

The Front Desk

July 2006



Dear Clients,

Here I am back at the Front Desk after my trip with Jamie to New York and Montreal. We will be preparing an autumn and winter slide show for those long cold evenings when you run out of entertainment on the Costa del Sol.

!Mucho Calor!

In last month's newsletter, Michael reported on the bad weather in May and the predictions for fine weather in June. Well, it's certainly been very hot and looks like continuing that way. So, if you are coming out, don't forget to bring plenty of sun cream with you, particularly if you have young children with you.

San Pedro Underpass

According to Sur in English the caretaker committee which has been appointed to replace the Marbella council has indicated its support for the San Pedro lobby group, in calling for the town's proposed underpass to go even further than the Government plans. The Ministry of Development claims that the proposed tunnel can only go under two of the three junctions, because there is insufficient drainage on the Ronda road for the A-7 to pass underneath.

However, the lobby group and the council engineers disagree and consider that the Governments solution – to build a bridge – will cause an adverse visual impact.

Adios Guillermo

Our trusty accountant, Guillermo, will be leaving us on 7th July. He is sad to be leaving us, but has been offered a very good career move with an accounting firm, so it was an opportunity that he could not pass up. We are reviewing how we will deal with his work following his departure. However, initially Michael will be preparing the invoices and monthly statement. So, if you have any enquiries, please direct them to him after 7th July.

Guillermo has enjoyed working with HPS and has played an important role in developing the business since Michael and Felicity acquired it eighteen months ago. He has asked me to send you all his good wishes.

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Drought Restrictions Eased

Because of the increase in the volume of water in the La Concepción reservoir, restrictions on the use of water in the Marbella area were lifted from 1st June. Limited watering of gardens is now permitted and swimming pools may be filled once a year. Overall the picture is less encouraging with Andalusian reservoirs containing less water than at the same time last year, due to the low level of rainfall during the winter.

Malaga to San Pedro Rail Link

Engineers have recently been test drilling the route between Marbella and San Pedro in order to plan the route for the proposed Malaga-San Pedro rail link. The line will pass under Marbella town centre and run underground to San Pedro, with stations on the western side of Marbella and in Puerto Banus. Work on the line, which will offer a journey time of 45 minutes from San Pedro to Malaga, could start in early 2007.

Malaga Airport

Work on Malaga airport is designed to double its passenger capacity to 20 million per year. Included in the scheme are 84 new check-in desks, a second runway and extensions to the car parks (responsible for the current congestion!). Additionally, an automated baggage handling system (as used in Madrid and Barcelona airports) will be installed.

That's Entertainment

For those of you who are visiting this month, and fancy a change of scene, as opposed to poolside cocktails, you are in for a treat, as the famous entertaining circus, Cirque du Soleil, are in Malaga until the 30th of July. The production is called 'Dralion', which I am sure will be a spectacular show to see. Tickets are available from El Corte Ingles in Puerto Banus, and range from 28 Euros to 60 Euros.

Stay cool, and enjoy the month of July.

Kind regards

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