

Networking at its best

A STYLISH cocktail party hosted last night by Lexland Lawyers was a complete hit.

Charmaine Arbouin, the British Consul for Andalucía and the Canary Islands, and Rosslyn Crotty, Vice Consul of the British Consulate in Malaga, joined Jose Luis Hernandez, Marbella's Councillor of Tourism, along with Lexland partners, Dimas Cuesta and Juan Miguel Marin, and other notable guests from the British Chamber of Commerce.

We caught up with Charmaine Arbouin and asked her what she thought about the party. "This is a lovely evening. It's great for people to meet up, it's a service for the British people living here and, on top of it all, it is a fun, summer activity," said Charmaine.

Rosslyn Crotty added: "I'm delighted to attend this institutional support for the British Chamber of Commerce. This is true integration of business and society, promoting not only one's business but that of others too."

Jose Luis Hernandez stressed that "motivating companies is great and it opens the door to getting yourself



From left to right: Dimas Cuesta, Rosslyn Crotty, Charmaine Arbouin and Jose Luis Hernandez.

known, with the support of the town behind you."

The British Chamber of Commerce, which has been operating for more than 100 years and is one of the largest networking institutions in the world, works closely with the British and Spanish Consulates. The British Chamber of Commerce hosts 80 events per year

and two events every month in Andalucía, ranging from economic forums to legal events, among many others, and it also provides people with a sound business formula. The Chamber of Commerce gives easy access to an otherwise difficult task of making connections and building a network of contacts.

Tax blacklist

CLOSE to 2,000 Spanish taxpayers could be on a feared defaulters' list.

The list will include the names of those who owe more than €1 million in taxes, Santiago Menendez, General Director of Spain's revenue service (AEAT), told the media.

Menendez said publishing the list on the revenue service's website was a dissuasive measure to demonstrate that such behaviour was reprehensible.

Furthermore, he said the tax reform was designed "by someone who was able to weather a storm and reach a safe harbour," so it deserves "credibility." Menendez emphasised that the tax reform lays solid foundations for economic growth and the creation of employment opportunities.

In addition, he pointed out that the reform would increase household liquidity levels and have a €9 billion impact in two years.

Tax revenues have increased by 4.6 per cent during the crisis, he said, thanks to the efforts of AEAT.

As stated by Menendez, Spain's revenue service has achieved extraordinary results in its fight against tax fraud and the reform aims at complying with the recommendations made by Brussels for tax consolidation.

According to data from the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development, tax revenues in Spain in the year 2012 were close to €346 billion and €333 billion in 2009.

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