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## NEWSLETTER

### Costa Blanca South

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**A**rpo's Annual General Meeting took place on 8th February at Sacko's Bar, El Limonar with an attendance of 58 members.

#### The new committee comprises of:

Chairman	Roy Coombes
Vice Chairman	Lawrence Bilbey
Secretary	Mike Peters
Ass. Secretary	Andy Bassett
Treasurer	James Wood
Ass. Treasurer	George Patterson
Information Officer	Lyn Organ

## EDITOR'S REMARKS

**R**eady for a busy social life with help at hand when needed? It may sound too good to be true but we are well on our way to providing both. A busy year has already been planned with options for even more events. There was a misunderstanding amongst some members that ARPO was affiliated to and subject to the rules and regulations of NARPO UK. This is not the case. ARPO Costa Blanca South is a social club for retired police officers, and makes its own rules and regulations. ARPO is soon to become a registered name of our association. A motion to change the name of the club was defeated by the majority present. Anyone can access the NARPO website which also contains downloadable copies of NARPO NEWS from the last 3 years, just visit their website on [www.narpo.org.uk](http://www.narpo.org.uk)

With these matters resolved, we are now in a position to move onward and upwards to provide a social club to be proud of. We already have a number of forthcoming events arranged for this year and others in the planning stage. \*see over\*. All members who inform us of their web address will be sent 'posters' or information of all planned forthcoming events the moment they become available.

It is a costly exercise to produce newsletters and associated paperwork. To substantially reduce the costs incurred and to provide better and up to date information, more use will be made of the internet via our website. The current 'information folders' will be discontinued forthwith.

I am a great believer in reducing the amount of paperwork generated in any role and prefer to point members in the direction of specialists in the information or advice required. All information is freely available from a variety of sources and there is no need for it to be copied herein or kept in folders. Bearing this in mind, if any member has specialist knowledge they would be prepared to share with other members, please contact me and I will collate the details. This also applies if you know non-members such as reliable tradesmen or professionals who you can recommend to others. This will be of great benefit to all, especially members who are not residents.

Please, please make more use of our web site. We can publish facts quickly to a wide audience and make huge savings in costs incurred by the association. I will work closely with Gerry Lawson to continue to provide and build a first class website.

**Our website is  
[www.arpo.org.uk](http://www.arpo.org.uk)**

"But I haven't got a computer!" I hear some say. OK, that's true but we will be all within a short distance of internet cafes (or families or friends who have computers) and we can show you how to use an internet café and get your own email address.

I have asked Gerry Lawson to provide a step by step guide and this has been prepared and I have copies. I am sure that if you need 'hands on' assistance, a member can meet you at an internet café and guide you through the process personally. If anyone needs assistance, just ask!!

Some of my favourite local websites with a huge amount of news and information are printed overleaf.

Prepare for the future with a new team who have the enthusiasm and commitment to run an excellent social branch on your behalf. Look forward to the pre-planned and future events organised by our own members. The future looks bright and we can now go Onwards and Upwards.

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## TREASURER'S CHEST

**O**ur cash in hand stands at •1260.74 . Current membership is 142 consisting of 7 life members, 99 fully paid up and 36 in arrears. A list of dates when subscriptions are due will be passed round at each meeting. At our last meeting we had 8 new members and 4 renewed their membership.

The Valentine's lunch at Portico Mar restaurant raised •118.55 after expenses, for the association funds. This follows the decision to make all functions self financing whenever possible.

And finally, congratulations to Gerry Lawson, the winner of last month's •25 draw.

**T**he Valentine's Day Lunch was fully supported by 69 members and friends and the visit to Portico Mar was a splendid occasion with ladies receiving gifts of red roses and romance blossomed in the wonderful atmosphere!!!



Thanks to Mike and Linda Peters for arranging this event at one of our favoured restaurants AND a big thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle. A photograph taken at this lunch can be viewed on the web site.

Our website is in the capable hands of our webmaster, Gerry Lawson who updates the site regularly. And, remember that the newsletters are also published online (hot off the press).

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CONTACT
MAR 29	2.00pm	Grand China Restaurant. La Siesta.	George Patterson 9667208
APR 12	11.00am	Monthly Meeting at Sacko's Bar, El Limonar	Tel. 966786108
APR 26	1.30pm	Dona Isabel, San Miguel-de-Salinas	Jim and Joan Wood 966764434
MAY 10	11.00am	Monthly Meeting at Sacko's Bar, El Limonar	Tel. 966786108
MAY 24	7.30pm	Country Cook-In Rest. Formentera	Mike Peters 966797015 or Gerry Lawson 966791537 after 2 May
JUN 14	11.00am	Monthly Meeting at Sacko's Bar, El Limonar	Tel. 966786108
JUN	planning stage	Rocio's Palace, Benijofar	Mike Peters 966797015
SEP	planning stage	Beez Bar, Via Park 111, Los Altos	Lawrence Bilbey 966791537

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAN AN EVENT OR NEED ADVICE OR ASSISTANCE TO ORGANISE ONE?? IT CAN BE ON ANY DAY (NOT JUST WEDNESDAYS!!) CONTACT OUR SECRETARY MIKE PETERS WHO WILL BE ONLY TOO PLEASED TO HELP AND CONFIRM AVAILABILITY OF DATES ETC.

If you have any photographs of any event you have attended, please send them to me via email to [lynorgan@terra.es](mailto:lynorgan@terra.es) or just give me the photo. (They will be returned undamaged!)

HAVE YOU BEEN ON A TRIP OR VISITED PLACES OF INTEREST YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH OTHERS???? LET US KNOW!!!

**St. David's Day** saw 48 members and guests visit Guadalest for a blanket trip and a meal arranged by Marie and Derek Dunham. Favourable reports have been received from this popular trip.

## SUGGESTION BOX

I am expecting this section to increase substantially and become a good starting point for discussions. At this time we have the possibility of having a guest speaker attend one of our meetings on the subject of inheritance tax.

If you feel this would be beneficial, please contact Mike Peters.

## RESIDENCIA RULES

The procedure to obtain or renew residencia has been simplified. For full details see: <http://paginas.torrevejia.eu.com/help/index.php?page=>

I have a small amount of typed copies available.

We don't all live here permanently and able to buy local newspapers regularly BUT, if you have a computer, or access to one, check out these sites:-

[www.costablanca.es](http://www.costablanca.es)

[www.yourlocalnewspaper.info](http://www.yourlocalnewspaper.info)

[www.torrevejaciudadcultural.com](http://www.torrevejaciudadcultural.com)

[www.torrevejainformation.com](http://www.torrevejainformation.com)

**My site of the month** is worth adding to your 'favourites' [www.torreguia.es](http://www.torreguia.es)

\*\*\*This newsletter is printed to provide information and every effort is made to ensure accuracy. All planned and future events contain contact details of the organiser(s) and they should be contacted direct for up to date information\*\*\*