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EDITOR'S REMARKS

Are we growing in strength as an association?? You bet we are!!
Our attendance figures at our meetings are increasing with 59 members at the October meeting and if it continues at this rate, we will have to find another venue to accommodate everyone. This is good news for the continued growth of our association. We saw some rare raindrops fall during our monthly lunch at Restaurante El Refugio at Guardamar but this did not dampen the fine atmosphere with 49 members and guests enjoying a super meal and friendly service. The raffle raised the sum of 109 euros. A further 11.80 euros donated by Linda Peters from the sale of hand made Xmas cards** and a further 26 euros from Bob Thorogood from the sale of his book**. Our thanks to Mike and Linda Peters for organising this event.

The long awaited results of the summer photography competition saw Mike Peters winning the people category with an entry showing the festival King and Queen at the Caballos del Vino festival in Caravaca. First prize in the places category with an entry showing a seagull flying with an air display team, and the fun category showing a boy lying at the bottom of a swimming pool were both won by Trish Simons. Both winners received a bottle of Cava and a certificate for each winning entry. Trish has asked that one of the bottles be donated for one of our raffles. If you want to see the winning entries, log on to our website. My thanks to all who entered and I hope success will be in your hands when the next photo competition is held in the near future. Please note that the email address of the translator, Christine Bassett, published in the October issue should read maxcbassett@yahoo.es

It is essential that all monies due for the Christmas Dinner Dance at Portico Mar are paid, in full, by the December meeting. No payment, no meal!! There are only 14 places remaining on a first come, first served basis. Please complete the meal choice form, available from Mike Peters, and hand it in with payment.

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** Please see overleaf

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TREASURER'S CHEST

Cash in bank stands at €1580.00. Cash in hand stands at €45.21 giving a total of €2125.21. Our membership is now 127, however 21 members' annual subscriptions are now due. A list of which is on the board. At our last meeting we had one 8 new members join and 5 members renewed their membership. The monthly 25 euro draw was won by Paul Skitt who had only joined ARPO on that day!!

CHRISTMAS SQUARES !!



¡Feliz Navidad - - The squares are proving to be very popular and, to date, we have already generated income to purchase some good prizes for the Grand Draw. But don't stop buying yet!!! They will be available for sale right up to and including the dinner dance!!

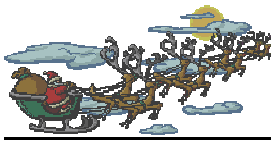
DENUNCIA ASSISTANCE FORMS

I trust we will never have to make a police report for theft, assault, burglary etc but if you find yourself in that position, I have re-typed and updated the antiquated forms issued in 2003 and deleted the German language references. Please check out the form, its uses and limitations, which I have published for download off the website.

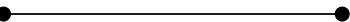
DIARY OF SOCIAL EVENTS

DATE	TIME	COST	VENUE	CONTACT
WED 8 NOV	*10.30AM		Monthly Meeting Sacko's Bar. (Bar open at 10 am)	966786108
TUES 21 NOV	1.30PM	13.50€	Market Street Restaurante, San Miguel de Salinas	Jim Neville 966712425
WED 13 DEC	*10.30AM		Monthly Meeting at Sacko's Bar. (Bar open at 10 am)	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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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 48.	Lyn Organ 966761961
WED 10 JAN	*10.30AM		Monthly Meeting at Sacko's Bar. (Bar open at 10 am)	966786108
TUE 16 JAN	1.00PM	13.00€	Grand China Restaurant, La Siesta	George Patterson 966702863
WED 28 FEB	1.30PM	12.00€	Casa Nicolas Los Altos de Limonar	Keith Giles 966774724

****XMAS CARDS**



Linda Peters will be selling superb hand-made cards at the Nov and Dec meetings for those special people in your lives. A donation of 1 euro for each card sold will be given for ARPO funds.



****WANT A GOOD READ?**

Bob Thorogood has written a book 'Beyond the Call of Duty' which will be available in local bookshops, but can be purchased as a signed copy, for just 14 euros from Bob direct. Again, donations from each sale will go to assn. funds.



YOU WANT TO VOTE?

The next local elections are due to be held next May 2007. Your name on a municipal padron as a EU citizen, does not automatically ensure you are included on the electoral register. As from October 16th 2006, you may attend the municipal offices of 'census-statistics' situated on the ground floor of the Old Town Hall in the Plaza de la Constitucion in Torrevieja. Open weekdays 5pm – 8pm (except fiestas). Be advised to take a relevant form of identity such as a residents card, passport etc.



E.G.M.

The two items were discussed were the change of dates of membership payment and association registration and change of wordings and rules. After a brief vote, it was

agreed unanimously that all annual membership fees become due on the 1st January each year and that any member who does not pay the fees are not entitled to vote or benefit from privileges of membership. The secretary outlined the new wordings and rule changes which will be published on the website and a vote taken at the Annual General Meeting. However, a part of this proposal was discussed and was also agreed unanimously in relation to nominations for committee. All nominations for a place on the committee, duly proposed and seconded, must be made prior to the A.G.M.

***PLEASE NOTE NEW
START TIME FOR
MEETINGS IS 10.30AM**

Apologies but Torrevieja Information office were unable to provide details of

any planned fiestas etc. at
time of going to press.