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EDITOR'S REMARKS

Another good attendance at our first meeting of the 'season' with some 55 members present. Our guest speaker talked about the various companies who offer the cheapest telephone and internet access in Spain. It was, unfortunately, not well received and more than 50% of members did not remain in the room to listen to the presentation. The committee had already identified the need to provide quality guest speakers and NOT pure salesmen. The secretary notified the members present of people who had expressed an interest in talking to the association and that the membership should be part of the decision making process as to who should be invited in the future.

If you know of anyone who would be available to give a talk to us at a meeting, please inform the secretary.

With the temperatures remaining at a splendid level, the September lunch at The Beez Bar in Via Park 111 was attended by some 30 members who basked outside in the sun whilst enjoying an excellent meal (and the occasional drink!!). The food was first class and, by all reports, was a very enjoyable lunch. Thanks to Lol and Pat Bilby for arranging this event and for providing the raffle prizes which brought 49.60 euros into the association funds. The summer photographic competition resulted in many good photographs being entered, however, the theme was photographs taken in Spain during the summer of 2006!! Therefore, photos of France and ARPO events which took place at other times have been rejected. With the assistance of my wife, Val (who has several years professional experience in photographic hand printing and photo presentation) we have chosen the winning pictures

for each category. This was not an easy choice but we may have identified a future 'pro' !!! Copies of these pictures will be displayed at the October meeting and the winning snappers will each each receive a bottle of Cava for their efforts. Well done to everyone who entered . If you didn't win this time, there will be other themed photo competitions for you to enter during the year.

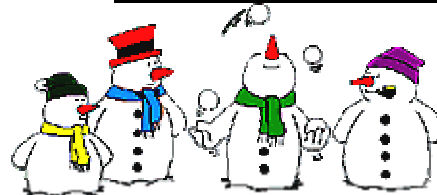
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TREASURER'S CHEST

Cash in bank stands at €1500.00. Cash in hand stands at €499.86. Our membership is now 126, however 26 members' annual subscriptions are now due. A list of which is on the board. At our last meeting we had one 11 new members join, including members from Norway and Garda Siochana and 10 members renewed their membership. The monthly 25 euro draw was won by Elaine Davis who had only joined us on that day!! Well done and spend wisely.

CHRISTMAS SQUARES !!



¡Feliz Navidad - - It will soon be upon us so we are preparing early for the festivities. As you know, the Christmas Dinner Dance is being held on 19th December at Portico Mar and the committee have decided not to hold raffles on the evening. BUT, we have prepared a type of tombola whereby firstly, a numbered square is drawn and then a second draw will identify which prize the member has won!! This will give everyone a chance of winning the star prize. Purchase a numbered square for just 1 euro (or 6 squares for 5 euros !) These squares will be available for purchase at every meeting and event held up to and including the dinner dance. We hope you will fill up many squares because the more you fill up, the bigger and better the prizes will be.

DIARY OF SOCIAL EVENTS

DATE	TIME	COST	VENUE	CONTACT
WED 11 OCT	11.00AM		Monthly Meeting at Sacko's Bar PLUS E.G.M.	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
TUES 21 NOV	1.30PM	13.50€	Market Street Restaurante, San Miguel de Salinas	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
MON 08 JAN	8.00PM	7.50€	Quiz Night / Buffet / Games / Free raffle + Win a free cocktail of your choice.... The 3 Camels Bar, Via Park 1, Playa Flamenca.. Limited to 45.	Lyn Organ 966761961
FEB tba	lunch	tba		Keith Giles 966774724

WOT !! NO BOOKS ??

Apologies from our librarian, Roy Dewey, he will be away in the UK for the October meeting but he will be returning next month.

COMPUTER FOR SAYLE

After some 17 years basking here in the sun, our founder members Eric and Joan Sayle are to return to the UK shortly. Before they go, they are selling their computer and accessories and if you are interested please telephone 966784739 or 659687405. All proceeds being donated to ARPO.
Late News – Computer now sold

TRANSLATOR

For translations, lessons (one to one or groups) for all ages, hospitals, police, doctors etc.. Contact Christine Bassett on 609935568 or email maxbassett@yahoo.es
Want a reference, ask her parents!!!

MUSEO de BELENES

Visit this for a wonderful display of nativity scenes and artefacts. Open all year between 1030 a 1300 / 1700 a 2100 Mon-Sat at Avda. Diego Ramirez corner of C/Villamadrid, Torrevieja. This has been developed by the same firm who display the huge nativity scene in the town square – a ‘ must see’ spectacular....

PASSPORT COSTS

As from 5th October, the cost of an adult passport in the UK will rise from 55 to 66 GBP and a child's from 34 to 45 GBP. The cost of renewal in Spain was raised from 107€to 147€in July, a raise of 30% !!

FIESTAS

There are no fiestas this month but don't worry, there are many to be held before Christmas. I will highlight the ‘not to be missed’ fiestas and cultural events in the next newsletter.