



AMERICAN CLUB OF ESTEPONA

June
2017

Summers Here!

Welcome to another rather boring club magazine. Yours truly is genuinely running out of ideas. Thankfully there's a two month break coming up and a chance for me to recharge my batteries. I still have a great admiration for Rita who produced an interesting magazine every month without fail; only heaven knows how! Most of you will have noticed that i've sometimes inserted spoof articles every now and then, e.g. the odd book review of Lady Chatterly's Lover, how to cook beans on toast, e-mails to the editor etc. Just to fill the space. Sorry.

However, I did receive a genuine e-mail this month, a very nice one from Anne Hardwick (see page 5)

Thankfully these last few months I've been greatly helped by Mike 'the Hat's saga of his Japan trip for which I thank him again.. I think it's time for others to step up to the plate (Americanism for putting oneself forward) and submit an article or two, be it about travel, hobbies, criminal .

past or whatever. It needn't be a long article, something short and fairly interesting is all that's needed, pictures are a good space filler too, although they don't reproduce that well in black & white.

Anyway, diatribe over, time to turn the pages and read the contents. Enjoy!

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Activities, Events

Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 6th - 1.30 pm

General Meeting

Saturday, June 10th 2 pm

Come on folks, please come and support your club

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sewing Classes:

This is an informal group who meet every **Friday** at 1:30 to do quilting, sewing, etc. Come along and join the fun for what ever type of sewing you do.

Bridge:

I'm sorry but bridge has been suspended until further notice as not enough people were interested. If you would like to learn the basics see me.

Ronnie's Art Workshop

Tuesdays, 2:30 pm. Anyone is invited to come along and participate in the workshop and learn from this very talented teacher.

Fish'n'Chips

Fridays from 1.30pm (very popular, may need to reserve with Maria)

Supper Quiz Wed 24th May

Another good turn-out for our latest quiz given by yours truly, with an excellent supper provided by Vera helped by Carol.

The questions varied between easy, through challenging, and into difficult.

The results were:-

Winners round 1 –Frank & June Coyle, Magella and Vera

Winners round 2—Sandra R and Daughter, Mike and Pat

Winners round 3—Trish, Belinda, John and Brian (aka 'Pops')

Winners round 4— John, Sandra, Ronnie and Brian.

Overall quiz champions were John, Trish, Belinda and 'Pops'

Trish's' team should receive special mention as being the only team to score maximum points in one round. Well done!

Past & Future Events

Car Rally, Sunday 28th May

Yet again we had our fabulous Rally weather, sunny, warm and no wind.

This time it was organised by Ronnie & Brian, who, by some devious method took us to places we'd not been to before. No mean feat considering that we've only half an area to explore (the sea being the other half!) and that we've done over thirty rallies.

The questions were varied with one near impossible one unless you had a very powerful telescope. It was "What's behind the barn doors?" (on a villa by Estepona Golf) Answer:- nowt! The doors were painted by Ronnie some time ago to cover a blank wall. A real trompe loeil effect (look it up)

The rally finished at La Casita Restaurant in Sabinillas where the food was excellent and the service first class (thank you Patrice)

Two teams tied for first place, they were Sandra, John and Anne H and Trish, Belinda, John and 'Pops' Brian. (Again!) see quiz results.

A most enjoyable day out. Thank you Ronnie and Brian, I know just how much hard work goes into setting it up.



Happy rallyists at La Casita, Sabinillas, photos from Trish. Would anyone like to plan the next one?





Bar notes May 2017

The bar has been rather quiet during May, with only two really good days:- Sandra Richardson's birthday party on the 21st and the Supper Quiz on the 24th. Evenso, we made a respectable profit of over €600. Bar staffing has also been good, with Ann Price- and Steve Hale stepping in to help out. Also, as my other commitments have lessened I'm sure I'll be able to devote more time to the club.

As you may know this newsletter isn't published during July and August so for those whose birthday is in those months - **Happy Birthday!**

Brian Richards	9th July
Paca Blanchard	2nd Aug
Sandra Russell	8th Aug
Monica McGerr	13th Aug
Mike Alexander	17th Aug
Ronnie Winder	20th Aug
John Russell	30th Aug

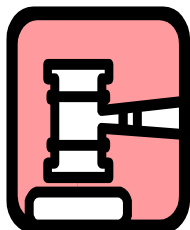
Ann Rosemary Zambra

1937- 2017 RIP

Ann, universally known as Rosie, passed away on the 18th May aged 80 years. Her passing was peaceful and she suffered no pain. Her funeral was well attended by club members and her favourite song "Time to Say Goodbye" brought many a tear to an eye.



