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Travel firm creates hundreds of new jobs in the Balearics

Palma.—A Majorca-based travel company is in the process of creating hundreds of new jobs on the island and almost 60 percent of their staff are British or English-speaking.

Lowcostholidays has recently transferred its headquarters from Gatwick to the Parcbit technology park, just by the Balearic university. So far they have a staff of almost 200 but they are still busy recruiting.

Andrew Clemence, the Operations Director at the company, said yesterday that they were looking to expand and double their turnover in the space of three years.

He said that one of the reasons why the company had moved from Britain was be-

cause of the wealth of talent which existed on the island especially in tourism.

“We have operations across the world and we need people who can speak languages and thankfully on Majorca there is an impressive pool of talent,” said Clemence. His background in tourism started with Air-tours, which went from a small Manchester travel group to the world’s leading tour firm.

“We are obviously going to continue to grow which is great for us and great for Majorca.”

The full interview with Andrew Clemence will appear in Sunday’s newspaper.



Andrew Clemence of Low cost holidays.

UKIP buys advert to deny racism before Europe vote

London.—Britain’s UK Independence Party (UKIP) yesterday took out an advert in a national newspaper to assert it was not racist as rival politicians and the media united to condemn its characterisation of Romanian immigrants.

Most opinion polls show UKIP is on course to come first or second in elections to the European Parliament on Thursday, pushing Conservative Prime Minister David Cameron’s party into a humiliating third place just a year before a national elec-

tion. The party, which wants Britain to leave the European Union and stricter border controls, has ridden a wave of dissatisfaction about what many Britons perceive to be excessive immigration levels to surge in the opinion polls.

Last year, it took almost one in four votes in local elections. Though it siphoned support from all parties, its success has in particular fuelled fears among the Conservatives that it could split the centre-right vote in 2015. However, comments about

Romanian immigrants by Nigel Farage, UKIP’s leader, have drawn unusually fierce protests from across the political spectrum, a backlash that some commentators and rivals think could mark a turning point in the party’s fortunes.

Citing police crime statistics involving Romanians, Farage, an admirer of former prime minister Margaret Thatcher, said in a radio interview last Friday he thought people would be concerned if their neighbours were Romanians.

“I was asked if a group of Romanian men moved in next door, would you be concerned? And if you lived in London, I think you would be,” Farage told the LBC radio station. Farage, who is married to a German, was then asked what the difference would be between having Germans and Romanians as neighbours and said: “You know what the difference is.”

EU restrictions on Romanians and Bulgarians working in Britain were lifted in January.