



AMERICAN CLUB OF ESTEPONA

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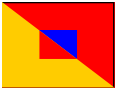
(Left) Bar Staff (Geoff Ackland and Janet)

Kirkwood get ready for a very busy day

(Right) Customers start to arrive
Mary Round, Rosie Zambra and
David Palmer.

Sandra Russell in background
Setting out flowers

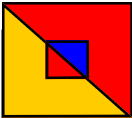




The Club was decorated throughout



Including tables and parasols outside



Half an hour to the expected arrival of the Mayor of Estepona and the club is getting busier





No shortage of flags and bunting



Outside beginning to fill up



The T.V. crew arrives from Estepona Televisión. This is their interviewer!



Getting closer to the time of official opening



Film/News crew getting ready to interview Sandra Russell.

Sandra gave an excellent interview, all in Spanish, in which she outlined
The aims and ambitions of the American Club of Estepona. A DVD of
The news broadcast is available in the club.





Last Picture I'm afraid. I was busy after this. If you have any to send me I'll be happy to include them,

send to michaelmoss@telefonica.net

Thanks

Visitors were given a potted history of the club

The American Club of Estepona was formed nearly 25 years ago as a social centre and meeting place for Americans living in the Estepona area. It quickly grew into a thriving social club and amassed what was to become probably the largest English book library on the Costa del Sol. Shortly after inception non Americans were admitted, firstly as 'Friends of the Library' and then as associate members. In 2003 the club opened its membership, and now welcomes members from all nationalities.

The Club is run entirely by volunteers found from its members, and, as a non-profit making organisation donates most of its surplus income to charities. In the past we have donated well in excess of €25,000 to organisations that include amongst others Cudeca, Alzheimers, APRONA, Centro Contigo (La Linea) Los Clavelos (for a special machine at Hospital Costa del Sol), Nuevo Futuro (Spanish charity that provides foster care homes for children) and the Manicare Foundation.

The Club is open Mondays to Saturdays from 1pm to 5pm and has weekly and monthly social events including a ladies sewing and quilt making group who meet up Friday afternoons, a Wednesday afternoon bridge club for all including learners and experts, a monthly Supper quiz and a monthly car treasure hunt. As well as celebrating American Independence Day and Thanksgiving we also celebrate other traditional events such as St. Valentines, Burn's Night, St Patrick's Day, St George's Day, Halloween, Christmas and New Year's Eve with themed parties.

In September 2011 a disastrous fire destroyed most of the old club premises in Calle Hernan Cortez and the club was forced to find new premises. So here we are today in Calle San Roque. Welcome!