

The Front Desk



February 2008

Dear Clients,

We have had a month of extremes of weather over here – torrential rain and storm damage earlier in the month but a lot of warm sunshine as the month progressed. The ten-day forecast is looking good.

Romance in the Air

February is the month of romance with Valentine's Day just over the horizon. I am pleased to see that so many of you romantics will be coming to Spain for that special day – or is it just because it's half term and you are bringing the kids?

According to Spanish tradition, it is customary for courting couples to exchange gifts on Valentine's Day and for husbands to send their wives bouquets of roses. So chaps, a secret call to me will ensure that we can organise flowers, chocs, fizz or a booking in your favourite restaurant.

Leap Year 2008

Of course this is a Leap Year and, according to the tradition which apparently started in the 5th century in Ireland, this has been the traditional time that women can propose marriage – but only on February 29th. As Michael is in the process of becoming a single man again, he plans to hide away on that day in case the wrong lady makes a proposal. He is too much of a gentleman to refuse!!

Golf

We have been able to secure better discounts from many golf courses for 2008 and are able to pass these on to clients. Additionally there are several 2-ball deals where the price includes the cost of the buggy. We believe that we now match most prices offered by the major golf specialists

You will find general information on our website. However, for specific enquiries, please contact me and I will let you know our best price.

Maintenance Programme

This is normally a very quiet time of year for us, with few visitors coming so soon after Christmas. However, we have been very busy with maintenance work ranging from repainting apartments, rebuilding walls and fitting new bathrooms. If you have plans for any maintenance – however large or small the job, let me know and I will arrange for Jamie to give you a quote.

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Business Development

We have now started working in a third urbanisation. We had cleaning contracts in the first two and have been carrying out maintenance work in a third, where the community president has been dissatisfied with the level of service provided by the present administration/management company. Our first job was to resolve an electrical problem that had been outstanding for weeks, which we were able to resolve within two hours of receiving a phone call.

Theatre

Jamie and I performed in a comedy thriller last week at a new venue in San Pedro – the Ceramic Café. It is an interesting location. You can call in for a drink and have your choice of unglazed pottery decorated according to your choice while you sip your libation. You can even have go at decorating the pottery yourself.

Meanwhile Michael has joined the playreading supper club at Fuengirola and is becoming a star performer. This month he read the part of a grumpy old man whose wife is divorcing him (type casting or what??). Next month he will appear in “Spring and Port Wine”, but he has not revealed the detail of his role!!

Driving in Spain

According to a recent interview with the Head of the Malaga Traffic Department, drivers in the Malaga area tend to be more aggressive than in other parts of Spain. They seem to think that they always have the right of way, even though they are very well aware of the rules of the road... Nothing new there then!!!

However, it is clear from the report that the majority of roadside checks by the Guardia Civil relate to drink/driving and that alcohol related offences are the most frequent cases brought to court.

Public Holidays

Andalucia Day falls on Thursday 28th February. In accordance with Spanish tradition, we shall also be taking a “puente” (bridge) on Friday 29th. The office will be closed on both days, but our 24-hour emergency helpline will be available as usual.

The Easter public holidays fall on Thursday and Friday 20th/21st March. Again the office will be closed on these day, but our out-of-hours line will be contactable.

Hasta Marzo.

Kind regards,

Beverley

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