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Meeting Report:

The November meeting of ARPO was held on Wednesday, 10th November 2010 at Sacko's Bar. There were 29 members present, together with 2 new members, Roy and Sharon Taylor, who introduced themselves to the meeting. A warm welcome was extended. The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Ron Burks, at 10.35.

Apologies were received from Phyllis Smith, Mike and Linda Peters, Linda Lyons, Susan Bradford, Ann and David Adams, Tony and Lucy Hughes, Stewart and Maureen Forsyth, Danny Gidman, Doug and Jean Evans, Peter and Maureen King, Alan and Gloria Robson, Jim and Linda Neville, Jim and Heather Finnegan, Nigel Liddiard and Gerry and Freda Lawson.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the October meeting were read out by the stand in Secretary, Jim Wood, and they were proposed as correct by Derek Dunham and seconded by Max Woosnam. There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer, Colin Company, informed the members that the new charity pig had now been named "Rasher", which had been the original name of the previous pig. This had now been very artistically painted onto both sides of the pig, together with a nice decorative flower to preserve his modesty at his rear end! He then reported the accounts for the previous month as follows:

Cash in Bank, 1596.27 Euros
Float, 120.00 Euros

INCOME:

Subscriptions, 20 Euros

Angies Books 23.50 Euros
Raffle 00.00 Euros
TOTAL 43.50 Euros

OUTGOINGS:

Monthly Draw 25.00 Euros
News Letter 4.00 Euros

TOTAL 29.00 Euros

Cash paid in Bank 00.00 Euros
Cash in Bank 1596.27 Euros
Float 105.50 Euros

TOTAL 1707.77 EUROS

The treasurer concluded by informing the members that he had sent a cheque for the sum of 140.00 Euros to the Help the Heroes charity. However, he was still awaiting an acknowledgement of the donation from the charity.

Social Functions:

The Chairman complimented Danny Gidman for the excellent coach trip he had organised to Benidorm Palace, which had been the previous months function. He told the meeting that everyone had enjoyed a great night out, which was endorsed by all those who had attended.

CASTILLO de CONESA:

The November ARPO lunch will be held on Wednesday, 17th November at the Castle at San Miguel. Ron Burks said that the lunch will be shared with the Castillo Petanca Club. The lunch will be at 1pm for 1.30, at a cost of 15.50 Euros, which will include a tip. Those attending the lunch will be given a guided tour of the Castle Museum and its artefacts, which are not yet open to the general public. Places are still

available and any members still wanting to attend should contact him.

CHRISTMAS BALL:

This will again be held at Portico Mar, on Friday 17th December. Mike Peters is currently away, so all enquiries in relation to this function should be addressed to Fred and Dreena Wharton, who can be contacted on telephone number 966 715 353, or via e-mail.

JANUARY:

The January lunch will be held on Wednesday 26th January at the Treetops Restaurant, which is in Campoverde. The lunch is being organised by Bob and Esme Jones at a cost of 12.50 Euros per person, to include a tip. The usual times apply, 1pm for 1.30pm lunch, and names are now being taken.

Any Other Business:

Joan Wood informed the meeting that she had received a letter from June Coombes, who now lives on the Costa del Sol, and that she wished to be remembered to everyone. June also said that she still looks back with affection on the good times she and her late husband Roy had enjoyed with the group.

There being no other business the Chairman re-iterated that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 8th December and he then closed the meeting at 10.57 am.

The monthly draw was won by Pat Stephens, so well done to me.

Finally, Mike Peters informs me that we have now have 82 members and guests attending the Christmas Ball in December. Consequently, the numbers are now closed. However, Mike will start a "reserves" list of names should any more people wish to attend, just in case there are any members who have to drop out of the function.



"Two Old Bill & their Escorts Enjoy a Night Out at Benidorm Palace"

STOP PRESS:

Members may be interested to know that they can now buy goods from Argos in Spain. If you go to the web site - www.argos-spain.co.uk you will be able to buy around 75% of their products, excluding larger items. The cost of delivery is 9.50 Euros

Further, Amazon now deliver to Spain for FREE. When ordering simply look for the Super Saver box and click on this at the check out. This is only available for certain items, but the list is quite extensive. However, the items will probably be delivered to a local pick up point and you will usually receive a text message, or phone call, when the goods have arrived. I recently used this service and they delivered straight to my Post Box address so I didn't even need to go and collect it.

Brian Smith was shopping in the Torrevieja branch of the Iceland supermarket on 11th November when there was a brief announcement, shortly prior to the minute's silence, to say that the store would be observing the silence and asking all shoppers to join them in the act of remembrance. As Brian says, it is quite a moving experience when whole stores stop conducting business and fall silent. Well done Iceland. On the same theme, I was asked by a Spanish till assistant, in the new Mercadona store in Benijofar, what was the purpose of my poppy. He was genuinely interested, so the message of remembrance continues to be spread by us "ex pats".

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