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## NEWSLETTER

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The ARPO Committee wish to extend a Happy and Prosperous New year to all our members and readers as we enter the New Millenium.

This is going to be a year when several changes appear in the Committee but we are sure that the momentum will proceed under new members who will be elected at the AGM in February.

#### **Meeting Report**

Wednesday 9th December 2009. 46 members present

Vice Chairman Keith Giles opened the meeting at 10.45.am.He then went onto inform the members about Bob Morgan who is very seriously ill and was hopefully returning to the U K to see out his final days.

Fred Wharton then commented that he as a long standing friend had watched Bob suffer over the months, all because he had not told the doctor the full picture. They had spoken Spanglish. On his last appointment an interpreter was present and as result the doctor now knowing the full picture arranged that Bob should be immediately admitted to hospital.

The diagnosis could have been made months earlier which would have given Bob time to arrange personal affairs and his return to the UK . For the sake of 30 Euros please take one when you see your doctor.

One New member then introduced themselves.

#### **Secretary's report.**

Thanks to Ass Sect Sue Bradford who had stepped in during my holidays. Her neat typing puts mine to shame?

Minutes of the November meeting were read out. Proposed by Geoff Killingsworth, Seconded by Max Woosam as Correct. No matters arising.

#### **Treasurers report.**

It was reported that at the beginning of the month cash in the bank stood at 1343.15 Euros Cash in hand 657.08. Float 115.70 making a total of Euros 2115.93.

Income was 20 Euros subs. 20 Euros book club.

Income from raffle at Fairways was Euro 141. Donation from Xmas crackers was Euros 8. Total of Euros 189.

Out goings.

News letter printing Euro 1.25. Monthly draw Euro 25. Raffle at Fairways spend Euro 65.64 profit 75 Euros (should read 75.36) Total 91.89 Euros

Cash in Bank at beginning of December 1346.37 Includes 3.22 interest. Cash in Hand 658.08

Float 212.79

Total. Euros 2216.24.

Treasurer commented that subs are still payable. Any change will be voted on at AGM.

#### **Social Functions**

Keith Giles thanked Ron and Barbara Burks for a very successful lunch at Fairways Villa Martin.

Joan Wood then commented on the excellent Sunday lunch that had been donated by Fairways.

### **Christmas party.**

Linda Neville reported that numbers are up to 50.

A restricted seating plan is available. It was then proposed that we finance a free brandy or Liquor at the end of the meal. This was put to a vote there were no objections to this.

There then followed a discussion about the nature of the prizes. An objection had been voiced by the treasurer that we should not spend 300 Euros nor have a main prize. This was put to a vote; it was carried that we would spend the money for the benefit of the members.

46 members and guests attend our Christmas party at Stan and Ollie's. The food was excellent, the music good, and the company first class. Everyone has a brilliant night in typical ARPO fashion.

Many thanks to Jim and Linda Neville for all their hard work.



We spent 300 euros on quality prizes. The raffle on the night raised 178 euros which covered everyone's free Liquor and spirits. The main raffle prize "a Halogen oven" was won by Fred (they don't call me Delia Smith for nothing) Wharton. A first class

night was had by all thank you for your support. (members pictured below having a 'cracker' of an evening)

### **January**

Lunch will be at The Captains Table (formally downtown Quesada) organised by Jim and Joan Wood.

10 Euros per head

### **February**

This lunch will be Mike's Farewell (To the Committee at least) where else but at Portico Mar. Euros 15 per head (if you choose an extra cost meal pay the staff at time of ordering) incl wine beer soft drink water and coffee.

This event has now been arranged for Wednesday 24th February 2010 1.30pm for 1.30pm. Using their menu Del Dia.

### **March**

This will be organised by Ron and Barbara Burks at EL Racho. Watch this space.

### **Any other business**

Outlined I had a call from Banco Santander offering free banking for clubs etc. We need to arrange a visit so new committee can ask questions and get everything in writing.

Jim Wood then informed us the Gerry Lawson would like to relinquish the news letter as he lives 90% in UK and emails it so we need a new editor. He will continue with the web page for now.

Reminded members to keep Sue Bradford informed of any changes to address, phone numbers, and emails as she does have a comprehensive data base...

Euros 25 monthly draw was won by number 34 Gordon Carter.

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