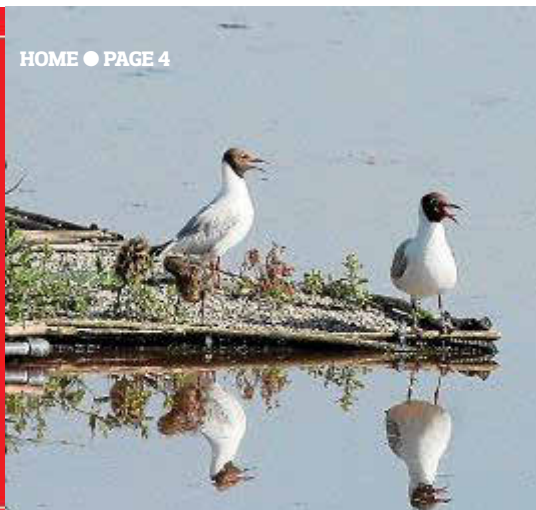


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FOREIGN POPULATION BOOM IN PALMA

5,000 BRITISH RESIDENTS REGISTERED TO VOTE

● In Palma, there are 4,715 foreign residents registered to vote in the local elections and 3,280 in Calvia.

Palma.—At the municipal elections next month, 4,969 British residents are registered to vote in the Balearics.

There are 23,014 foreign voters in all, the British having the second highest representation after German residents (6,250).

For the European elections, the numbers differ - a total of 18,090 foreign

voters, with 4,249 British and 4,773 German.

However, whether British residents will vote in the European Elections depends on how Brexit negotiations progress.

For the regional parliament election, for which foreign residents do not have a vote, 801,595 people are registered. Of these, 27,695 are living abroad.



Municipal elections are to be held next month.



Police prepare for post-Brexit public disorder

● British police have tested plans in recent months to have 10,000 officers respond within 24 hours to any disorder or increase in hate crime if Britain leaves the European Union with no deal.

In a statement, they also urged restraint in a political and public debate that has often been angry: "There's a responsibility on us all to think carefully and be temperate in how we communicate so we don't inflame tensions," said Martin Hewitt, head of the National Police Chiefs' Council yesterday.

Chief Constable Charlie Hall added: "National and global events have the potential to trigger short-term rises in hate crime

and we saw this with the significant spike following the EU Referendum in 2016."

Three years after Britons voted to quit the EU in a referendum, and with only a week left before a new, delayed exit date, government and parliament are still bitterly divided over how, when or even whether to leave.

An exit on April 12 without any transition deal to cushion the shock to trade, business or consumers remains a real possibility.

At the same time, there have been warnings from a number of Brexit supporters that failing to get Britain out of the EU could lead to civil unrest.

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