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OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

EL RODAT MEETINGS

The first meeting after the summer break on Monday 26th September was well attended by 59 people, including six guests. A presentation was given by Señor Lluís Fornés, a local historian, on the History of Jesús Pobre (formerly known as Benissadevi) in general and about Riurus (the arched structures built to shelter raisins) in particular. Señor Fornés' presentation provided a vivid insight into this delightful village in the context of 11th century poet Ben al-Labbana, and his presentation was charmingly rounded off with an unaccompanied rendition of a traditional Valenciano Riurau song. Peter Atkinson proposed the vote of thanks with customary aplomb. Copies of Señor Fornés' excellent books on Jesús Pobre (in Valenciano) and on Riurus (in English) were to hand.

Jávea resident John Reynolds spoke about the publication of his new book *The Curious Cyclists* which narrates the true story of two exceedingly adventurous young men from Nottingham who cycled from the Pyrenees to Gibraltar in 1895. Fortunately for posterity, they lugged copious painting, sketching and writing materials throughout their travels and travails, and a state-of-the-art 100-exposure Kodak camera. The book, which developed from a series of talks, including one to the Costa Blanca Anglo Spanish Association, is amply illustrated with original lantern slides that have survived from the trip – of monochrome and colour paintings and tinted photographs – is published by Penpress.co.uk. Long-term Jávea resident Pat Kitching is the daughter of one of the intrepid subjects.

Geoff announced that the proposed trip to Zaragoza had been deemed non-viable by Beni Connect and was therefore cancelled. Fortunately, there was no financial loss for the Association as, with the support of Beni Connect resources, no recce had been necessary. With the end of the year fast looming, Geoff spoke about the need for new committee membership as at least two new members will be needed. The attached call-to-arms document entitled "Costa Blanca Anglo Spanish Association – Survival" spells out more fully the ramifications and what is now required.

Afterwards 47 people adjourned to La Plaza No 6 restaurant at the Arenal for an excellent and convivial dinner.

The next El Rodat meeting will be on **Monday 21st November** at the usual time of 6.30 p.m. Peter Atkinson will present an illustrated talk on *Northern Spain: A Little History, A Little Geography And A Leisurely Tour*. Dinner following the meeting will be in Restaurant L'Hort, next to Camping Jávea which is close to the XV century bridge over Riu Gorgos and the AMJASA municipal water plant. The menu is as follows:

- **Starters** Leek Soup **or** Beef Carpaccio **or** Crepes stuffed with Mushrooms and Bacon;
- **Main course** Pepper Steak **or** Confit of Duck **or** Sole Meunière;
- **Dessert** : Apple Tart.

The price is €17 to be paid on the night, and this includes a half bottle of wine per person, water, coffee and IVA. Please give names and menu choices to Jan by Monday 14th November.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Day Trip to Cocentaina

This will be a day trip to the All Saints Fair in Cocentaina, near Alcoi, on **Tuesday 1st November**. Departure will be from Interiors, Avenida Ausiàs March 11, Jávea at 8 a.m. and the cost is €20. For further information please see the attached flyer. To book please give names and telephone numbers to Geoff as soon as possible as this will be a popular and well-subscribed trip.

Pre-Christmas Shopping Trip To Murcia

This will take place on **Thursday 1st December**. Departure will again be from Interiors in Jávea but on this occasion at 9 a.m. The attached flyer gives full details. To book please give names and telephone numbers (for insurance) to Terry as soon as possible. The cost per person of €14 will be collected as you board the coach.

Christmas Lunch

This will be celebrated at 1.30 p.m. on **Thursday 15th December**, once again at the very popular Restaurant Masena outside Jávea on the road to Benitachell. The menu is as follows:

- **Starters** Avocado with Prawns **or** Scrambled Eggs with Cheese **or** Mixed Salad **or** Carpaccio of Melon with Jamon **or** Chicken and Vegetable Soup;
- **Main course** Confit of Lamb with Onions and Raisins **or** Pork Sirloin with Pepper Sauce **or** Salmon with Piquillo Pepper Sauce **or** Dorada Gratinated with Saffron Alioli;
- **Dessert** Crema Catalana **or** Chocolate Tart **or** Mixed Ice Cream.

The price is €23 and this includes a half bottle of wine per person, water, coffee and IVA. Bookings to be made by phone or email to Val by Thursday 8th December. Emails will be acknowledged within 3 days. Payment to be made on the day. **Please have correct money!**

Boxing Day Ballet

This will be a group visit to the Moscow Ballet performance of Tchaikovsky's perennial seasonal favourite *The Nutcracker* on Monday 26th December in the magnificent new Auditorio Teulada. As the tickets for this were fast selling out, Geoff purchased sixteen in a block so that we can sit together as a group. To book, please give names to Geoff and send cheques payable to him at Avd. Marina Alta 188, 03740 Gata de Gorgos, Alicante and, with non-Cam Bank cheques, please add €2 to the amount. The audience is to be in the auditorium by 6.30 p.m. for the performance start time of 7 p.m. With intervals, the performance will be less than two hours and we can then repair to a local bar for tapas, wine and shared seasonal bonhomie (not included in the ticket price!).