

The Front Desk



November 2007

Dear Clients,

This year the San Pedro Feria passed almost without a single drop of rain – it must be something to do with global warming. With the exception of one or two days, those of you who visited around the half term break enjoyed splendid weather, which looks to continue according to the 10-day forecast.

Office Relocation

We have now moved our office to Los Arqueros Golf Course and are located in the ground floor of Nº 16 El Alto adjacent to the Community Office. We have gone back to our roots – HPS was first based at El Alto before moving to San Pedro town. I now have a magnificent view of the Mediterranean from my desk, but have strict instructions to pay attention to my work and not to the scenery.

Everything went extremely smoothly – apart from the torrential rain on the big day! Our telephone lines and internet connection were transferred as planned. However, after two days of operation at El Alto, Telefonica disconnected our ADSL line for no sensible reason and we lost our link to the world. It was restored for a further two days and then disconnected again for another day. Fortunately, our IT consultant (Jose Miguel who is a familiar face to many of you) was able to twist some arms in Telefonica and everything is back to normal – until they disconnect us again.

We would like to thank you all for your patience during the move and normally mild-mannered Jose Miguel for using his negotiating skills.

Public Holidays

Oh dear - more public holidays over here. Thursday 1st November (All Saints Day) is a public holiday and our office will be closed. In common with many other businesses locally, we shall be turning this into a “puente” (bridge) and the office will remain closed on Friday 2nd November. The 24-hour Helpline will be available as usual in order to deal with any emergencies.

Please also note further public holidays in December. Thursday 6th (Constitution Day) and Saturday 8th (Immaculate Conception) are public holidays. As this period is “low season” we will be taking a long weekend and the office will be closed from Thursday 6th to Monday 10th inclusive. Again, the 24-hour Helpline will be available.

We will publish our Christmas and New Year opening hours in next month’s Front Desk.

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Theatre

Thanks to those of you who came to see me in the latest theatrical production. Whilst the production did not live up to its name (“Natural Disaster”), the audience was a little thin – not helped by England’s presence in the rugby World Cup Final on the opening night.

On the other hand acting star of Evita (and our client), Brendan Tansley, was performing to sell-out houses at Salon Varieties in Fuengirola. The show has been such a success that there will be another short season from 16th to 20th November. Brendan kindly put the following message in the programme: “...thanks Michael and Beverley from HPS Property Services for telling him about the auditions – and finding him a house!”

Snagging

As many of you will know, snagging is the process of checking the finish on a new property and having defects corrected. HPS offers a snagging inspection and report service. According to a recent report in Sur in English, 95% of properties have more than 10 defects and 35% have more than 25 defects. Only a small percentage is likely to affect the habitability of the property – the majority relate to defective plumbing, bad carpentry and paintwork and defects with the air conditioning and heating systems.

IKEA in Málaga

Whether you like shopping at IKEA or not, you will certainly be aware of its presence. The new store opens this week near Malaga airport. Unfortunately the road network to the store will not be complete until sometime in January and traffic chaos on the main A7 is confidently predicted by the police, especially at weekends. Please bear this in mind when planning your journeys.

The Thinker in Málaga

For you culture vultures – in other words, for those of you who are not moved by the opening of IKEA, a good reason to visit Málaga until the end of December is the fact that there are some wonderful sculptures on display by the famous sculptor Rodin. These are mainly around the centre of Málaga city centre and are all outside displays, the most famous of which is ‘The Thinker’. Definitely worth a look.

Autumn Holiday

As mentioned in October’s Front Desk, Jamie and I will be on holiday from 10th to 17th November inclusive. Please let me know if you have any plans to visit Spain around that period, in order that I can make life as easy as possible for the boss!!

Until December...

Kind regards,

Beverley

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