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Meeting Report

The last meeting of ARPO was held at Sacko's Bar on 12th September, 2007 when 48 members attended. There were no new members on that occasion. The euro 25 draw was won by Doug Evans.

The Chairman read out a short statement concerning certain problems that had come to light concerning the web master Gerry Lawson and the information officer Lyn Organ.

It is regrettable that these problems could not be resolved and during the summer recess he had become involved in his capacity as chairman. He was not prepared to allow these matters to rumble on and the result was he terminated the tenure of the information officer.

Despite an invitation from members to fill the vacancy of Information Officer it is regretted that nobody has yet come forward. We would wish to fill this so please do come approach a member of the committee if you feel you could perform this role.

Congratulations were made to our eldest member Ruby CORNEY who had celebrated her 88 birthday

The financial statement noted that our bank balance currently stands at euro 1631.84 with euro 154 cash in hand.

Last Social Meeting

The lasted lunch was held at Ruby's Indian restaurant and was organised by Lawrance and Patricia Bilbey the food, ambience and service was excellent and despite the low turnout we raised 79 euros on the day for the as-

sociation fund's. Thank you Lawrance and Patricia for the hard work you put in and a excellent lunch.

Extension to the Web Site

Members frequently come up against queries or problems here in Spain. As an experiment we have set up a Forum on the web site where you can seek advice and help from other members.

The Branch Info page of the site shows some helpful hints on how to use and navigate the Forum as it is likely that you will be unfamiliar with Forums.

Basically you need to register as a member, this is a security aspect to ensure that only genuine Arpo members have access to the pages. You will need to have a User name and Password to access the Forum and obviously use a genuine e-mail address for communications.

The idea of Forums is that you 'Post' questions and this becomes a discussion topic where others can add replies hopefully answering the points raised. This can be on any topic providing it is relevant to our members.

Once you raise an issue you will be informed by e-mail automatically when somebody else replies. The types of query that might be used are such as where can you obtain certain services or buy English products locally, can anyone recommend a person for a specific purpose etc. The uses are limitless.

The Forum is totally free of charge but will only remain active providing members use it. Should there be no

action for 60 days then the Forum would be discontinued since we do not pay for its maintenance.

The Forum can be accessed directly at <http://www.phpbb88.com/arpo>

The following is a query submitted by George Patterson together with a response from the Web master . Can anyone help on the question of accommodation though?:-

Does anyone know anything about Alcoy Moors please and the Christians Festival. In particular I need any info on accommodation in the area. Thanks. George

Response:

The festivities of Moors and Christians, which honour the patron saint San Jorge, are celebrated in Alcoy during the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th of April; this "fiesta" is rooted in tradition, and commemorates the historical events of 1276. Music, pomp, and a burst of imagination take us back to the 13th century, to remember the Battle of Alcoy.

Save Money on phone calls

The cost of International phone calls from a UK landline can be dramatically reduced by using <http://www.teldiscount.co.uk/accessnumbers.php>

The cost of a call to Spain and many other countries in Europe and North America or Australia is merely 1p per minute. Costs are made using an 0845 number but these do change from time to time so it is necessary to always check the web site for the latest number.

You Might Be a Copper if...

You have the bladder capacity of five people.
You have ever restrained someone and it was not a sexual experience.
You believe that 75% of people are a waste of space.
Your idea of a good time is an armed robbery at shift change.
You call for a name check on anyone who is remotely friendly to you.
Discussing dismemberment over dinner seems perfectly normal to you.
You find humour in other peoples stupidity.
You have your weekends off planned for a year.
You believe the government should require a permit to reproduce.
You believe that unspeakable evils will befall you if anyone says "God its Quiet today".
Whenever you phone someone, you ask them 'Are you free to speak?'
Your diet consists of food that has gone through more processing than a computer can track.
You're the only sober person in the kebab house.
You believe chocolate is a food group.
Having alcohol at 7am seems perfectly normal.
You have ever wanted to hold a seminar called "Suicide, getting it right the first time".
You believe "Too stupid to Live" should be a valid court outcome.
When you mention vegetables, you're not referring to a food group.
You think caffeine should be available in IV form.
Your prisoner states "I have no idea how I got here" - and neither have you.
You end normal conversations with loved ones with Roger or Acknowledged.
You walk down the street looking at people as potential criminal intelligence submissions
You believe the carpet bombing of certain areas of your beat is a viable alternative to policing
You believe that some crimes can be sorted out with a damn good kicking.
Your favourite hallucinogen is exhaustion.
You are the only person you know who ever uses the word 'liaise'.
Your partner tells you off for walking with your hands held together behind your back.
At least once every working day you use the phrase, "The job's f*cked!"
You regularly say, "With all due respect, Sir" but mean nothing of the sort.
You have a nose finely tuned to the smells of cannabis, decomposition and stale body odour.
You think Thursday is the best night to go into town for a drink with your mates.
You nodded and laughed at all of the above, and realised what a sick bunch
We all are.

Keep smiling..... (submitted by Mike Peters)

Diary of Events

Wednesday 10th October, 2007

Monthly Meeting

Sacko's Bar 10.30am

Wednesday 24th October, 2007

Viloriens Restarante 1.30pm

Excellent choice of starters and main menu choice of lambs liver, pork sausages, gammon steak, smoked had-dock, bacon & cheese burger, roast chicken, peppered turkey and asparagus & oyster risotto.

Inclusive of 1/2 bottle of wine and coffee - 12.50 euros.

Contact Fred and Dreena Wharton 966 715353

Restaurante Viloriens is located off the CV 920 Rojales to Guardamar road.

Wednesday 14th November, 2007

Monthly Meeting

Sacko's Bar 10.30am

November, 2007 Social Function

Arrangements are at a late stage of completion for this event. It will be a bus trip to Cartagena with a trip around the harbour followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. There will be plenty of time to explore the old town of Cartagena and take in some shopping before returning to Torrevieja for tea-time.

Seats are limited to the size of coach so please reserve your seats early to avoid disappointment. The cost of the coach hire will be subsidised by the Group.

Please contact Jim Wood 966 764434

ARPO Christmas Dinner

The Annual Christmas function has once again be held at Portico Mar Restaurant on Friday 14th December at a cost of euro 25 per head.

Full menu details will follow but reservations are being taken now as numbers are limited.

This newsletter is printed to provide information and every effort is made to ensure accuracy. All planned and future events contain contact details of the organiser(s) and they should be contacted direct for up to date information