Rosie was an extremely popular long time member of the American club and was instrumental in buying many of the clubs' assets including the fridges, the original sound system and much of our cutlery and chinaware. This was done by monies she raised running her Bingo Nights, Keep Fit classes and Line Dancing evenings as well as the many events she put on as Social Secretary. In her later years she suffered a very painful injury to her right knee which left her needing a 'walker' but she bore this with fortitude and did not let the injury stop her enjoying life to the full. We will all miss little Rosie very much.



President's Notes

Apart from those events mentioned elsewhere I've really nothing special to report this month.

We did make rather a good purchase for the club, a portable microphone system which really came into its own at the quiz and will, I'm sure, be useful at future events.

A very touching e-mail I received from Anne Hardwick

I first met Rosie in the late 1980's when I went to teach at Sotogrande School. She was then married to Tom who was a long-standing friend of ours and my husband Frank's golf partner.

Tom also taught in the school and Rosie taught a very popular Ballet Class in the Gym after school. She was a very fit and active person then. As well as teaching in the school I also taught a Scottish Dance Class after school and often worked with Rosie producing dancing displays for the School Open Days. She was an excellent teacher and produced some beautiful displays.

I came across her now and then in the intervening years, when she was appearing in ACE pantos and line dance displays but when I joined ACE earlier this year I was very sad to see how badly disabled she had become. Poor Rosie. Life could not be easy for her recently. I hope she can now rest in peace.

Mike 'the Hat's' Japan saga cont'd.

DAY 14

Decided to have a look at the Imperial Palace, but discovered that I was only allowed in the grounds. I tried different gates until I found a guard who spoke good English, he explained that it was possible to apply for a tour, but it took two weeks to process the application and it might be a month or more before I could be fitted in. My disappointment must have been visible and he must have taken pity on me, because he asked me to wait, went back into his office, and returned with a large coloured [pamphlet](#) all about the Palace. So I had a good look around the grounds and surrounding parks, finding lots of buildings containing art collections donated to the public by various emperors including the current one, a tradition dating back a couple of thousand years. I noticed that there were a number of tramps around the gardens, some in groups, some individuals sleeping on benches etc. I asked back at the hotel about it and it seems that the Emperor had refused to let the police clear them out and the grounds had become a kind of sanctuary for the homeless. It seems that even the police respect the word of the Emperor.

Day 16

Went back to Akihabara (the locals call it electric town), discovered a large covered market selling nothing but tools (electronics related) and electronic components. Spent several enjoyable hours wandering around it, I wish we had something like it in Spain! I even found a shop selling old glass valves, something I haven't seen in fifty years, each shop seemed to specialise, one selling all resistors, another nothing but transistors and the selection in each shop was enormous.

CUDECA REPORTS PROGRESS WITH NEW HOSPICE

At the annual general meeting of CUDECA recently, it was reported by President Joan Hunt that work on the first phase of building the 12 bed hospice is proceeding satisfactorily and it is estimated that it will be finished in about six months. CUDECA has sufficient funds to complete this work which includes foundations and basic structure and Joan reported that she is confident that approaches to banks and other financial institutions would help to ensure sufficient money for the completion of phases two and three.

Joan Hunt paid particular tribute to those working in the charity shops, two more having been opened in 1997 and reported that revenue in the shops was up 41% over the previous year.

CUDECA has been one of our ACE charities over the past few years and she asked that we give a special thanks to all our members who have worked for this cause in the shops and selling sun flowers.

Highlights of 1997 included the unveiling of the foundation plaques on the Benalmadena site, the granting of the "Utilidad Publica" certificates giving CUDECA the highest possible recognition as a charity working in the public interest and the European Woman of the Year achievement award to Joan Hunt.

