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the locations of any of the other films shot in the Canary Islands.

look in. For the 2010 version Bob writes "Liam Neesen and Ralph Fiennes star in this remake of Laurence Olivier's 1981 classic, also filmed partly in Spain. Among the selected locations in Tenerife are the Teide National Park and the coast in the districts of Icod, Buenavista del Norte and Guía de Isora plus some pinewoods and mountain areas, as well as the Timanfaya National Park in Lanzarote."

Production Designer Martin Laing explained the choice of Tenerife when he said: "we looked all around the planet for locations. We did not want to go where other films have been. This film had to be special". , "we could have gone anywhere in the world but Tenerife has so many beautiful and dramatic landscapes. He added that "it is the jewel in the crown. Tenerife is special, it has that wonderful light and flavour which will really make this film stand out".

Bob Yareham has asked our readers to send him (bobyareham@gmail.com) information about

Puerto de la Cruz

Trams and trains

Back on track?

The dream of joining La Orotava and Puerto de la Cruz with a tramline first found space in the local press exactly ten years ago.

The idea, which was promoted by one or two Canarian Coalition politicians like Orotava's Isaac Valencia, was shelved. It was thought to be too far fetched, especially in terms of the complicated route it would take. Nevertheless Valencia aired

the proposal again recently. Politicians are desperately looking for ways to keep construction firms alive and he thinks he has a new chance. Many firms have closed as a result of the economic crisis and the building industry is expected to be much reduced when the economy begins to recover. It is widely considered that politicians in the last twenty years have allowed the building boom in Tenerife to prosper beyond capacity or

requirements. The search for new kinds of work for building firms brings projects like new ports, railways and this northern tramline between Puerto and La Orotava to the forefront. In fact Valencia told reporters in December that now was the time to put his tramline proposal on the rails again. The problem is the sloping nature of the terrain, so alternatives are likely to be placed on the table before any decision is taken, probably in 2011.

Puerto de la Cruz

Christmas parking

Shops and cars

The Association for Young Business People in Puerto de la Cruz complained just before Christmas that the town had lost a thousand valuable car parking spaces, just when they were most needed by prospective Christmas shoppers.

They were unhappy, as usual, about the fact that the traditional travelling fairground had been permitted to set up camp on the

harbour car park as always. William Lucas, local commerce and trade councillor, denied the town had lost all those car parking spaces. In fact he explained that to compensate for the loss of 400 spaces at the closed bus terminal, the council had reduced the space made available to the fairground so as to provide 500 free car parking spaces which had not been available in previous years. Lucas also referred to the confusion which arose

regarding people using the closed bus station as a car park. His council had tried to keep it open for Christmas shoppers but was obliged to close it off altogether after inspectors found there was too much of a risk of falling plaster and leaking roofs.

Lucas also pointed out that Christmas shoppers have also been able to make use of free car parking at the Plaza de Europa car park provided they purchased goods at local shops.

La Orotava

Michelin Guide 2010

Victoria Hotel included

The Victoria Hotel, in the heart of old Orotava, has been included in Michelin's Guide 2010 edition for Spain and Portugal, the essential companion for travellers and persons with good taste. The Victoria is renowned for its superb cuisine, with Chef Richard Etherington at the

helm. It also promotes cultural and active tourism activities, taking advantage of the resources the municipality of La Orotava, which includes the Teide National Park. The hotel organises several gastronomic events throughout the year and promotes the best of the valley's vineyards.



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