

# The Front Desk



August 2008

Dear Clients,

Many thanks to those of you who sent good wishes for Jamie's 40<sup>th</sup>. He survived the experience and, as he does not take part of the fruit of Bacchus, he was the only one with a clear head the next day!! His party theme was "Vicar's and Tarts" and Michael won the prize for best costume – nothing to do with the fact that he is the Boss!!! However, he looked very fetching as a punk vicar – the black hair, lipstick and nail polish suited him!!

## Fiesta

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August is Assumption Day and is a public holiday in Spain and our office will be closed. If you do have an urgent request or need to make contact with us in an emergency, we will be available as usual on our 24-hour helpline **(00 34 606 97 58 33)**.

Apart from this we shall be open during our normal office hours, i.e. 9.00 – 13.00 and 14.30 – 17.00 Monday to Friday (Spanish time).

## Church Services

The local Anglican church has asked us to extend an invitation to our guests. Services are held at the Virgin del Rocio Roman Catholic church (near to Mcdonalds in San Pedro). The Chaplain, the Reverend Alan Maude, will be happy to tell you more and is contactable as follows:- [alanmaude@googlemail.com](mailto:alanmaude@googlemail.com) or 0034 952 808 605. Services start at 10.15 am and visitors are invited to stay for a coffee and a chat afterwards.

## Phew! It's Hot

"Mucho calor" – it's very hot here at the moment, with a very warm wind blowing from the Sahara on some days and from central Spain on others. This is a repeat of last month's advice:-

- Avoid exposure to the sun and exercise during the hottest part of the day (11.00 – 17.00)
- Wear light (weight and colour) cotton clothing and always keep the head covered
- Keep windows closed and curtains drawn
- Drink plenty of water and fruit juice – avoid alcohol at the hottest times of the day
- Eat plenty of fruit and vegetables

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## **Summer Horse Racing at Mijas**

Racing at Mijas has been taking place on Saturday evenings. The final races for the season are scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> August, with five races taking place on each evening. Races start at 10.00 p.m. and admission is 5 € for adults and is free for children and the over-65s. There is plenty of parking as well as restaurants and bars.

## **Property Prices**

According to a recent report by the Inmobiliaria Salvago consulting company published in Sur in English, Marbella has escaped the impact of falling house prices in Spain. In fact the report records a slight increase of 2.15% over the past 12 months. Estepona by contrast has experienced a fall of around 6.5%. With specific reference tourist homes or second residences, little variation has occurred in prices over the past year

## **Moorings in Malaga Province**

Whilst the residential home sales and rental market may be suffering from oversupply, the same cannot be said of the market for moorings in the leisure marinas along the coast where there is a waiting list of 3500 applications according to a recent survey in Sur. However, those of you who want to dip your toe in the water may like to contact our client, John Brewster, who specialises in this area. Take a look at his website [www.marineonline.co.uk](http://www.marineonline.co.uk).

## **Driving Offence**

The Guardia Civil have been busy with their alcohol checks. Last Saturday Michael was stopped and had a nervous moment when his life flashed in front of his eyes – more particularly the image of spending a night in a Spanish jail. However, limiting himself to two glasses of wine during the evening and drinking plenty of water seemed to do the trick and he was sent on his way with a friendly wave. You have been warned!!

## **Piped Gas**

Piped gas is on it's way to Marbella with the first clients being connected in San Pedro de Alcantara in about 12 months. Gas Natural has been given permission to lay mains and service pipes in the town over the coming months, so expect some congestion.

## **Car Hire Blues**

We are constantly hearing of people who waste about 2 hours trying to get their car hire sorted out on arrival at the airport. Remember we deal with a great family car hire business called Haro, who offer a very personalised meet and greet service at the airport. Many of our clients have been using their services for many years and can vouch for their reliability and excellent standard of service. Drop me a line and I will be happy to supply you with a quote.

Hasta la vista

Kind regards,

*Beverley*

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