

## **Albox Branch**



The Royal British Legion caring and campaigning for the serving and ex-service community

**Branch Monthly Newsletter** 

**April**, 2013

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MONTHLY MEETING 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 11.00 A.M.

FORMAL MEETING AGENDA

#### **EXHORTATION**

- 1. CHAIRMAN'S
  WELCOME &
  REPORT INCLUDING
  PROPOSED 1 YR.
  PLAN FOR
  ADOPTION.
- 2. TREASURER'S REPORT & QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS.
- 3. WELFARE REPORT.
- 4. QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.
- 5. SPEAKER SANDIE & JOHN TINKHAM – LIONS CLUB INTL.

**BREAK** 

- 6. SOCIAL UPDATE BOB COWAN
- 7. QUIZ RESULTS JOHN EVANS
- 8. RAFFLE BOB COWAN
- 9. EURO LOTTERY FILIP OSTROWSKY
- 10.CLOSE MEETING

Your help in clearing up the restaurant after the meeting has been noticed & is greatly appreciated. As part of our `deal` with the hotel management we promise to leave it as we found it.

#### CHAIRMAN'S APRIL LETTER

April already! Where is the year going to? Could be because we have been so busy as a Branch this year with all the functions Bob and his team have put on. The latest was the Easter Bonnet Dinner Dance. 66 members and guests came along and had a whale of a time with Brendan O'Dee, and Gregorio's team also excelled themselves with a nice selection of menu. €250 was raised for the Poppy Appeal from the evening, including the raffle, so thank you to all who supported us. You should all have now received by email the long-awaited Spanish Healthcare Package. It is also available on our web site for those who missed it. This took some time for me to prepare as I wanted to be sure it was correct before I posted it, and that wasn't easy. Huge thanks to Ken Matthews from Baza Branch, our District Training Officer, for doing the hardest part and getting it going. If you are below retirement age and were officially resident in Spain prior to April 2012, this will tell you how to get access to State Healthcare that was denied you before. Please let me know if you try this and have any problems as we can all learn from any

Page 2 this month you will see is made up of adverts for current and upcoming events. We have now published profiles for all members of the committee and have run out of topics, so if anyone has a story to share please email it to me and we can include it in future Newsletters. We are all always interested in the exploits of others and what you may consider mundane others will find fascinating, so send them along.

This month's meeting is my first Formal Meeting since taking over the reins, so forgive me in advance if I make any hiccups. We couldn't hold one sooner due to absences of crucial committee members at various times, so a lot to cover. I hope you enjoy it and our talk from The Lions Club International.

Colin the Card is now offering 50 per cent reductions on BFPO postage for Legion Members using his services. Please note this concession is only related to BFPO postal

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### **Social Bowling**

at Amigos Bowling Centre Arboleas. This is in conjunction with Zurgena Branch The next meeting is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April @ 12.30 p.m.

Monthly Quiz – May's quiz will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May at Bar LePanto, Albox starting at 8.30 p.m.

### Next Monthly

Meeting – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 a.m. at La Parrilla.

#### TRBL BOOKSTALL

Don't forget to visit our very popular bookstall where you can purchase a book for only 50c. For a limited time only, get a free bookmarker when you purchase a book.

You can become a member of this friendly and social Branch at any of the meetings or contact our Membership Secretary Sandra Tucker on stucker99@hotmail. co.uk

Further details on our web site;www.britishlegion.org .uk/branches/albox

## ON BEHALF OF THE ALBOX TRAVEL CLUB

4 DAY TRIP TO RONDA

3<sup>rd</sup> June to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Price to include 4 star hotel B&B, 1 free spa circuit, lunch 1 day and a Guide for all excursions.

Day 1- Tour of Ronda.

Day 2 - Marbella, Puerto Banus and after lunch Algeciras for a spectacular train ride through some of Spain's most beautiful scenery back to the hotel.

Day 3 - La Sierra de Grazalema, El Bosque after lunch into Ronda.

Day 4 - Pizarra to Spain's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest citric farm with full description and paella lunch and wine included.

€50 deposit and balance in April.

Travellers are responsible for their own travel insurance.

Bookings: Tickets available at Albox
RBL meetings or

Contact David Rham on 699 125 937.

Email: <u>david rham@btopenworld.com</u> €270 and €280 for Non Legion Members Single supplement €81

All proceeds to The Royal British Legion

RBL CAR TREASURE HUNT
1pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May
WITH PRIZES AND DONATION TO OUR
CHARITY

Commencing in the Car Park next to La Parrilla Restaurant

Finishing at a secret location

COST 10 EUROS MEMBERS 11 EUROS NON/MEMBERS

COST INCLUDES TRADITIONAL SUNDAY
LUNCH, ROAST BEEF OR PORK

AT THE END OF COURSE

(YOU MAY BUY TICKETS FOR THE MEAL

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TICKETS AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS OR FROM BOB COWAN ON

RCOWAN25@GMAIL.COM TEL. 608049490

# PIEDRA AMARILLA AMPHITHEATRE PRESENTS

A SUMMER'S EVENING OF MUSICAL MEMORIES!

MANY LOCAL ARTISTS.

#### **SUNDAY 23rd JUNE 2013**

Including; - VOICES OF ALMANZORA.
INDEPENDENT THEATRE GROUP.
JILL FROM JJ MUSIC SWEET
CHARITY GROUP, SPANISH SINGING
SENSATION ANNA YSABEL
MARTINES AND MORE.

TICKETS 10 EUROS INCLUDES B.B.Q.

B.B.Q FROM 6.00PM SHOW STARTS AT 7.00PM

TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT R.B.L
MEETINGS & MACS OUTLETS
ALL PROCEEDS TO 2 LOCAL
CHARITIES - POPPY APPEAL & MACS



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