The above is a cutting from the ACE Newsletter of October 1998. Even now, 29 years later Cudeca still needs funds to maintain its excellent service. At it's last meeting the club agreed to donate €3,000. This is in hand. The cheque will be presented to Cudeca representatives at our July 4th celebration at which we expect the press to attend.

Your committee also discussed a proposed visit, by coach, to the Cudeca Hospice in Benalmadena. We'd very much like to know who'd be interested in going so that it can be organised.

Emergency telephone numbers

National Police 091

Local Police 092

Guardia Civil 062

Ambulance 061

Fire Brigade 080

Multilingual Crime Report 902 102 112 (If you want to report assault, robbery or accident to the pólíce)

British Consular Emergency Service for any emergency queries at any time of any day. Leave a message and someone will normally get back to you within one hour of your call.

91 524 97 00

General enquiries to the British Embassy 91 700 82 00, 91 319 0200

Endesa 800760266/952808202

Ayuntamiento Estepona 952801100

Estepona Foreigners Office
952802002

Gas Emergencies 901 121 212

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Helicopteros Sanitarios 952811818

Aquagest Sur 952250270

Estepona Bus Station 952800249

Estepona Radio Taxi 952802900

Malaga Airport 952048804

Gibraltar Airport 00350 20075984



QUE PASA?



June Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lew Bordeaux	1st
June Pope	1st
Marcia MacLaren	9th
Valerie Strahinja	19th
William Payne	23rd
Enrique Floro	24th
Paul Seward	29th
Barbara Salisbury	29th

If I've missed your birthday, or have the date wrong, please forgive me and let me know the correct details. Thank you.

¿Qué Pasa?

I'm sure we were all very sorry to hear of Rosie's passing (see page 4) and we send our condolences to all concerned.

It was very nice to see ex members Peter and Claire in the club at the end of the month, they are travelling across Europe again and stopped briefly at the El Casador camp site by Selwo.

Sandra Richardson had her **th birthday in the club on Sunday 21st. (see write-up, right)

She certainly doesn't look **!

Sandras Birthday Party

Sandra Richardson (1) celebrated her birthday in great style on Sunday 21st May by inviting her family and friends to the American Club to what turned out to be a very busy and extremely enjoyable occasion.

Catering was provided by our other Sandra (2) with a huge variety of tapas and other delicacies. Birthday Sandra (1) had also laid on entertainment in the form of Singer Danielle, who soon had the party goers moving on the dance floor.

Sandra (2) had also overseen the decorations adorning the club including banners, balloons and amazing hanging pom-poms (more on these page 10) Carol worked her little socks off on the very busy bar which, with everyone enjoying themselves, made a handsome profit.

If you have an event coming up (birthday, wedding, christening etc.) which you would like to celebrate; you can, as a club member , use the club premises. No charge is made for this facility but a charge is levied for any bar staff, kitchen help, cleaners etc.

Just ask a committee member who will check if your chosen date is free. Please bear in mind that we prefer to offer Sundays as they are the least disruptive.



THE KOOKING KORNER

With Ronnie

RONNIES ALTERNATIVE KOOKING KORNER

This month, due to very strange election results everywhere, here's a series of one-liners which fit!!

The consensus after the election is that 100% of Americans think 50% of Americans have lost their minds.

Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly, and for the same reason.

My favorite mythical creature? The honest politician.

I asked my North Korean friend how it was there, he said he couldn't complain.

America is a country which produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy but won't cross the street to vote.

A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.

I don't approve of political jokes...I've seen too many of them get elected.

I remember when Halloween was the scariest night of the year. Now, it's Election night.

Republicans & Democrats are like divorced parents who care more about getting the kids to hate the other one than they are their well-being.

Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it, misdiagnosing it and then misapplying the wrong remedies.

Today's simple récipe = Ice Cubes

Ingredients:-

2 cups wáter, 2 tablespoons wáter

Method:-

Add waters together, mix well.

Remove cube trays from freezer compartment of refridgerator .

Pour mixture into cube trays and return trays to freezer.

Wait 4-6 hours for ingredients to solidify

Remove from trays and enjoy



Library Reviews

Brian Winder

JUNE LIBRARY REVIEWS by Brian Winder

This month there's many an old book that has been recycled through the library. I've read at least three of them twice now – usually it's half way through before I realise that I've read them but – they're still too good to stop. Hence thumbnail sketches of each one!!

