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HAPPY BIRTHDAY ESRA

Hundreds of members of the English Speaking Residents Association ESRA celebrated in style yesterday. Full report in tomorrow's newspaper.



Minorca shows the way on winter flights

● Council of Minorca reaches agreement with British airline so that there are more winter flights between the island and Britain. See Page 5.



Queen visits Majorca training centre: See Page 3

Uber, Cabify drivers strike in Madrid to protest against planned law changes

Madrid.—Thousands of drivers for ride-hailing services Uber and Cabify, waving flags and chanting slogans such as “we want to work”, marched down Madrid’s central boulevard yesterday ahead of plans by the government to tighten regulation.

Drivers from both companies, which have faced complaints from taxi drivers all over the world for allegedly providing unfair competition, offered free rides for 12 hours a

day before the strike, business association Unauto said.

In Spain, there are almost 11,000 vehicles with ride-sharing licences and more than 65,000 with taxi licences, Public Works Ministry data shows, with more than 150,000 taxi drivers and 15,000 Uber and Cabify drivers operating throughout the country.

Cabify driver Juan Antonio Sastre, 57, who left the ranks of millions of long-term unemployed to join the

company, said he feared for his job ahead of the new regulation to be passed today.

“We don’t know what is going to happen next, our future is uncertain,” he said, while taking part in the march.

Full details of the new regulation have yet to be announced, though new laws are expected to include additional restrictions for non-taxi services offered by the companies.