

THE DREAM SCENE

Newsletter

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The 6th AGM of Dream Hills took place at the Montepiedra restaurant at Campoamor last Wednesday. Apparently the first year there were two AGM's as nothing could be agreed in the first one! This year there was a huge attendance and a record number of votes were cast. A reporter from the CoastRider was invited by one of the (unsuccessful) presidential candidates to the meeting and was given short-shrift by the overwhelming majority of the owners. A new president and committee were elected, details follow.

Final voting for the president was as follows:

Maria Isabel (Maribel) Jimenez Morales 324 votes

Mahmoud Al-Kadi 53 votes

Christopher O'Reilly 13 votes

Accordingly 'Maribel' Jiminez Morales was declared the new president.

A new committee, including one Spanish gentleman, was also voted-in with no more than three votes against any one of them.

The new committee and the house numbers they represent are as follows -

John Kerr (495) House numbers 409 to 518

John Sinclair (264) House numbers 193 to 266 and 276 to 316

Mags Harris (269) House numbers 267 to 275 and 321 to 408

Tid Clifford (586) House numbers 58 to 83, 519 to 588 and 589 to 602

Jan Rennison (198) House numbers 84 to 198

Lowri Mitchell (703) House numbers 605 to 812

Jenny McCadden (21) House numbers 1 to 57 and 813 to 886

Raphael ? (97) Spanish committee member.

Alwyn Rozenek (754) secretary to the committee.

As with all AGMs some people left happy and others not so - but that is democracy at work!

Thank you to all those who have been sending jokes for publication. Unfortunately I cannot put in the long jokes because of lack of space but will include the shorter ones over a period of time. Keep well!

Mick - Editor

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WHAT'S UP?

The recent heavy rains have brought much needed water to the Alicante province. Some reservoirs are almost full with others approaching one third capacity. However, the storms associated with the heavy rainfall have virtually destroyed the cherry crops in the province. The rainfall, which averaged fifty litres per square metre also caused some flooding damage to some ground floor apartments in Dream Hills and it has been the wettest May since 1971.

The slowdown in the construction sector in Alicante has resulted in the loss of 9,000 jobs in the first quarter of this year. Of that number more than 5,000 are non EU immigrants who will now have lost their residence permits as they have no jobs. According to the respected newspaper El Mundo, the slowdown in the construction sector in Spain is ten times faster than the rest of the EU and that youth unemployment in Spain is the worst of the 27 countries in Europe with one in five youths unemployed. (Foreign workers now comprise 11% of those signed on to Spanish social security.) More building firms in the province are failing while others are applying to the courts for 'protection'. By voluntarily seeking protection from its creditors (known in Spain as 'concurso de acreedores voluntario'), companies can continue to trade under the supervision of court-appointed administrators. However, if the company is unable to renegotiate its debts and come up with a viable business plan it will eventually go into liquidation. San Jose, Idearco and Nuepro are just three of a growing number of Alicante companies who are experiencing severe pressure from creditors. Clients who have purchased property off-plan from San Jose Inversiones could lose some or all of their stage payments. San Jose Inversiones did not, as a rule, provide buyers with bank guarantees, despite a legal obligation to do so.

The top seven Spanish property developers have reported sales down 73.5% for the first quarter this year compared to quarter one last year. Most new housing along the coast is now being heavily discounted but mindful of the sorry state of many of the building contractors one would need to be either very brave or foolhardy to part with a deposit for an off-plan property within an uncompleted urbanisation in this current economic climate. 86 apartments in La Manga, Mar Menor, are being auctioned off on the internet with a 50% discount. If you have a loose €50,000 in change

The local Universities of Alicante and Elche will shortly receive seven million euro from the regional government just to 'tide them over.' The universities say that the debt was established in 2005 and has been increasing since then following the lack of payments from the regional government. It is now calculated to have reached 263 million € between Alicante and Elche alone, and across the whole Valencia region the universities are owed a total of 891 million € from the regional administration.

The IMF cinemas in Torrevieja can now supply wireless headphones which transmit the original English soundtrack for many movies to the cinema goer. A returnable 20 euro deposit in cash is required. The cinema in Pilar de Horadada shows new films in English with Spanish sub-titles at weekends. Check out <http://www.cinemapilar.com/>

Telefónica has announced it is to double the speed of its basic ADSL broadband connection in the summer to reach 6 MB. The improvement comes at no extra cost to the consumer as the company wants to hold on to its position as market leader in the sector. The change over will take place in stages and is expected to take at least three months to complete.

