



# ARPO NEWS

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## Meeting Report

ARPO meeting held at Sacko's Bar Wednesday 8th April 2009 36 members present. One new member introduced himself.

## Treasurers report.

Income. Members subs 130 Euros. Book clubs 18 Euros. The raffle at Stan & Ollie's profit was Euros 91. Out goings. Newsletter 3 Euros. Donations to charity 40 Euros. Monthly draw 25 Euros. Committee claim 80 Euros. Money in bank. Euros 1321.12. Cash in hand Euros 746.58 Treasurers float 114 euros. Total 2182.28 Euros.

## AOB

Chairman spoke about change in law where by owners no longer need to carry original documents in the car provided car is Spanish registered. Although you would still need to carry your driving licence you can also get authorised copies of your documents via your town hall and Polica Local.

## Dual Taxation

There had been an Article in Paper under heading "Living in Spain and still paying UK taxes" this gave the impression that you could claim rebate on your police pension this is not the case. It only applies to your old age pension.

Nick and Sue Bradford are currently doing this process. If you wish to raise a point with the Government body on pensions please write to the following e-mail address [non-residents@hmrc.gov.uk](mailto:non-residents@hmrc.gov.uk) or look at the following web sites which cover the subject.

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/cnr/index.htm>  
[http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/cnr/allow\\_nonres.htm](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/cnr/allow_nonres.htm)

You can obtain the necessary forms to make a claim at the following. If you do

not have a computer with Internet access then you can always use one for a small fee at several Internet Cafes in the area. Please ensure that you copy the addresses carefully, there are no spaces anywhere and full stops and '/' marks are very important.

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/cnr/spain-individual.pdf>

There were a number of members who said they were going through the process or had done it and it was something you can easily do yourself.

We spoke briefly about a circular where by male and female officers now receive the same lump sum and pension this had been back dated to 2006.

The address to write to is:  
Centre for Non-Residents  
Non-Resident Individuals  
Fitzroy House  
PO Box 46  
NOTTINGHAM  
NG2 1BD  
Tel: 00 44 (0)115 974 2137

Round town News are looking for sales agents but no interest was raised from members present.

Derek and Jean Wheal had a cycle for sale aged 5 to 9yrs Euros 25 bought by Loll Bilbey.

25 Euro draw was won by No 6 Ruby Corney.

There followed a very interesting talk by Keith Brown our Chaplin on bereavement in Spain.

## Pensions Review 2009

Some good news for a change, the following has been released by the Federation web site.

## Home Office will not appeal pension commutation judicial review decision

31 March 2009

The Home Office will not be appealing against the judicial review decision on commutation. Officers who retired between 1 December 2006 and 31 September 2007 should contact their force pension department to ascertain when they will receive payment.

The April lunch at the Budapest Restaurant was attended by 59 members and guests and it really was an excellent meal in good surroundings. We made 75 euros profit on the raffle with Ruby Corney winning 3 prizes the luck of the near 90 year old. Bet in it to win it. So another good lunch was had by all. Thanks to Pat and Lol for arranging the venue.

## Motoring Matters

Apparently now you do not need to carry the documentation relating to the vehicle in your car as it is now down to the Administration to establish the ownership of the vehicle. This applies to Spanish registered vehicles only. There is no mention of driving licences but would assume that it is necessary to still carry an up to date licence.

## Computer Matters

### Windows Vista – Administrator

When Vista is installed it does not allow Administrator Rights by default and this can cause problems for the user in several ways. The main effect is that you may not be able to write files to locations you may wish to and have to put up with storing files in deep down directories. Frequently these become very difficult to locate as they may be as many as 7 sub-directories deep. Also you need to confirm actions every time you wish to run certain programs and delete or move files from the hard drive.

It is relatively simple to enable the built in Administrator account as follows.

1. Click **Start** and select **Accessories**
2. Right click on the **Command Prompt**
3. At the command prompt type **net user administrator active:yes** and then press **Enter**
4. Type **net user administrator <Password>** and then press **Enter**. Instead of Password enter the actual password you wish to use omitting the <> characters
5. Type **exit** and then press **Enter**
6. Log off the current user account by clicking on **Start** and the **Log Off/Shut Down** icon which is to the far left of the graphic depicted by a right facing arrow. Select Log Off from the menu presented.
7. When you reboot you will be presented with 2 User Accounts. Select Administrator as default.

## Hotel key cards

Ever wonder what is on your magnetic key card?

Answer:

- a. Customer's name
- B. Customer's partial home address
- c. Hotel room number
- d. Check-in date and out dates
- e. Customer's credit card number and expiration date!

When you turn them in to the front desk your personal information is there for any employee to access by simply scanning the card in the hotel scanner. An employee can take a hand full of cards home and using a scanning device, access the information onto a laptop computer and go shopping at your expense.

Simply put, hotels do not erase the information on these cards until an employee reissues the card to the next hotel guest. At that time, the new guest's information is electronically 'overwritten' on the card and the previous guest's information is erased in the overwriting process.

But until the card is rewritten for the next guest, it usually is kept in a drawer at the front desk with YOUR INFORMATION ON IT!

The bottom line is: Keep the cards, take them home with you, or destroy them. NEVER leave them behind in the room or room waste basket, and NEVER turn them into the front desk when you check out of a room. They will not charge you for the card (it's illegal) and you'll be sure you are not leaving a lot of valuable personal information on it that could be easily lifted off with any simple scanning device card reader.

For the same reason, if you arrive at the airport and discover you still have the card key in your pocket, do not toss it in an airport trash basket. Take it home and destroy it by cutting it

up, especially through the electronic information strip!

If you have a small magnet, pass it across the magnetic strip several times. Then try it in the door, it will not work. It erases everything on the card.

## Arpo Functions

**ARPO SUMMER BALL**  
**CHE TANGO, Urb El Raso, Lemon Tree Road**  
**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009 – 7.30 for 8 p.m.**

### MENU

#### Starters

Salad Argentina: Tomato, onion, lettuce, olives and oregano  
Spare ribs with garlic  
Empanadas with meat, ham or cheese  
Vegetable or chicken soup

#### Main Course

Entrecote steak with your choice of sauce (sauce and cooking of steak to be ordered on the night)  
Grilled Bream  
Large fillet of Pork  
Vegetarian Platter  
Chicken kebab with onions and red peppers  
All meals with either jacket potato or chips. Please state your choice. A platter of vegetables will be placed on the table.

#### Dessert

Home made crème caramel  
Ice Cream  
Lemon and champagne sorbet  
Tiramisu  
Bottle of house wine, red, white or rosado per person, OR 1 large Beer OR Water. Coffee is not included in the price

Price: 25 euros per person to include IVA and entertainment  
Guests welcome.

Contact Fred or Dreena Wharton tel: 966715353 or e-mail fred-dreena@telefonica.net

## Wednesday 5th August, 2009

Petanca 1.0PM Anita's Bar, behind International School, Villa Martin

Ron and Barbara Burks are organising an event for members wishing to learn how to play Petanca. Afterwards a Chinese meal will be arranged at a cost of 6 euros per person.

Anyone interested in this event please contact Ron and Barbara Burks on 966 765934

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