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EDITOR'S REMARKS

X marks the spot with regards to ARPO !!! An envious member of Warwickshire NARPO was very impressed by our website and the number of quality events, at superb locations, organised by the association on behalf of it's members. The 2007 calendar is already filling up so we will be looking forward to yet another successful year. Our November meeting saw 37 members in attendance and the committee were asked what we were going to do with the increase in association funds. This matter was being discussed and one of the considerations was to subsidise coach trips. Our treasurer, Jim, is looking into this and will report at the next meeting. Our monthly lunch was organised by Jim and Lynda Neville at Market Street Restaurante in San Miguel and we thank them for organising this event. The restaurant was filled with 49 members and guests!!

Members also bid for a big 'Teddy Bear' which had been donated and auctioned. This realised 40 euros for a cancer charity. Jim Wood thought he would assist, believing he had the necessary auctioneering skill, but only succeeded in providing the evidence that he will never make a David Dickinson, having closed the auction and then reopened it!!!! (A bottle of orange sun tan lotion and a black wavy 'syrup' is on the way to you, Jim).

As the Christmas Dinner Dance at Portico Mar is now fully booked, this is the final reminder that all meals must be paid for at our meeting on December 13th - No payment, no meal!!

The Christmas squares are proving to be very popular and have been well subscribed to.

Remember, you can buy as many squares as you wish and they will be available for sale at our December meeting and at the Christmas dinner dance.

There will also be a very special prize in a one-off draw at the end of the evening.

You must be in it to win it!!!

All prize winners unable to attend the function will be able to check the names of winners and prizes on our website.

Feliz Navidad.

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TREASURER'S CHEST

Scrooge is getting into the Xmas spirit (in more ways than one!) and has been beavering hard to keep ARPO in good stead. Cash in bank stands at €1,580.00 and cash in hand stands at €685.33 giving a total of €2265.33. Our membership is now 128, however 19 members' annual subscriptions are now due. At our last meeting we had 2 new members join. The monthly 25 euro draw was won by Linda Faulkner

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret that I inform members of the loss of Roy Dewey after a long hard fight against cancer. Roy was a valued member of the association and was well liked by all who knew him. Members of ARPO were among the mourners who attended his funeral on 22nd November at the Tanatoria in Torrevieja. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Angela, and his family at this sad time.

XMAS CARDS



Linda Peters will still be selling superb hand-made cards at the December meeting for those special people in your lives. A donation from sales will be given for ARPO funds.

DIARY OF SOCIAL EVENTS

DATE	TIME	COST	VENUE	CONTACT
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
2007				
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 13 FEB	10.30AM		ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING At Sacko's Bar	966786108
WED 28 FEB	1.30PM	12.00€	Casa Nicolas Los Altos de Limonar	Keith Giles 966774724

CULTURAL EVENTS

Fed up with reading in local press of a wonderful event we didn't even know was being held??

This is a regular annoyance to everyone. There is so much to see with little advertising of such. We cannot expect to hear of ALL the activities happening in areas outside Torre Vieja but now we can be kept up to date regularly with all cultural activities and fiestas etc. being held in Torre Vieja, IN ADVANCE.. Simply send an email to: imc@torreviejacultural.com with the heading suscripcion and include name, address, post code, telephone number and Province in the body of the message. You will be sent all the planned cultural events etc., free of charge. (I am also receiving

email notification of new events). If you also want sms messages, again free of charge, include your mobile number. For those of you living outside Torre Vieja, please inform Lyn Organ of any event you think members may be interested in attending and he will pass details on whenever possible.

GET CLICKING!!!

Many of us are ' happy snappers' who only get our cameras out at birthdays, weddings or holidays and they don't see the light of day for several months at a time. One of the best times of year to take precious photographs is at Christmas time. There are so many wonderful sights all over Spain and I would like

you to take your camera out with you and record images incorporating the theme ' My Spanish Christmas'. I have three 8" x 6" glass photo frames to present to the snappers of the top three entries received. Just send them to me via email before the January meeting.

FELICES FIESTAS

The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members, and friends/guests of members, for their support of our association throughout 2006. We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. We look forward to your continued support in 2007.