There have been a number of cars broken into in the underground car park at Mercadona (or Murky Donna as known locally) in Playa Flamenca. The staff blame Romanians and there are no cameras in the car park, so please be careful. There have also been a number of cars set on fire and had tires slashed around the commercial centre.

Neighbour (and roving reporter) Mo Smedley tells me that the new Iceland Superstore at Avda Cortes de la Valencia in Torrevieja - opposite Bankinter - may still open in June despite hindrance from bureaucratic delays.

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Two cows were chatting to each other over the fence between fields. The first cow said, 'I'm telling you, this mad cow disease really scares me. They say it's spreading fast - I heard it hit some cows down on old Patterson's farm.'

The other cow replied, 'Oh, I'm not worried. It doesn't affect us ducks!'

Q: What do you call a Spice Girl with two brain cells?

A: Pregnant.



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Whats Up? continued

During the last two months there have been a number of bomb outrages by the Basque terrorist group ETA. In one incident one policeman was killed and several others injured. There have been a number of ETA suspects arrested in France together with the recovery of weapons and explosives caches. The Government are in the process of recruiting an additional 500 new police agents to bolster the teams already fighting ETA and Islamic terrorists. On the 12th of May a Basque police car, parked in Baracaldo and containing explosive samples, blew up accidentally! OOOPS!!

El Mundo notes that the Prosecutors' Office is investigating seven councillors in the Catalan Generalitat Government who are accused of the mis-use of public funds. There is a claim that they ordered 1,583 'ghost' reports. ABC says that the reports were requested arbitrarily with 31 million € being allegedly spent on the studies given to friends and relatives.

The quality of Alicante sperm has fallen by 30% since the year 2000 according to a study carried out on the sperm of 1,500 Alicante men by the Vistahermosa Clinic in Alicante. A 30% reduction in fertility in just seven years is seen as very significant and that the problem is said to be greater among those who work sitting down. Of the 1,500 only 10% of the men produced 'swimmers' which were of a quality recommended by the World Health Organisation. I dunno! Maybe it is all that rice in the paellas. Mind you, it seems to work for the Chinese!

The Sevilla City Hall plans to introduce horse nappies for the many horse-drawn carriages in the Andalucian capital this summer. It is hoped that this will help keep the streets clean.

A Madrid doctor has been charged with sexually abusing seven of his patients between 2002 and 2004. The accused has blamed the 'erotic charge' in his consulting room. If found guilty he could face ten years in prison and have to pay compensation of 4,000 euro to each of the victims.

A sign outside a computer shop in Alcúdia in Mallorca prohibits the entry of dogs or Romanians. The owners said that they took the action after a group of Romanians stole items worth some 3,000 € but the local police in the town have now ordered the sign to be removed. The Mayor of the town, Miquel Ferrer, commented that it is an isolated incident, and does not reflect the situation in the municipality.

Main topic in the Spanish newspapers for the last few weeks has been concerning the leadership of the main opposition party, the P.P., - Mariano Rajoy being the current leader. After suffering a second general election defeat there is much discontent within the party but no successor or challenger has materialised yet.

The Minister for Tax and the Economy, Pedro Solbes, has approved the planned 11.3% increase in electricity prices. The Ministry for Industry must also approve the amount which could be applied from July 1. The increase, if approved, will be the largest electricity rise in 20 years.

EasyJet have just launched a new route between Newcastle and San Javier. It runs every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

The manager of the CAM bank in Cabo Roig was kidnapped by a gang earlier this week. When the manager refused to give the gang - thought to be eastern European - certain codes, they cut off one of his fingers. Even with the codes the gang did not manage to steal anything. The bank employee was recovering in hospital on Wednesday.

Absenteeism among civil servants in Madrid is currently running at 22% - that is more than one day off in five!

Just in from our political reporter in the UK - after the result of the Crewe and Nantwich by-election it has been decided that Labour will be changing their party symbol from a red rose to a condom. The thinking is that this more accurately reflects the government's political and economic outlook. A condom allows for inflation, halts production, destroys the next generation, protects a bunch of dicks and gives you a sense of security whilst you are actually being screwed.....

