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## Newsletter – November 2016

### From the Chair

Please accept my apologies for the long period of time which has elapsed since the last newsletter in August.

**WEBSITE** – We also apologise that the new Website is not yet fully functioning. Helen Granville kept our very old style version going for several years – thanks again Helen, but it now needs to be replaced urgently. The Euro 500 replacement cost was put to those members present at the 14<sup>th</sup> November talk and received approval. We will proceed as fast as practicable with the new version.

**Vacancy for President for 2017** when I step down, and current **Vacancy for Vice President**. We are obviously working to fill these posts. However, it would be great to see more volunteers. You can do this by contacting myself, or any other Committee Member, or by putting your name forward before the AGM. Voting papers will be sent out shortly with the details for the AGM.

**Membership information – new members** - we warmly welcome new members. Please contact a Committee Member for more information. There is a joining fee of €20 per person, (that includes the first year's subscription).

**Members' Renewal Membership** - A renewal form is included with this Newsletter, renewal subscription of €15 is due on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017, and should be paid by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**Past events** The Association has enjoyed excellent events over the past months.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September** at the Parador was a rather different, but most entertaining, talk by Richard Handscombe on 'Developing beautiful and productive small gardens for villas, town-houses and apartments'. Followed by a very enjoyable dinner at l'Art garden centre.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September saw the start of our Annual "4 nights' holiday" :**



34 Members of the Association enjoyed an excellent 4 nights' visit to Palma, Mallorca, including a most interesting day trip to Menorca. The organising Committee had found that it was significantly cheaper to have a coach from Javea and nearby, to Alicante Airport and then a direct flight to Palma, than it would have been to go by ferry from Denia.

Day 2 was a sight-seeing trip around Palma and its many beautiful old buildings.

Day 3 was an early start via coach to Port D'Alcudia, then fast ferry to Ciutadella – North of Menorca. A second coach, complete with local guide then provided a most interesting tour of this largely unspoilt island and its many historic sites.

Day 4 was an optional coach tour, including Valdemossa, a 'tapas' lunch, and the home of poet Robert Graves. A celebratory dinner followed, with members showing their appreciation of the excellent organisation of the tour by Diane Wright.

Day 5 was departure at a civilised 10.30 a.m. for the reverse journey.

**The November Meeting** included an excellent and very well researched and illustrated talk by Peter Atkinson on the theme of "A tale of Three Cities beginning with S: Seville, Salamanca and San Sebastian", followed by a very good meal at Restaurant La Plaza No. 6.

### **Future Events**

Please contact the President if you would like to attend the Christmas Lunch at La Masena on Monday December 12<sup>th</sup>.

The AGM will be held in the Parador on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017, followed by dinner, also in the Parador. Menu details will be circulated.

For the remainder of 2017, please see attached Outline Programme for details.

Best wishes

Keith Hyde  
President  
Costa Blanca Anglo Spanish Association