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DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

TRIP TO COCENTAINA FERIA

A very happy group of members attended the last day of the unforgettable three-day All Saints Fair in Cocentaina, near Alcoi, on Tuesday 1st November. This is the second oldest fair in Spain, with innumerable attractions including a book fair, an Arab souk, a medieval market, funfair and trade stalls. It is impossible to do justice to either its range or its scale with reference to any other fairs, and it is to be unreservedly recommended as a superb day out for anyone who missed it this year.

EL RODAT MEETING

The meeting on Monday 21st November was well attended by members as well as several guests. Jan very ably held the fort in Geoff's lamented but unavoidable absence. She introduced a presentation by Peter Atkinson on the subject of "*Northern Spain: A Little History, A Little Geography and a Leisurely Tour*". This fascinating talk described Peter and Gill's extensive travels in that region, often by pedal cycle, and illustrated it with superb photos. In proposing the vote of thanks, John Deacon remarked that, while one's heart often sinks at the prospect of viewing a person's holiday snaps, the sheer quality and variety of Peter's photographs were unrivalled. A very enjoyable dinner at Restaurant L'Hort rounded off an excellent evening.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Lunch

This will be celebrated at 1:30 pm on **Thursday 15th December** at the very popular Restaurant Masena outside Jávea on the road to Benitachell. Payment of €23 per person to be made on the day. **Please bring correct money!**

Boxing Day Ballet

The interest expressed by members in attending the sold-out Moscow Ballet performance of Tchaikovsky's perennial seasonal favourite *The Nutcracker* on **Monday 26th December** in the magnificent new Auditorio Teulada has exceeded the number of block-booked places reserved by Geoff. The audience for this 7:00 pm performance is to be in the auditorium by 6:30 pm. Sharing of tapas, wine and seasonal bonhomie for our block booking will follow in a local hostelry. Tickets for a subsequently-announced supplementary performance at 10:00 pm may still be available; visit the website at <http://en.teulada-moraira.es/apartados/agenda/1258> or telephone the Ticket Office on 96 574 0158.

Extra-Ordinary General Meeting

This will be held at the El Rodat on **Monday 23rd January** 2012 at 6:00 pm for 6:30 pm. Attendance at this important meeting will be confined to members. The committee has decided to convene this EGM because:

- under Spanish law, the present President and Treasurer are required to resign at this juncture upon completion of their respective three-year tenures;
- the continued existence of the Association requires both a President and a Treasurer to be appointed to take the place of the outgoing officers;
- although the present committee members have issued the 'Survival' letter and made tentative overtures to some potential candidates, volunteer replacements have not yet been forthcoming;
- under Spanish law, our Association must have a full committee;
- the Association's Constitution states that Dissolution of the Association can be effected only at an EGM.

Should volunteers for the President and Treasurer positions not be forthcoming, a motion for Dissolution will be put to the membership at this EGM. As always, your present committee fervently hopes that this will not be the case and that our Association can thrive and prosper for years to come, going from strength to strength in serving its members' interests.

At the meeting, there will be a PowerPoint presentation of photographs taken at our events during the past year, together with an outline of the programme of speakers and events for 2012.

Upon its conclusion, you are all invited to enjoy a glass of Cava.

The EGM will be followed by dinner at Jávea Golf Club. The menu is as follows:

- **Bread and butter**
- **Starter: Tapas on the table**
Mixed Salads; Serrano ham and cheese; Cold roast beef and paté; Mini empanadillas; Meatballs; Fish goujons with tartare sauce.
- **Main courses**
 - Poached fillet of salmon with a saffron cream sauce, roasted potatoes and fresh vegetables
 - Honey and thyme oven-roasted ham served with the daily garnish
 - Sliced chicken breast with a creamy mushroom sauce, roasted potatoes and fresh vegetables
 - Home-made Vegetable Lasaña
- **Desserts**
 - Pears in red wine with vanilla ice cream
 - Profiteroles with hot chocolate sauce and cream

The price is €18 and includes a half bottle of wine per person, water, coffee and IVA. Bookings with menu choices for main course and dessert to be made by phone or email to John Deacon (details in letterhead above) by 16th January 2012. Payment to be made on the night at the EGM.