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Restaurant Review - El Refugio 11 (dos), C/. Bigastro, 14 - Torrevieja. Tel: 96 571 46 37

El Refugio 11 is a pleasant and friendly Spanish restaurant which is operated by Rosa and Dionisio. The interior decor is traditional with comfortable chairs, display cabinets with silver and glass, burgundy tablecloths and decorated throughout with old trunks, farm implements, antlers, a boar's head and several stuffed animals. The attractive Rosa runs the 'front of house' efficiently with charm and can speak some English.

They do a really good quality Menu del Dia at lunch time - Monday to Friday - including wine, beer or water for just €10 each. For this you start with excellent home-baked bread - pan Gallega - together with a generous portion of tomato & garlic dip and alioli. This is followed by a quality salad which occasionally contains palm hearts. For starters there is plenty to choose from with the popular Arroz con Costra - a paella type dish with an egg crust, a veggie soup, a Plato del Dia - it varies so ask?(if it is a fish or shellfish soup - go for it!) , Huevos al Plato which is a dish of two eggs, some veg and meat baked in an oven. For the main course there are six choices from a beefsteak, roast chicken with chips, grilled pork chops, grilled salmon, grilled swordfish and my favourite - a generous portion of Dover Sole - Lenguado - cooked beautifully in a very light batter, all served with chips or pots and the ubiquitous stewed Spanish vegetables. If you have space in your tummy do try a dessert. These range from profiteroles - very good, a very light standard cheese-cake, almond cake and an absolutely delicious 'goeey' and rich home-made Tarta de Chocolate - almost sinful! The 'grouch' usually tucks into the house rose which he says 'at 13% proof it is strong enough to clear your sinuses and put hair on a nun's chest!' Very good value.

In the evenings there is an a la carte menu with plenty of choice and the portions were generous. There are 17 starters in all which range in price from 4.50 to 12€ The pescaditos €7 - battered large whitebait - were delicious and plenty for two and a mixed salad for 5.50€very good and also enough for two.

There are five choices of paella ranging from Arroz a Banda (no peeling or bones!) €8.50 to the traditional Andalucian seafood and rabbit paella at €10.50. Fish courses start at 11€for swordfish, sea bass at €13.50 and monkfish & mussels €15. There are 11 meat courses from lamb at €12.50, oven-baked goat at €18, partridge, steaks and suckling-pig - a speciality. The Tournedos Rossini's was not my favourite.

Rosa & Dionisio also do an excellent Menu del Noche at a fixed price of €18 per head which includes bread, dessert and wine. There is a house salad which is followed by a very Spanish asparagus soup - no choice. For main course there is a choice of roasted suckling pig (delicious), T-bone steak (good), roast lamb in garlic (excellent) Dorado in salt and an excellent Dover Sole in an orange sauce. Desserts are similar to lunchtime but the portions are larger. Wines range from 8.50 to €35 a bottle.

Lots of Brits have already 'sussed-out' this venue and it is popular for parties and special events. To find it head into Torry on the coast road and as you pass DialPrix, move towards the centre of the road and turn left where you see a sign advertising a Chinese restaurant and the Underground pub. Take the second turn on the right before the pub and continue straight on for about 400 metres and El Refugio is on a corner to your left.

Mystery Meat (from Bob)

A man kills a deer and takes it home to cook for dinner. Both he and his wife decide that they won't tell the kids what kind of meat it is, but will give them a clue and let them guess. The kids were eager to know what the meat on their plates was, so they begged their dad for a clue. 'Well', he said, 'It's what mommy calls me sometimes'. The little girl screams 'Don't eat it, it's an a***hole!'

Aaahhh!

A three year old boy goes to see a litter of kittens with his dad. Later, he says to his mother, 'There are two boy kittens and two girl kittens.' 'How did you know?' asks his mum. 'Daddy picked them up and looked underneath,' he replied, 'I think they must have it printed on their bottoms.'

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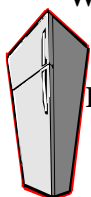
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Little Known Spanish Territories - Llivia.

