



NEWSLETTER Spring 2017

ST GEORGE'S DAY DINNER

Saturday 22 April 2017 – Cumbre Del Sol Restaurant

Commences at 7.30 pm

Dinner follows at 8.00 pm

STARTERS

Entremeses Variados – including:

Serrano Ham

Manchego Cheese

Eggs

Embollitos Salchichón-Chorizo

MAIN COURSE

Roast Beef served with Vegetables

Or

Salmon with a Citrus Fruit Sauce

(Vegetarian Option available)

DESSERT

Fresh Fruit Salad with Ice Cream

(Half Bottle of Red, White or Rosado Wine, Water & Coffee)

Bread & Allioli

MUSIC FOR DANCING

25.00€ per person (payment will be collected on the night)

Dress - Black Tie, Lounge Suit or Jacket and Tie

Bookings – Please send your reservations to the Membership Secretary, Hilary Wass, on tillblow@yahoo.co.uk stating the names in your party and their menu choices. Also, please inform the Membership Secretary of any special dietary requirements and seating preferences

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS WILL BE 18 April 2017

**ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST GEORGE
COSTA BLANCA BRANCH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017 & EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

The 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Costa Blanca branch of the Royal Society of St George was, to say the least, an interesting affair. After an initial welcome by the Chairman to the 29 members and 2 guests (Lesley Staniforth and Geoff Farrimond) the Chairman closed the AGM and opened an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM), the sole purpose of which was to determine the future of the Branch. It was explained that after much consideration, the Branch committee was reluctantly recommending that without new members joining the committee and a far greater participation in support of the events organised for members, the Branch should close. However, following broad discussion regarding the Branch, and several volunteers coming forward to join the committee, a vote by the membership present was taken resulting in a decision (14 votes to 13) in favour of the Branch's continuation.

With the business of the EGM completed, the AGM was re-opened. A sad announcement during the AGM was the retirement of both Bob Oxley, Treasurer, and Jean Farrimond, General Secretary. Both Bob and Jean had faithfully and efficiently served the Branch for many years and their support on the committee would be severely missed. Bob and Jean were heartedly thanked by the Chairman and were given a rousing round of applause from the members. The good news was that both Bob and Jean had indicated that they would remain members and would continue their support of the activities of the Branch.

With the retirement of Bob Oxley and Jean Farrimond, the only existing members of the committee who indicated that they would continue as members of the committee were Bob Hunt and Hilary Wass. However, as mentioned above, volunteers had come forward to join. The new members were David Pierson, Cannon Raymond and Eileen Hodson and Maggie Dennis. This good news increased the size of the committee to 6. The Chairman welcomed the new members to the committee.

The Treasurer and the Chairman read their reports, copies of which have been circulated to members with the draft copies of the AGM minutes.

Unfortunately, although Derick Berridge had completed the audit of the Branch accounts for 2016, he had announced that he would not be able to conduct this valuable service in future. I am pleased to say that Bob Oxley volunteered to be our auditor for the financial year January to December 2017.



The Chairman opening the 2017 Annual General Meeting at the Cumbre Restaurant



The Chairman during the EGM explaining the reasons why the committee had recommended that the Branch should close

At their first committee meeting following the Branch AGM the committee agreed on the following appointments:

Your committee members for 2017

Chairman – Bob Hunt MBE
Vice Chairman – