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The Alternative press.

Hi Folks, well in the absence of the editor this month you have the office boy.

January 2009 got off to a good start. We had 50 members attend the meeting, a very good turn out.

Brian Smith gave us an update on Richard Jackson who is back in the UK. In March he will undergo heart bypass surgery in Blackpool. Do they give you a free stick of rock to aid recovery? What was the old George Formby song? "With me little stick of Blackpool rock". We wish him the very best and in due course we will send him a card from us all.

It was a sad day as we announced that George Patterson was standing down as Asst. Treasurer due to family illness in UK and Spain. Many tributes were voiced by the members. He will be a great loss to the group.

Treasurers report.

Loll Bilbey outlined our current financial state which I must say is very healthy indeed. The Christmas Draw had been a big success netting a profit of 318 Euros. Our thanks to Pat Bilbey who worked very hard selling the tickets, also to Jim Wood who conducted a Dutch Auction for a very special bottle of Port donated by Fred Wharton. This raised 145 Euros.

We currently have 1307 Euros in the bank. Cash in Hand is 342 Euros, plus and a day to day float of 115 Euros giving a total of 1764.19 Euros. A great start to the year.

Social Functions.

We have a number of meals in the forthcoming months.

Valentines night dinner dance at Portico Mar 7.30pm for 8pm. Please let Mike have menus and party sizes so we can seat you by your friends.

Dress code? Should you want to wear a Dinner jacket please do so. We have one member itching to wear his, don't we Nick? Don't forget to give Mike your 25 Euros today. If you make a choice from the menu that has an extra cost please pay the waiter on the night.

Entertainment will be by Jack Clayton. He will be playing up to midnight...
March will be a lunch at Stan and Ollie's at El Raso. This is being organised by Jim and Lynda Neville. You can see a menu and sign up today's February meeting See Mike Peters.

April's lunch will be at The Budapest Restaurant down the lemon tree road. Loll and Pat Bilbey will be organising that one.

May will be organised by Keith Giles and Hennie Lee. Venue T.B.A.

We have asked for suggestion for spending some money. How about a coach trip? If so where do we go? One suggestion has been Cuenca which is a 3 night trip with plenty of eating and drinking. Hotel Cenajo is another venue Give it some thought and let's has some ideas.

During the January meeting the nominations for the committee opened and closed.

The new Committee will be

Chairman Fred Wharton. Vice Chairman Keith Giles
Secretary Mike Peters. Asst Secretary Susan Bradford
Treasurer Lawrence Bilbey

Gerry Lawson will remain as the web master and news letter editor.

Thanks must go to Retiring Chairman Jim Wood. He has held one office or another virtually from day one of his NARPO/ARPO membership.

We have gone from the low days to where we find ourselves today, on the crest of a wave. ARPO goes from strength to strength. Jim please accepts our heart felt thanks and appreciation for all your hard work over the years. Not forgetting your biggest supporter Joan

From the internet.

Paddy goes into the pub and orders 3 pints. He then takes a drink out of each one in turn. On seeing this the barman says, "They will go flat, just buy one and drink one at a time." Paddy says, "Well they're for me two brothers, Shamus and Mick. We used to drink together but they have now moved away so we all said this is what we will do to remember each other". This goes on for a week or two then one day Paddy only buys two pints sits down and starts to drink them each in turn. On seeing this, the barman assumes the worst and says to Paddy, "Sorry to see you only have two pints. Have you had bad news about one of your brothers?"

"OH NO," SAID PADDY, "I'VE STOPPED DRINKING."