



Newsletter

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EDITOR'S REMARKS

A total of 51 members attended the May meeting. There was a discussion, and input from members, regarding the issue of resident certificates which have replaced the extranjeros residency card. There is still bureaucratic confusion around this subject and all we can do is wait for an official statement from the Spanish government. As soon as this is published you will be informed. In the meantime, if you have a residency card which has not expired, keep using it as a form of identity.

Some 41 members attended the May lunch at Restaurant Downtown, Quesada which proved very successful with the sum of 30 euros being made from the raffle for association funds. Yet again, thanks to Mike Peters for organising this lunch. This being the last newsletter until we regroup, revitalised and sunburnt in September! Don't be afraid to send me any information during el verano, it will be retained and sifted ready for the next newsletter. And don't forget the summer dinner dance at Restaurante Portico Mar on 29th June – book your seats with Mike Peters. Remember, cash and menu choice forms to be brought to the June meeting please.

Hasta el septiembre

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TREASURER'S CHEST

3 new members and wives joined bringing our membership total to 121. Cash in bank €1603.04 Cash in hand €60 which will be used to purchase raffle prizes for the May lunch. George Patterson mentioned that we had made €1 interest from the bank this month! Its better than us paying it out. (From little acorns!) The monthly €25 draw winner was Derek Wheal. Linda Peters sold 13 of her hand made cards so yet another welcome donation to the funds.

ANGIE'S BOOKSHOP

A special thanks to Angie Dewey for running this worthwhile venture for the members. So far this year she has raised the princely sum of €80.50. Well done.

IT'S A KNOCKOUT!

There are so many diverse activities to enjoy in the Torre vieja area that I would need a book to list them!! I will let you all browse local papers and internet sites yourselves. BUT there is always one event which catches the eye – this one is a WBC title fight taking place at The sports palace, Torre vieja at 9pm on Friday 15th June 2007 when the WBC light welterweight (Mediterranean Division) title belt will be contested. This is the first time Torre vieja will have



hosted such a title fight and is testament to the dedication of the local promoter Ulf Johannsen in his quest to bring top level boxing to the area. The support card consists of a further 3 professional fights and 5 amateur fights which includes 2 lads from Dublin. Entry will cost from €12. If anyone wants a full list of fights, I will send them a copy. If you have never been to a professional fight night, this may be a good opportunity. They are a good night out.

POOR PIGGY

Only 2 members offered names for our charity pig before the deadline (and I was the other one..) – shame on you all !! It is a proven fact that a pig with a name collects more money than a vagrant!! So I have used parts of each nominated name and the piggy will now be named as dona loncha. When she appears at the next meeting, I trust you will beg forgiveness and give generously..... It was agreed unanimously at the May meeting that our charity collections will be donated equally between two local charities. These are Sweet Charity www.sweetcharityhospice.org visit their site and enter your name and email to subscribe to their free newsletter (There is breaking news in the latest edition !) The other charity is Debra www.debra.org.uk which was explained in the March 2007 newsletter.

DIARY OF EVENTS

WED 13 JUN	10.30AM		Monthly Meeting Sacko's Bar	966786108
FRI 29 JUN	8.00PM	25.00€	Restaurante Portico Mar Guardamar	Mike Peters 966797015
WED 12 SEP	10.30AM		Monthly Meeting Sacko's Bar	966786108
WED 26 SEP	1.30PM	14.00€	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	1.00pm for 1.30pm.	12.50€	Restaurante Villoriens Rojales	Fred and Dreena Wharton 966715353 or Mike Peters 966797015
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

TIME MANAGEMENT

Information from Hospital de Torrevieja, Department de Salud. Before you attend casualty at Torrevieja hospital, Orihuela (costa), Pilar de Horadada, San Miguel de las Salinas, Rojales, Torrevieja (La Loma) or Guardamar Del Segura you can send a text message with the word 'urgencias' to telephone No. 5013 and the dept will send you a reply with the waiting time!! And it works,I tried it myself. It costs 30c per call.

ED'S WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

www.getsafeonline.org

Expert advice which is 'as easy as 123' - well worth a visit especially with so many of our members who are not only dipping their toes in the Med !!

YOUR CAR'S ITV INSPECTION

- a. If your car is 4 years old it needs an ITV and thereafter every 2 years. If your vehicle is 10 years old it needs an ITV every year
- b. You will need both parts of your Spanish log book. Hand both to the receptionist who passes them to an inspector (Pay for testthis varies from type of vehicle) and you will be informed which lane to take your vehicle**
- c. When called, drive slowly into bay, turn off engine and open the bonnet so the inspector can compare chassis number with the documents
- d. After the test, take vehicle back around to office. Favourable means it has passed with no faults,



- e. On the inspection sheet you will see part D which itemises fault(s). Take the car and the ITV inspection sheet to a garage for repair. When repaired, return to iTV station where you will have to pay a portion of the amount you paid for the first inspection. You will then receive a 'favourable' on your inspection sheet, your documents and an ITV sticker
- f. Attach ITV sticker to top right corner of the windscreen

*** if there are many vehicles waiting, you could be in for a few hours wait!!*