the direction of Marina del Sur, where they circled a buoy to return to Puerto Colón and the finish line.

First across the line was 'Maefia7', arriving after three hours. The first prize was a three night stay for two people at the Hard Rock Hotel Tenerife. In second place was 'Soñador', which won a helicopter ride with Helidream Helicopters. The award ceremony was held at the Pool Centre in Puerto Colón with food supplied by Restsur Catering. The trophies were awarded to the prize-winners and presented by the Adeje councillor for sports, Adolfo Alonso Ferrera, who publicly congratulated Lorena Cabrera for organising the first crossing event, and offered more council support for next year's highly-anticipated regatta. ■



↑ The first ever Puerto Colón to Marina del Sur Crossing was a huge success



↑ Seven British authors were present at the book fair to discuss their works and answer questions from the public

inclusion to the annual fair, and hopefully one that will be repeated in subsequent years. Special thanks to organiser Clio O'Flynn and Adeje Council for staging such a fun and educational event as part of this year's book fair. ■



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