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## Meeting Report:

The September meeting of ARPO was held on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at Sacko Bar. There were 38 members present, together with three new members who introduced themselves to the meeting. A warm welcome was extended to them all. The Meeting was opened by the Chairman, Ron Burks at 10-35am, and there then followed a minutes silence for our member Tony Cross, who recently passed away.

Apologies were then received from George & Jacqui Durno, Jim & Heather Finegan, Phylis Smith, Peter and Maureen King, Derek Dunham, Brian & Pat Godfrey, Geoff & Sue Killingsworth, Ruby Corney and Linda Lyons.

## Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the June Meeting were read out, they being proposed by Jim Wood and seconded by Mike Peters as being correct. As a result of the minutes Ron Burks gave a vote of thanks to Mike and Linda Peters, and Fred and Dreena Wharton for their contributions in making the Summer Ball such an excellent evening.

## Treasure's Report:

At the beginning of September

Cash in Bank  
- 2191.83 Euros

### Income:

Subscriptions  
- 60 Euros  
Profit from Raffle at Summer Ball -  
70.67 Euros  
Angela's Books - 10.50 Euros

### TOTAL:

### Outgoings:

Newsletter Printing  
- 3.49 Euros  
Raffle Tickets - 12 Euros

Entertainment for Summer Ball

- 150 Euros  
**TOTAL:**  
- 165.49 Euros

Deficit: - 24.32 Euros

Cash in Bank: - 2216.27 Euros

Float: - 150 Euros

**TOTAL:**  
- 2366.27 Euros

## Social Functions:

The September ARPO lunch is now being held at Che Restaurant in Villamartin, on the original date of Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1pm for 1-30pm. Due to unforeseen circumstances with the previous nominated lunch, as detailed previously, this lunch is being organised by Colin Company. Colin stated that he already had 40 booked in for the lunch but that he would like to make this up to 50 people, if possible. Colin had provided a map to the venue, together with a menu for the day.

Keith Giles apologised for the cancellation of the lunch at the Mirasol, which was to have been held on this date, and explained that unfortunately, the lease had run out and the restaurant had therefore closed.

## Benidorm Palace Trip - 29<sup>th</sup> October:

Danny Gidman said that there was a full coach of 54 members booked with other members booked on to the regular coach being run by the coach company. At the restaurant there are tables of 6, so members will have to sort themselves out on arrival. Danny will inform everyone of the times at pick up points as soon as he has them.

Ron Burks then asked if anyone had any ideas for the November lunch. He said that he was looking at the Castle in

San Miguel for a future venue but would welcome any other proposals.

Bob and Esme Jones said that they are currently looking at a Restaurant called Treetops for the January lunch.

## Christmas Party – Portico Mar – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

Mike Peters said that due to the group booked for this event, Shacadoo, and the space they required to perform, there would be a limit of 80 people able to attend. Mike will have the menu and list available for next month's meeting.

Mike re-iterated that the cost is, again, 25 euros per person, to include beer, wine, soft drinks and coffee. We will be using Portico Mar's extensive menu, rather than a set menu for the function, and any extra costs incurred through individual choices should be paid to the staff on the night.

There will once again be a raffle with high quality prizes, including a STAR PRIZE, so you are invited to bring full wallets for the evening. All monies and booking forms should be returned to Mike at the December meeting.

There will be a seating plan so please make sure that you indicate who you wish to sit with on the form. Once again, PLEASE do not arrive before 7.30 pm on the night in order that Mike and the staff are able to implement the seating plan.

IF YOU BOOK FOR THIS FUNCTION AND THEN FIND THAT YOU CANNOT ATTEND, PLEASE TELEPHONE OR E-MAIL A COMMITTEE MEMBER. IF YOU DON'T YOU MAY HAVE TO PAY FOR YOUR CHOSEN MEAL.

## Any Other Business:

Ron Burks said that he had a friend who is a jeweller from Birmingham, who can obtain jewellery at a good cheap price. He would be bringing some of the jewellery to the ARPO lunch on 29<sup>th</sup> September if anyone is interested.

Pat Stephens said that if anyone wanted to contribute to the Newsletter could they have the item to her, via e-mail or telephone, before the end of the month. She also said that the cost of printing the newsletter had dramatically increased and asked if anyone knew of places offering cheaper printing. The purchase of a printer was muted but not pursued. As a result of this, however, a member provided details of a company who offer cheaper compatible printer ink cartridges for numerous makes of printers. The company's details can be found at [www.spanishink.com](http://www.spanishink.com).

Once you have obtained details of the company telephone number the person to ask for is called Liesl. This company also offer computer repairs, via Blue Moon Solutions, by qualified technicians who will visit your home for a very competitive price of 25 euros per hour.

Danny Gidman said that he had received two emails from Organisations wishing to attend our future meetings to give a presentation. These were Europa Communications and Millie Monro Services with the emphasis on Golden Leaves Funeral Plans. It was decided not to have either of them.

Jim Woods then informed the meeting that Ruby Corney was 91 years old on 1<sup>st</sup> September. However, about 2 weeks ago she had suffered another fall and had broken her arm and hip. She is now in a Nursing Home in Casa Verde.

Mike Peters told the members that Eric Sayles sends his regards to everyone. He has had a pacemaker fitted recently, following medical problems, but is now on the mend.

Linda Peters said that she now has home made Christmas Cards available.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2010

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 11-20am. The winner of the redrawn 25 Euro Draw for 9<sup>th</sup> June was Maureen Forsythe, and the winner for September's meeting was Colin Company.

## Stop Press:

I have copies of messages from both one of the Chief Executive's of a member's NARPO Branch, and it's President, which relate to Police Pensions and Government promises, broken or otherwise, regarding increases. Again, this relates to which index is used when calculating the yearly pension increase. It is important to both your pension and, perhaps more importantly, any pension you leave to a surviving widow/widower or partner. They are too long to put onto the newsletter, but if anyone is interested they are welcome to have a read.

For all of those who are interested in voting in the local elections next year, I draw your attention to a Joint Press Release on behalf of CLARO and the Centro Liberal Renovador Party (CLR) concerning the No Vote No Voice Campaign, and changes made to the voter registration facility.

Basically, all those long term non-Spanish EU residents in Spain, who were registered on the Padron prior to May 2007 and who were sent voting application forms, by post, for the local elections at that time will no longer receive an application through the post.

This facility will now be limited to EU citizens who took up residence after May 2007, and who have not previously been sent the forms, and non EU and non European residents who are eligible to vote. The press release is aimed at residents of Orihuela Costa, but the principles apply to residents throughout Spain. Again, it is too long to be included on the newsletter, but I have a copy if anyone is interested. Alternatively, it can be found on the web.



Members of the ARPO committee hard at work on our behalf

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