Most non-Spaniards believe that the Spanish possessions abroad are limited to the Canaries and the Balaeric Islands. Few are aware that Spain also has a number of small territories in North Africa, and one tiny one, Llivia, (reminiscent of the movie 'The Mouse that Roared!') inside the French borders. More on the others in a later issue.

Llivia is a Spanish enclave and a small town in the region of Cerdanya (Catalonian) or Cerdaña (Spanish) which is totally within the southern French borders with Spain. This historic region is divided between the French and Spanish states. People have lived there since Roman times. It started as a strategic Roman fort with a settlement, which was named Julia Llivia. It later became the ancient capital of Cerdanya having a castle built on a hill overlooking the town. The castle was later destroyed by Louis XI.

Llivia is surrounded by France and is about 12 sq. kilometres in area and is only one kilometre from the Spanish border. In 1659 the Spanish-French border was established in the treaty of the Pyrenees. In the treaty of Llivia (1660) the half of Cerdagne including 33 villages was given to France. Spain however refused to hand over Llivia, simply because it was a city/town and not a village, having received city rights from a Spanish king previously and the French respected the argument.

That's basically how Llivia became an enclave. It has a current population of around 1,400. The French also kindly donated a similar sized parcel of land to Llivia for the grazing of animals etc which is a few kilometres over some mountains from the original enclave. This has however led to several court cases and heated local territorial arguments and a French hotel which was built on this extra land in the 70's will revert to Llivia in 2030.

In 1868, the border between the two countries was finally surveyed and defined explicitly with a series of bordermarkers, numbering in the hundreds, including 45 just for Llivia. Most of these markers are simple chunks of stone, numbered consecutively and marked with "LL" on the Llivan side and initials representing the nearest French village on the French side; a few markers were made by carving numbers and letters into existing rocks. Locating and photographing these markers with the aid of maps and GPS receivers has now become a common tourist pastime. Despite the seemingly conclusive nature of the bordermarkers, and despite the fact that Llivia is just a stone's throw from the Spanish border, the two countries have tangled over the details of the border numerous times, with little pieces of land going back and forth according to the terms of the most recent lawsuit. One conflict involved the short road connecting Llivia to the rest of Spain. It was supposed to be neutral, but a certain French road crossed it. Each country felt its citizens should have right of way at the intersection, and ignored the other's stop signs. Eventually an overpass had to be built, at Spain's expense. At another smaller intersection, a similar conflict was resolved by constructing a roundabout. Just like urbanisation politics - but on a grander scale! In 1979 the Lliviens passed a law stating that no French person could own land in Llivia and if they inherited some it had to be sold immediately to a Spaniard! However the removing of borders with the growth of the EU meant that the law did not last long with both the Spanish and the French now buying holiday homes and weekend retreats in the area.

Llivia has got some wonderful scenery, together with shops and hotels and a museum which boasts the oldest pharmacy in Europe. In winter the skiing locally is reported to be excellent.

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A Scotsman by the name of Duncan phones a dentist to inquire about the cost for a tooth extraction.

'£85 for an extraction sir', the dentist replied.
 '85 pounds!!! Huv ye no'got anythin' cheaper?'
 'That's the normal charge,' said the dentist.
 'Whit about if ye didnae use any anaesthetic?'
 'That's unusual, sir, but I could do it and knock £15 off.'

'Whit about if ye used one of your dentist trainees and still without an anaesthetic?'

'I can't guarantee their professionalism and it'll be painful. But the price could drop to £40'.

'How about if ye make it a trainin' session, ave yer student do the extraction with the other students watchin' and learnin'?'

'It'll be good for the students', mullied the dentist.
 'and it's going to be very traumatic, but I'll charge you £5.'

'Och, now yer talkin' laddie! It's a deal,' said the Scotsman. 'Can ye confirm an appointment for the wife next Tuesday then?'

Evidence

A man was quietly reading his paper when his wife hit him on the head with a saucepan and said "I found a piece of paper in your pocket with the name 'Mary Ellen' on it." Quick as a flash the man said, "Oh! That the name of a race horse." Later in the week he was feeling quite pleased with himself until his wife hit him over the head with a frying-pan. "What was that for?", he asked.

"Your horse phoned", she replied.

