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Meeting Report

The last meeting of ARPO was held at Sacko's Bar on 14th November, 2007 when 42 members attended. Two new members introduced themselves on that occasion. The euro 25 draw was won by George Fulker.

George Patterson reported that we had received 32 euro in subs. The raffle at the October meal had raised 96.16 euro profit. We had received 5 euro from the cards and 17.17 euro from the book stall. Cash in the bank stands at 1673.84 cash in hand 49.46 euro.

Point of interest is that a member and his partner who had driven down through Spain and had stopped around Barcelona and were mugged, they had the car tyre spiked and then in the confusion a bag containing all credit cards etc were taken. Pat Bielby had had her purse stolen and Linda Peters had survived an attempt to take her purse whilst shopping in Mercadona.

Please be aware in the run up to Christmas these people are about in shops, markets and at service stations on the motor ways and main roads.

Social events recapped the coach trip on 21st was fully booked various pick up points.

Christmas party is now fully booked with 80 members and guests signed up and there is a reserve list

Please be reminded that all money and menu choices to be handed in at the December meeting please.

The October meal had been at Villoriens Restaurant and our thanks to Fred and Dreana Wharton who arranged it. And a special mention to the hardy souls who remained outside during the light rain that fell.

Mike Peters read out a letter from Eric Sayle who wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Both he and Joan are now settled in the UK. He is a member of his local NARPO branch but its not as well supported as this group. Eric would welcome mail from friends, his address is 42 Lindale Road Longridge Nr Preston Lancs. PR3 3FT.

Linda Neville stated that following last months meeting she had telephone Ibedrolla and had arranged to go on cheap rate electricity and she had done it all on the phone. There is a charge of 10 euro. they come and change the meter. The hours are 9.pm to 11a.m and 10pm. to 12 midday.



Mike outlined a proposal for the AGM. Some members would like to go through the year and not close in July and August so you have some time to think about it.

We had a display of dried flowers from Pat Bielby that are on sale. Also Linda's

hand made cards the club do get a donation from both to club funds.

Last Social Meeting

The day got off to a good start, the coach turned up on time and although the driver spoke no English he was a friendly chap. All 54 members and guest were at their pick up points on time and we were soon on the motor-way to Cartagena.

When we arrived we were met by Sabrina who took us on board 'Lapatacha' and made coffee for every one. The lower deck was soon bustling with people chatting to friends old and new. There was a slight swell in the harbour which caused a gently rocking of the boat and some were struggling to find their sea legs.

We then had a open topped bus tour of the city with a commentary pointing out lots of places of interest. Following this we had a boat trip around the harbour, it was actually smoother on the water than being tied up.

Back on terra firma we went back to 'Lapatacha' for lunch. This was a 4 course hot buffet although I think some turned it into a 6 courser. I know Ruby had a double helping of pudding... The food was good, the service was even better and the food was plentiful. The boat donated 4 bottles of wine to the raffle and we raised •220 on the day. The staff had bought some tickets and it was good to see them win a couple of the prizes. The spirit was very good.

We had a short spell of free time before we rejoined the coach for a very gentle journey home.

This was best best day out ARPO has ever had it ran smoothly ever one was in good spirits and the parting shots were when's the next one.

Thanks must go to jim for all the hard work he put into arranging the day out

Flight Information

The following is an extremely useful web site that contains details of flight arrival and departure information for most major airports throughout the world.

Simply enter the airport location or code in the search box or chose from the world maps and then select the period of the day you wish to view.

This could save you a lot of time waiting at the airport for delayed flights.

<http://www.flightstats.com/go/Home/home.do>

More from Kids in Church

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, 'And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?' One bright little girl replied, 'Because people are sleeping.'

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. 'If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.' Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, 'Ryan, you be Jesus!'

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand 'Daddy, what happened to him?' the son asked. 'He died and went to Heaven,' the Dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, 'Did God throw him back down?'

JANUARY LUNCH WEDNESDAY 30TH 1.0PM FOR 1.30 LEMON TREE RESTAURANT LA. MARINA VILLAGE.

Starters : Tomato and basil soup. Pate stuffed Mushrooms . Black Pudding with Apple and Roquefort sauce.

Main course : choice of two meats to be decided nearer time but choice of beef lamb Pork or chicken. Choice of six Veg AND Yorkshire puds.

Sweets : lemon Tree tart (House special) Apple Bread and Butter Pudding. Fruit Crumble. Profiteroles all with Custard or Ice cream or if your full you can have Ice cream and if you are too full to eat you can have your swweet wrapped and take it home for your tea.

PRICE •15.50pp TO INCLUED HALF BOTTLE WINE AND COFFEE.

Contact Mike Peters to reserve seats please.



We wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous 2008

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