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YET MORE HEARTACHE OVER BRITISH DRIVING LICENCES IN SPAIN

Palma.—It appears that there is a flaw in the UK driving licence exchange deal which has been reached with the Spanish authorities - paper driving licences without a photograph are not being recognised. The *Bulletin* has been contacted by a number of British residents in Mallorca who have come up against this latest hitch and have said they are again feeling very frustrated and “saddened” by yet another complication which appears to have been overlooked. The paper counterpart to the photo-card driving licence was abolished in June 2015 but all paper licences issued prior to

that, providing they have not expired, are still valid in the UK and overseas, the DVLA told the *Bulletin*. In fact, the DVLA is well aware of this latest problem and has a special British government document which it is sending by email to British residents in Spain who are being refused a Spanish licence because the Spanish are refusing to accept the paper licence. In the meantime, getting an appointment with the DGT Spanish traffic authorities is another nightmare, with many Britons forced to pay a gestor to secure one and also manage their paperwork.

BIG VOTE FLOP

Palma.—Just 1,600 UK nationals are eligible to vote in the local elections at the end of this month, a big drop compared to the last poll in 2019. Four years ago more than 3,000 Britons were eligible to vote in the local council elections. In total 19,000 non-Spaniards will be able to vote, which represents just two per cent of the electorate. A total of 5,867 Germans, 3,886 Italians, 1,810 French, and 1,622 can vote. While the numbers are small, the so-called foreign vote could still make a difference in key areas. However, political commentators have been quick to point out that non-Spaniards do not really have an appetite to vote in the local elections.



Two children watch the coronation at the *Bulletin* party at the Mallorca Country Club. Queens College also hosted a coronation event along with the two Anglican churches in Palma and Pollensa last weekend.



British super yacht cruising Mallorca waters

Palma.—The British superyacht, *Grace*, is cruising around Mallorca waters. She is owned by John Reece, an accountant and partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, who joined the chemicals conglomerate Ineos and is now the chief financial officer and minority shareholder. In May 2021, Forbes estimated Reece’s net worth to be \$5.7 billion.

Grace is the 126th largest yacht ever created. She can accommodate 12 guests in six cabins and has an annual running cost of between 10 and 14 million dollars.

Ineos are the main sponsor of Britain’s bid for the America’s Cup. They have established a base in Palma as part of their challenge for sailing glory.

Experience of a lifetime

- British resident travels to London to see the coronation parade and says that it was well worth it despite the heavy rain.
- *Bulletin* hosts hugely successful street party event at the Mallorca Country Club for people of all ages.
- Other coronation events took place across the island including at Queens College in Genova and at the two Anglican churches.
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