Round and About

Starting with Via Park V, the Fish & Chip Restaurant and Take-Away is now open on the top level. An outlet for Book-World is also supposed to be opening on the same floor, but this is unconfirmed. The Cavern have raised €250 for the Spanish Red Cross and €250 for the AECC. They have also raised almost €160 for charity from the big bottle of bronze coins which was on the bar. All the bars and restaurants are now putting together their new schedules and menus for the summer, so do pay them a visit.

In Via Park 111 the Someplace Else Bar has now closed down. (Jan's Slimming Club 966791870 has now moved to the Lime Bar.) Honey's Restaurant is moving to La Fuente and Honey's Bar will be taken over by someone new. On the ground floor, a new bar called the Welcome Inn is opening up when their paperwork is completed. I popped in there for the final of the European Cup (when Chelsea were robbed!) and whereas they were not officially open they were kindly handing out free beer. The bar is accessed from behind the other bars on the ground floor on the right hand side.

Just past the Mercadona in Los Altos, there are two new football pitches and what looks like a tarmac training route for young cyclists - it may even be for toy cars - I don't know! These areas appear to be for public use, but there are no football nets up - probably be stolen anyway!

There will be two new open-air markets opening in Cam-poamor on Wednesdays and Fridays. The location is not yet signposted but it is huge tarmac area close to the viaduct. The market spaces are being painted in at present and the venue may possibly open in June.

The Property Market

The Spanish Minister for Tax and the Economy, Pedro Solbes, has said that he is against doing anything to halt the adjustment of 'the excesses' of the construction industry which had been seen over recent years. He believes that the market needs to correct itself, so that investment in residential property 'can return to normal levels of growth'. He said that the economy would return to growth levels of 3% in the year 2010. Solbes has dismissed a request from the Banks and Savings Banks Associations which had called on the Government to use the Pensions Fund to help finance the real estate and construction crisis. He said that a budgetary deficit would have to be assumed given the economic slowdown. The statement by the Minister for Tax and the Economy that the construction sector in Spain needs to ride out a needed correction has unsurprisingly not been welcomed by the companies and promoters in the sector. The real estate promoters have called for a better diagnosis as to what is going on and why, and have called on the Minister to make fewer 'frivolous' speeches. The President of the Promoters' and Constructors in Spain, APCE, Guillermo Chicote, has said that the government is 'fighting pneumonia with cough drops' and should look out for the bankruptcies which would be arriving 'like figs in September'. Chicote also said the problem was so acute, it cannot be solved by a little speech.

Crooked Fuzz?

Corruption cases can be fascinating. Whereas in the UK we have read about 'fiddling' phone quizzes, members of parliament padding expenses, changing the voting on TV shows, supermarket price-fixing etc, I love a juicy story and there are few more intriguing than the following.

The National Police carried out raids in early May against the Municipal Police force in the Madrid town of Coslada and arrested the Chief of the local police Ginés Jiménez Buendía. 26 additional municipal policemen were arrested in the operation and accused of taking part in the extortion of bars, shops and prostitutes in the town. Searches were carried out in both the Coslada police station and the homes of the police chief and some others arrested, including the Mayor's chauffeur and bodyguard.

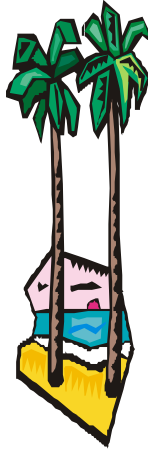
El Mundo reported that the National Police had been investigating the town for several months, and this latest operation is the second stage of a case which started with investigations into a Romanian mafia gang's links to prostitution. There are reports of telephone taps being used to confirm the criminal activity.

The Councillor for Safety in Coslada Town Hall, Antonio Murillo, is now trying to reorganise the remaining 159 police. Many local people have gathered outside the Coslada police station in protest and say the existence of corruption was well known among the local population but people were afraid to speak out. *El Mundo* headlined – 'Sheriff Ginés gang falls – the largest police mafia in Spain.' *El Mundo* says local police chief, Ginés Jiménez, and 25 agents were arrested, all charged with extortion.

El País reports that the corrupt local police extorted immigrants and the owners of local bars – 'Pay up or we close you down' or 'Pay up or we kill you'.

