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EDITOR'S REMARKS

Members are slowly coming out of hibernation with 53 attending the March meeting. Those hoping there would be a mixture of forthcoming events to enjoy would not be disappointed. Overleaf you will see a fully booked year of activities!!! The finishing touches are to be made but this is going to be a bumper year for the association.

The planned coach trip was fully booked within a short time and another had to be hastily arranged later in the year, hopefully to accommodate those members who were unable to participate in this one. The February lunch at Casa Nicolas organised by Keith Giles was a great success, as was the March Chinese banquet at La Siesta organised by George Patterson. A combined income of around 175€ was raised for association funds from both raffles held.



RESIDENCIA CARDS

George Patterson gave a talk on the recent royal decree to withdraw cards as

from the end of March. It is early days and the implications with regard to the issue/ longevity etc. of certificates in it's stead has not yet been formalised. Advice at this time, is to retain your residentia cards as a proof of identity until we have formal rules published. The moment we have the rules, they will be published on the ARPO website.

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY (I.C.E.)

The idea of entering an 'ICE' (in case of emergency) number in one's mobile telephone has been adopted by the SAMUR ambulances in Spain and is gradually expanding worldwide. The ambulance services have taken into account that the majority of their patients carry a mobile telephone with them and that the use of an 'ICE' number can assist with the rapid identification of an accident victim and ensure that next of kin are informed. Everyone is asked to join in this simple scheme. The international pseudonym, 'ICE' (in case of emergency) will be recognised by the emergency services wherever you are.



Mobile phone users are asked to enter the word 'ICE' in their telephone directory along with the number of the person to contact 'in case of

emergency'. In this way, emergency services can search the mobile phone directory of a victim unable to speak for himself. When there are various options, the code ICE1, ICE2, ICE3, etc. should be used. According to SAMUR, "It's simple, it doesn't cost anything and it can help us a lot!"

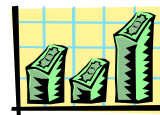
UPDATE MEMBERSHIP FORMS

With the steady increase in membership, it is vital that we keep 'up to date' records of our members. Please inform the secretary of any changes, especially with different email addresses. Even if you don't use a computer, you can get an email address for use worldwide and access our site from internet cafes or a friend's / family member's computer. If you want to know how easy it is, just ask!

TREASURER'S CHEST

The cash in bank stands at €1898.47 and cash in hand €160.

2 members joined and 10 paid their annual subscriptions with one member paying a year in advance! The March €25 monthly draw was won by Jean Wheal.



DIARY OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	COST	VENUE	CONTACT
WED 11 APR	10.30AM		Monthly Meeting Sacko's Bar	966786108
TUES 24 APR	***Pick up point(s) below	12.50€	Coach trip to Jalon Valley and lunch at Monroe's Carvery. -----FULLY BOOKED-----	Jim Wood 966764434
WED 9 MAY	10.30AM		Monthly Meeting Sacko's Bar	966786108
TUE 22 MAY	1.30PM	10.00€	Restaurante Down Town Quesada	Mike Peters 966797015
WED 13 JUN	10.30AM		Monthly Meeting Sacko's Bar	966786108
FRI 29 JUN	8.00PM	25.00€	Restaurante Portico Mar Guadamar	Mike Peters 966797015
WED 12 SEP	10.30AM		Monthly Meeting Sacko's Bar	966786108
WED 26 SEP	1.30PM		Ruby's Restaurant - Indian Meal Playa Flamenca	Lol and Pat Bilbey 965482252
WED 10 OCT	10.30AM		Monthly Meeting Sacko's Bar	966786108
WED 24 OCT	t.b.a.		Restaurante Villoriens Rojales	Fred and Dreena Wharton 966 715 353
WED 14 NOV	10.30AM		Monthly Meeting Sacko's Bar	966786108
NOV t.b.a.			Coach Trip to Cartagena	Jim Wood 966764434
WED 12 DEC	10.30AM		Monthly Meeting Sacko's Bar	966786108
DEC t.b.a.			Xmas Dinner Dance Portico Mar	Mike Peters 966797015

1st pick up point is at 0900hrs at the Cam Bank La Siesta, second pick up point is at the Quesada Arches at 0910hrs

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

www.arteguias.com

This is a site, in Spanish, with a wealth of information on art, customs, castles, medieval history, fueds, books... in fact too much info to digest in one session. (It also covers countries other than Spain)If you want to read it in English, there is no easy way so you will have to type (or copy and paste the following into your browser) :-
http://66.218.71.231/language/translation/translatedPage.php?ft=url&text=http%3a//www.arteguias.com/qui-nes.htm&lp=es_en&.intl=us&fr=slv8-msgr
Believe me, it will be worth the time it takes to type it

BE THE FIRST TO KNOW

There is no need to check the ARPO website several times a day to see if any changes have been made!! Simply go to www.changedetection.com scroll down to bottom of opening page where it says

' Not a webmaster?' and click on 'monitor any web page for changes' and follow the simple instructions - as you know, our page is www.arpo.org.uk Once done, you will automatically receive an email to inform you when any details on our site have been changed.

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED.....

Some members have asked if I could include short stories / jokes / anecdotes herein – alas, there is not enough space but if you would like to see such items perhaps we can arrange for inclusion on the web page !! (subject to webmaster's ' nod of approval', of course) *Views and comments to me please. Ed.*

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