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EDITOR'S REMARKS

April showers would have been most welcome during our summer break BUT we sit and suffer without complaint. Us residents chose to live here and we deserve to suffer – long may it last! I hope you all enjoyed the break and I am looking forward to seeing your photos of Spain entered in the competition. Results will be announced at the October meeting. At our last meeting in June there were 47 members present and the guest speakers extolled the virtues of Aloe Vera and indeed it's history and incredible healing properties in what was one of the most professional 'hard sell' presentations I have witnessed for a long time. I almost believed that if I had purchased all of the numerous derivatives at point of sale, my bank balance would certainly decrease substantially but I would therefore never be ill again – marvellous!! It was at this time my wristwatch alarm went off and I was back to the real world. However, the popularity of this plant (or is it a herb?) and its perceived healing powers were well received by the members present and I hope some of you have benefited!! Back to reality, over 60 members and guests found Rocio's Palace at Benijofar on 30th June where we enjoyed a good selection of meals and excellent service. We also celebrated a double birthday – Chairman Roy and his wife June. Congratulations to them both. The female singer and two Spanish dancers were truly professional and gave a first class show. Our thanks to Mike Peters for organising this event. Due to the nature of this night-out, there was no raffle but our treasurer has plans to relieve you of monies 'lost' ASAP, believe me. Our entrepreneur of books, Roy Dewey, also celebrated his REAL retirement birthday at the Wang Cheng restaurant in Guardamar on 15th July, congratulations Roy. The committee has worked hard to offer a varied choice of events well into 2007 and we trust you will continue to support the association and enjoy its growth and benefits of membership. If anyone wishes to arrange a meal, event or has knowledge of a guest speaker, please contact Mike Peters for available dates. All that remains is to wish you all an enjoyable ARPO season.

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TREASURER'S CHEST

Cash in bank stands at €1500.00. Cash in hand stands at €89.91. Our membership is now 114, however 24 members' annual subscriptions are now due. A list of which is on the board. At our last meeting we had one new member join and two members renewed their membership. The monthly 25 euro draw was won by me!

BEWARE THE WINDS OF CHANGE

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Those living / renting or owning property in Torrevieja should be aware that this area has now been divided into 5 areas with regards to the POST CODE. Formerly, all Torrevieja shared the same code of 01380, that has now changed and you will find that your code has been replaced with another. That is no problem in Spain BUT there could be a problem if you have UK documents ie insurances etc. as they will use the postcode to search for your policy or any other important document. Surprise, surprise they can't find it!!! To ensure you do not have any problems in the UK regarding these changes, please ensure ALL important UK documents containing Spanish addresses in the Torrevieja are updated as soon as possible.

BEWARE THE WINDS OF CHANGE part 2

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Extract from Time Out magazine in La Marina.....Have you renewed your passport???
In Spain, the authorities use the same identification number but not in the UK. When purchasing a property your passport number is taken as a means of identification. The problem arises when you sell your property and find that the passport number does not tally with that on your house deeds!! The notary will put a spanner in the works because 'are you really the Robert Smith who bought the property in the first place?'
It is essential that you always keep your old passport to prove the link. If you bought with an NIE number there is no problem as that is like the UK social security number and remains unchanged. If you are in this position and no longer have the old, invalidated passport, you can get a certificate from the British Consulate in which they will certify you once had a passport with the number Y and now hold one with the number X.
If you do not live here permanently you can get the same certificate from the relevant authority in the UK.

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE HOMESTAYS

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Are you interested in becoming a host teacher for international language homestay? Do you need further information? Contact Roy Lloyd on 965966524 or 660349968. A leaflet is available for perusal on the notice board (Please don't remove it, I only have one copy !).

DIARY OF SOCIAL EVENTS

DATE	TIME	COST	VENUE	CONTACT
WED 13 SEPT	11.00AM		Monthly Meeting at Sacko's Bar. Return of previous guest speaker, Colin Bedson, who can provide additional aloe vera supplies and also talk on internet broadband provider.	966786108
WED 27 SEPT	1.00PM	12.50€	Beez Bar, Via Park 111, Los Altos (carvery)	Lawrence Bilbey 656582278
WED 11 OCT	11.00AM		Monthly Meeting at Sacko's Bar.** PLUS E.G.M. (see bottom of page)	966786108
WED 18 OCT	1.00PM	9.50€	El Refugio Restaurante/ Equestrian Centre, Guardamar	Mike Peters 966797015
WED 8 NOV	11.00AM		Monthly Meeting at Sacko's Bar. **	966786108
NOV	Lunch		tba	Jim Neville 966712425
WED 13 DEC	11.00AM		Monthly Meeting at Sacko's Bar. **	966786108
TUE 19 DEC	Xmas Dinner Dance	25.00€	Portico Mar Restaurant, Guardamar early booking essential – limited to 75 people. Full payment by Dec. meeting	Mike Peters 966797015
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JAN tba	1.00PM	tba	Grand China Restaurant, La Siesta	George Patterson 966702863
JAN tba	8.00PM	tba	Quiz Night / Buffet / Games The 3 Camels Bar, Via Park 1, Playa Flamenca	Lyn Organ 966761961
FEB tba	lunch	tba		Keith Giles 966774724

** There are a number of speakers who would like to give talks to our association and the secretary will give you details at the meeting and therefore the chance to decide which one(s) to invite, or not!!

ADIÓS NUESTROS AMIGOS

The committee and members would like to wish a fond farewell to Dr. Colin and Jackie Clarke who returned to the UK permanently on 3rd Sept.

PORTICO MAR

38 members took advantage of this 'out of season' lunch on 29th August at one of our favourite restaurants and all enjoyed a most enjoyable lunch in a good atmosphere. It gave the secretary an opportunity to put the finishing touches to the Xmas Dinner Dance and we have been given very generous rates!!!! Full details will be given by the secretary at the September meeting. I will publish the menu etc. on the website the minute I receive them as these tickets should go like hot cakes.

VETERAN'S BADGE

I have a copy of a form VB001 from the ministry of Defence. Currently a Veterans Badge can be issued to men and women who served in HM armed forces up to and including 31.12.1959. A copy is on the notice board and full details can be found on the following website
www.veteransagency.mod.uk

MEMBER DATABASE

It is essential that we are able to contact all our members but recently we have several email addresses which no longer accept mail. If you have recently changed your service provider or opted out please inform the treasurer, Jim Wood on 966764434.

PHOTO COMPETITION

Final date for entries of photographs / digital images extended to 30th September. Results at the October meeting.

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING ON 11TH OCTOBER AT SACKO'S BAR TO DISCUSS CHANGES OF a) DATE SUBSCRIPTIONS BECOME DUE and b) NEW ASSOCIATION RULES.