

# The Front Desk



May 2008

Dear Clients,

At last the Sol has come back to the Costa. Temperatures have soared in the past few days and the forecast for the coming week looks good. I am able to watch Michael sunning himself on the terrace while I do all the work!!

## **Public Holiday**

This is just to remind you that Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May is a public holiday in Spain. The HPS office will be closed on that day and on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>, when we will be taking a “puente”. We shall as usual be contactable on our emergency helpline, if you or your guests require urgent assistance.

The next public holiday after that is San Bernabé, the patron saint of Marbella, on 11<sup>th</sup> June and this is when Marbella goes wild for a week – no change there really!!!

## **Marathon Man**

Congratulations to our client and neighbour in El Alto, Mark Roberts, who recently completed the London Marathon. Mark competed in order to raise funds for the St Francis Hospice, which is a leading provider of palliative care for people living in the North East London/Essex area of England. People of 18 years and older, of any race or religion, and have a life limiting illnesses are cared for. Mark’s own father attended in the months before his death in March 2007. This was Mark’s way of saying “thank you” for their kindness.

## **New Business**

About eighteen months ago we started to provide a “snagging” service to the owners of new properties. For those of you who are unfamiliar with this term, snagging is the process of checking the quality of the finish of new properties, in order to ensure that it conforms with the developer’s specification.

We have just signed an agreement with a major real estate agency on the western Costa del Sol to carry out a snagging inspection service for their new clients. The project is only in its first week, but it is clear that they are very happy with the responsiveness that HPS is showing and we are hopeful that this may lead on to the provision of other services, such as cleaning and general maintenance.

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## **Strictly Come Dancing**

Whilst most chaps come to Spain to play golf, Michael has found new life in dancing. Earlier this year he started salsa classes and encouraged Jamie and me to follow suit. You can often find us in a clinch in the office practicing our Salsa Cubano.

Michael is also taking modern jive lessons and these are taught in such a way that, after one evening's professional tuition at a cost of about 15 € per person, you can learn a complete dance routine that will serve you well whenever you are called upon to rock around the clock!! If you are interested in a different night out and would like to find out more, check <http://www.letsdanceroc.com/flash.php>, where you will also find a picture of the man himself terrifying a lady student with his "octopus" move!!

## **Staff Holidays**

Jamie and I will be away in Greece – we have to go somewhere hot – for our holidays from 7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May inclusive. As usual I try to make to make Michael's life as easy as possible, so will be grateful if you let me have details of any of your travel plans, car or golf requirements for the immediate future before I go on leave.

## **Restaurants**

Here is a selection of restaurants that we have been testing on your behalf over the past few weeks:-

- El Ancla: great fish and right on Linda Vista beach, large private pool – make a day of it.
- L'Oriental: Lebanese – try a selection of "taster" dishes; next to Crowne Plaza hotes
- Blazers: International cuisine (posh nosh) at Torreguardiario near Sotogrande
- Tehuelche: Excellent Argentinian-style grill – Benahavis Road (sea end)

## **Health Warning**

It's mosquito time, so be prepared to bring or buy mozzzy repellent. Also here is my periodic reminder about the advantages of joining Helicopteros Sanitarios. The value for money is fantastic. In the past month clients have used the service to tend to a broken arm, a back injury, a sore throat ...and you don't have to go hunting for a doctor. They will come to you. If you are interested in further details, our insurance agency (San Pedro Insurance Services) will be happy to assist.

## **More Drama**

The International Theatre Studio's Spring production is a modern thriller called "House Guest" by Francis Durbridge. Performances are on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 8pm and on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Jamie and I have been unable to take part on this occasion, but we are looking forward to seeing the production on our return from holiday. Tickets are available from Central Booking on 952880630. Maybe I will see you there!

Hasta la vista

Kind regards,

*Beverley*

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