The judge investigating the allegations has ordered prison without bail for 11 of those arrested in the so-called '*Operación Bloque*'. Among those sent to jail is the local police chief, known by many in the town as the Sheriff, who, like the other policemen involved, has claimed his innocence. One policeman did confess to the judge that he kept 7,000 € from a 35,000 haul that some thieves had taken from a supermarket, (a handling commission I suppose), and another admitted relations with a prostitute in a police patrol car, adding that it was just 'an occasional thing'. It is now understood that a judge is now also 'helping with enquiries'. Watch this space!

STOP PRESS! An ex-mayor of Orihuela, Luis Fernando Cartagena, has been sentenced to jail for four years following charges brought in 2002 concerning the misuse of public funds and falsifying documents.



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To see a full list of the Spanish Blue Flags awarded go to <http://static.20minutos.es/adj/2008/05/28/1123.pdf>

Blue flags are given to beaches and marinas who have met stringent quality standards during the whole of the previous bathing season.

The Blue Flag status is awarded by an independent and non-profit making organisation known as the Foundation for Environmental Education which is responsible for a number of environmental programmes and initiatives.

The foundation has awarded blue flags to some 3,300 beaches and marinas worldwide, ranging from Canada to South Africa.

The criteria for obtaining a blue flag requires compliance with strict standards in relation to 29 detailed criteria covering aspects of Environmental Education & Information, Water Quality, Environmental Management and Safety & Services. A much sought after accolade, the Blue Flag is a strong indication that high environmental standards are being maintained at the beach or marina which flies the flag.

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Whada you want?

Three Italian nuns die and go to heaven, at the pearly gates they are met by Saint Peter. He says...."Sisters, you have all led such wonderful lives I am now going to grant you each six months back on earth to be anyone you want to be."

The first nun says "I wanna to be Sophia Loren."Poof !, she's gone in an instant.

The second nun said "I wanna to be Madonna"Poof !, she's gone too.

The third nun said "I wanna be Sara Pipilini."

Saint Peter was perplexed, he'd never heard the name. "Who?" he asked.

"Sara Pipilini" repeated the nun.

Saint Peter shook his head and said "I'm sorry, there's no such name."

The nun then took an old newspaper from the pocket of her habit and handed it to Saint Peter.

He took the paper and began to read, then he burst out laughing.

He handed her back the paper and said kindly, "I'm afraid you've got it wrong Sister. What the paper actually says is that it's the Sahara Pipeline, and it was laid by 1,400 men in six months!

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A man on a long haul flight noticed the beautiful woman sitting next to him reading a book titled 'Strange But True Sexual Facts'.

"Interesting?" he asks.

"Yes" she replies, "for instance, did you know the American Red Indian has the longest member in the world, and a Scotsman has the thickest!". "Oh, I'm sorry" she said. "my name is Helen, whats yours?".

"Tonto McTavish, nice to meet you".

Cats

'I gave my cat a bath the other day. He just sat there. Actually, I think he enjoyed it. It wasn't very much fun for me, though.

The fur kept sticking to my tongue.'

(Steve Martin)

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Notes from La Casita.

Petanca

At the beginning of May we held a party in La Casita to celebrate the end of our second year as a club and to officially inaugurate the newly surfaced petanca pitches. Thanks to everyone for their support throughout the year and for an excellent turnout on the night. Thanks also to Mick for the photos that we were able to see via the Dream Hills Website.

In the Casita regular weekly events continue as usual...but there are murmurings of 'new' events that could be taking place from September onwards - if there is sufficient interest. Yoga, Pilates and English as a foreign language. Watch the notice boards for more details and contact numbers to phone to get YOUR name on the list.

We are sorry to miss the AGM, but left the year's report in the capable hands of John Kerr. As was written in that report, copies of the Casita accounts for the year May 2007 to April 2008 are now placed on the notice board in La Casita. To learn to play petanca or to join our group, come and meet us at the Dream Hills petanca pitches - near the top swimming pool - at 3 pm on any Monday afternoon.

Spanish Language Classes

We are pleased to report that another class of students have enrolled for Spanish classes at La Casita. There are now four different levels of classes running each week! For anyone wishing to join, either as an absolute beginner, or wishing to improve the Spanish they already know, contact Carolina on 678751591 to discuss which group would be the most suitable for you.

Book Swap

Remember you can swap your books, have a coffee and a chat between 10 & 12 on Thursdays at La Casita.

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