TERM LIMITS by Vince Flynn

Taking back America ...one politician at a time. In a night of assassinations, three top politicians are killed and a young ex-marine congressman finds himself dragged into the situation. He holds the key to the subsequent investigation and the implications to the future of the USA. Must be an old book – no mention of Trump!!

THE OVERLOOK by Michael Connolly

Another of the authors "Harry Bosch" novels. Certainly on a par with the others with a lot of action, ingenious plot and some great characters drawn in detail.

BAD COMPANY by Jack Higgins

More shenanigans from Dillon and Co in solving the problems caused during WW2 and spilling into the current scene. Well up to his normal standard.

THE CELL by Colin Forbes

An Al-Qa'eda plot to bomb London causes havoc and dissension amongst Britains Security Services. As usual with the author's stories, this is full of twist, deaths, sporadic violence and an enjoyable reading experience.

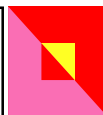
SCALPEL by Paul Carson

A killer is working in Dublins Central Maternity Hospital. Detective Kate Hamilton finds her investigation stalled by silence with the workforce and further complicated by the kidnap of a baby born in the hospital only days before.

THE VANISHED MAN by Jeffrey Deaver

Lincoln Rhyme, the renowned forensic criminologist nearly meets his match in this fast paced thriller. Can a killer disappear from within a locked room. Is the killer a master illusionist – it certainly looks so and creates a very entertaining book.



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I'm not being rude here. I'm referring to the coloured balls that were hanging from the ceiling on Sandra (1)'s birthday.

Sandra tells me they are very simple to make and yet whilst making them she found it to be very therapeutic.

If there is anyone who would like to experience this therapy, and also learn how to make these very attractive decorations, Sandra is willing to show how it's done one afternoon in the club.

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SOCIAL Vacant

Genuine Advertisement**EDTIORS
WATNED**Submitted by Vivian LeBlanc,
Hosonodis, Arizansis**(this magazine as well!)**



I ran out of ideas here, and my appeal for members to contribute articles fell on deaf ears. Hence the page fillers!

Teacher: "Kids, what does the chicken give you?"

Student: "Meat!"

Teacher: "Very good! Now what does the pig give you?"

Student: "Bacon!"

Teacher: "Great! And what does the fat cow give you?"

Student: "Homework!"

A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family." -

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?"

The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?"

The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it." -

In a Catholic school cafeteria, a nun places a note in front of a pile of apples, "Only take one. God is watching." Further down the line is a pile of cookies. A little boy makes his own note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

A police officer attempts to stop a car for speeding and the guy gradually increases his speed until he's topping 100 mph. The man eventually realizes he can't escape and finally pulls over. The cop approaches the car and says, "It's been a long day and my shift is almost over, so if you can give me a good excuse for your behavior, I'll let you go." The guy thinks for a few seconds and then says, "My wife ran away with a cop about a week ago. I thought you might be that same officer trying to give her back!"

A man was driving and saw a truck stalled on the side of the highway that had ten penguins standing next to it. The man pulled over and asked the truck driver if he needed any help. The truck driver replied, "If you can take these penguins to the zoo while I wait for AA that will be great!" The man agreed and the penguins hopped into the back of his car. Two hours later, the trucker was back on the road again and decided to check on the penguins. He showed up at the zoo and they weren't there! He headed back into his truck and started driving around the town, looking for any sign of the penguins, the man, or his car. While driving past a movie theater, the truck driver spotted the guy walking out with the ten penguins. The truck driver yelled, "What are you doing? You were supposed to take them to the zoo!" The man replied, "I did and then I had some extra money so I took them to go see a movie

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28th May Car Rally	29	30 Art class 1.30pm	31	1 June	2 Sewing Group 1:30pm	3
4	5	6 Ex. Comm. meeting 1.30 pm	7	8	9 Sewing Group 1:30pm	10 General Meeting 2pm
11	12	13 Art class 1:30 pm	14	15	16 Sewing Group 1.30pm	17
18	19	20 Art class 1:30 pm	21 Supper Quiz 7.30pm	22	23 Sewing Group 1:30pm	24
25	26	27 Art class 1.30pm	28	29	30 Sewing Group 1.30pm	1st July