



**MONTHLY MEETING
18TH JULY 11.00
A.M.**

AGENDA

EXHORTATION

1. **FORMAL MEETING**
2. **SPEAKER – DAVID LANGSFORD ON ‘THE CIVIL GUARD’ ASSISTED BY TOM JONES**
- BREAK**
3. **SOCIAL UPDATE BOB COWAN**
4. **QUIZ RESULTS JOHN EVANS**
5. **RAFFLE BOB COWAN**
6. **EURO LOTTERY – FILIP OSTROWSKI**
7. **CLOSE MEETING**

CHAIRMAN`S JULY LETTER

You would think that with this heat our workload might ease a tad, but no such luck. Your committee and Social sub-committee have been working as hard as ever. Bob Cowan’s amazing work in helping Piedra Amerilla Amphitheatre to set up not only a car boot sale but also a BBQ followed by a musical evening. Several of the committee and non-committee members also gave up their time to assist on the day and in setting up and clearing up. A full report is on page 2. Bob has decided to have a well-earned break for a month or so and is now planning an event in either August or September. Come along to the meeting for more details.

On a sadder note it seems there may be a person or persons going round purporting to be from The Royal British Legion Branches and collecting goods from local businesses supposedly for raffle or tombola purposes. Can you all please help to spread the word to as many businesses as possible that genuine TRBL representatives collecting for the charity will wear their badges and will be happy to show their membership cards if required. If in doubt, please contact the chairman or any member of the committee. Falsely representing yourself as a collector for charity is a crime and the persons may be subject to arrest and prosecution.

To end on a positive note, at the bazaar on the 4th July the Tombola stall raised 177 €. Due to the generosity of local businesses all of whom are going through hard times, this was all profit as the items were donated by them or given generously by members. The event raised €300.60 in total. Thank you all.

we have speakers booked up to October now, as follows;-

August – Sophias, September – Stephen Edwards – talk on Spanish cooking, October – Beachcomber John

There will be no speaker in November due to the AGM.

kindest regards, Peter

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 services.

**FORTHCOMING
EVENTS**

Social Bowling
at Amigos Bowling Centre Arboleas. This is in conjunction with Zurgena Branch. The next meeting is on Thursday 25th July @ 12.30 p.m.

Monthly Quiz –
August’s quiz will be on Monday 5th August at Bar LePanto, Albox starting at 8.30 p.m.

Next Monthly Meeting – Thursday 15th August 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 bookmark 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

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.

Report on the events at Piedra Amerilla Amphitheatre**4th July 2013****by Peter Phillips**

It was hot and it was dusty, but Bob and myself were at the Piedra Amphitheatre site from about 9.30 to set up for the car boot sale (he beat me there again, the swine!). We were joined by several stalls including our own Poppy Stall staffed by our Poppy coordinators Sarah & Roy. Sadly, only a few stalls turned up, but the atmosphere was merry all the same. Bob and I then set off to collect the sound & light equipment for the evening's performance and assisted the evening crew in setting up.

Next came the BBQ. Special thanks to the committee members that attended and gave of their time to set up and strip down – David, Ella, Sandy, Liz, Brian (even though he had just got back from his car breaking down in France and had guests at home), Sarah & Roy. Extra-special thanks to non-committee members who turned out to help – Ian, David Langsford, Roy & Janet Lewis, Peter & Sheena Hurley, David Robson, Julia Deneen. Big thanks also to Janet & Mick Seldon for the use of the venue and their help on the day. With 3 of us manning the BBQ's and others helping with salad etc. inside we managed to feed everyone who had booked, over 100 people in total!

In the evening guests were entertained by The Voices of Almanzora, The Independent Theatre Group and Sweet Charity. Sadly Jill from J & J music was unable to attend due to illness. These groups kept the audience enthralled right to the end. What a great evening. In total over 800 € was raised to be shared between TRBL and MACS. This was only possible because the event was arranged by The Amphitheatre and not TRBL.

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THE ALBOX TRAVEL CLUB

5 DAY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

23rd DECEMBER to 27th DECEMBER 2013

Price to include 3 star hotel on half board, Christmas Gala Buffet Dinner, 2 half day excursions and excellent evening entertainment.

Day 1 - JOURNEY TO HOTEL NERJA CLUB WITH DINNER IN THE HOTEL.

Day 2 - HALF DAY EXCURSION FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT THE EL INGENIO SHOPPING CENTRE - FOR NON-SHOPPERS A DETOUR TO TORRE DEL MAR.

Christmas Eve Gala Dinner drinks included.

& 1 FREE SPA

Day 3 - CHRISTMAS DAY A QUIET DAY FOR A STROLL.

Day 4 - BOXING DAY VISIT TO COMPETA INCLUDING A VISIT TO AN OLIVE MILL.

Day 5 - MORNING IN NERJA AND THEN HOME.

€310 and €320 for Non Legion Members Single supplement €51

€50 non-returnable deposit balance in October

Travellers are responsible for their own travel insurance.

Bookings: Tickets available at Albox RBL meetings or

Contact Linda Packham on 608 708 730. Email: packham942@hotmail.com

All proceeds to The Royal British Legion