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Meeting Report

The last meeting of ARPO was held at Sacko's Bar on 10th October, 2007 when 45 members attended. There were two new members on that occasion. The euro 25 draw was won by George Patterson (again!).

The Treasurer's Report show a bank balance of euro 1603 with 154.93 cash in hand. The raffle at Rubys raised euro 79 profit and income from book sales euro 20 with a further euro 9 raised from Linda Peters card sales.

Christmas Squares are again on sale and some excellent prizes for the draw are being arranged.

An e-mail received from Paul and Bev Clay was read and they wished to be remembered to all members.

Pat Bilbey will have a selection of flower arrangements for Christmas and Linda Peters will have hand made Christmas cards for sale, ARPO gets a percentage of the taking so please support these ventures.

Last Social Meeting

57 members and their guests attended the October function at Viloriens Restaurant hosted by Fred and Dreena Wharton.

Despite rather poor weather and the usual lack of sunshine experienced recently this did not appear to dampen the spirits of all who enjoyed the occasion.

The photo below shows two well known figures sheltering from the rain and cold but still determined to enjoy themselves!

The raffle was again well supported and raised some euro 98.16 for Arpo funds. Well done and many thanks to Fred and Dreena for arranging the event.

Cheaper Electricity Bills

Phil Davies has kindly sent details of tariffs which will cut down electricity

windows are now longer (12 to 10 and 11 to 9 although the surcharge has risen to 30%).

To become eligible for the night tariff you need an Iberdrola approved electrician to complete the necessary work before Iberdrola themselves install 2 new meters. Phil has used an English contact who speaks good Spanish who he can recommend for the work. Contact Steve Cook on 619152141 or e-mail at glugsactor@hotmail.com



His charge is 50 euros which includes liaison with Iberdrola to instigate the new contract. Iberdrola's charge varies depending on the type of property - a 2 bedroom apartment will obviously be less than a 4 bed villa, but it is only a nominal charge of around 10 to 40euros.

There is then a closing reading done and a separate bill sent for the amount owed. Things then revert to the normal two monthly accounts.

Steve also installs night storage heaters which are an essential addition for comfortable living in winter.

New Residencia Document

A guide for the obtaining of the certificate'. (this replaces the residencia card.)

This information is based on what I know in the Torrevieja district. You will have to observe local office procedure if you live outside that area.

bills. The night tariff gives half price rates for 8 hours (12 midnight to 8am in summer and 11pm to 7am in winter). The remaining 16 hours are charged subject to a surcharge of approximately 3% of the normal rate. When using usual power consuming devices such as washing machines, dishwashers and water heaters on timers this tariff can save between one third and one half on bills.

Apparently new customers going onto night tariff get an even better deal as

Diary of Events

Wednesday 14th November, 2007

Monthly Meeting

Sacko's Bar 10.30am

21st November, 2007 Social Function

The Cartagena Coach Experience trip is now fully booked, sorry to those members who have been unable to obtain seats.

The coach leaves Quesada Arches at 9.30 am with pick-up points at Cam Bank, La Siesta and La Zenia.

Contact Jim Wood 966 764 434

14th December, 2007 Arpo Christmas Dinner

This function is also fully booked and again sorry to those members who have been unable to make reservations.

Light Hearted Section

Thanks to Mike Peters for sending these little items. They certainly helped me laugh off the rotten weather this month, hope you enjoy them too!

Kids In Church

3 year old Reese

'Our Father, Who art in heaven, Harold is His name Amen.'

A little boy was overheard praying:

'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it.

I'm having a real good time like I am.'

After the christening of his baby brother in church,

Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car His father asked him 3 times what was wrong.

Finally the boy replied,

'That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys.'

A Sunday School Teacher asked her children as they were on their way to church service,

'And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?'

One bright little girl replied,

'Because people are sleeping'

Obtain the form EX. 16. This is available from Graham Knight's office in Torrevieja. You further need to make a photocopy of the same form and complete them both identically. If the girls in the office are not too busy they may will help you with any problems. You only need to complete sections 1 and 4. And then sign it.

Obtain a copy of the entry of the padron register from your local Town Hall. (we call it the voters list.) Opinions can vary as to what is meant by up to date. I have been told anything from 4 to 6 weeks. For those living in Torrevieja this is obtained from a new office two streets back from the main church plaza. Turn left out of Graham's office and go two streets back, away from the sea. It is a new office with a wheel-chair ramp outside it.

Your passport and a photocopy of it.

Obtain forms Modelo 790 (triplicate form). This is available from the National Police Office in the plaza near the windmill off 'Gypsy Lane', Torrevieja. This is a busy office for Spanish Nationals only for renewals of various papers. It is a Sainsbury type, ticket system. Take no notice of that and walk straight up to the head of a queue, offering many pardons to all around you. Then politely ask the clerk for the required number of Modelo forms 790. This is the payment form, the fee is 6.70 euro. Pay it in at any of the listed banks on the back of the same form. You will be given a copy, make sure you keep it with your papers.

Now is the time for the brave hearts. The journey to Elche National Police station. You will get a lot of gloom and doom about getting there for 2 am in the morning for the ticketing queue. Take no notice my civilian friend went on 29.08.2007 and got there for 12 noon. Walked up to the policeman on the desk, he was given two tickets and was shown into the main office to a seat. He was seen within one hour, all done and dusted. You see the main hassle queuing is for three operations. New applications for the paperwork, people collecting old residencias, then the certificate people. All these jobs are running in parallel. You will have to surrender the existing residencia card. The certificate is issued. It is an A4 size piece of paper. Do not carry it with you. We went to our print shop in town and had it made quarter size, then laminated. That is what you carry. Not a very interesting document I must say. The main comment is for life, and not renewable. Put it in the safe in the house.

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George Patterson 30th August, 2007

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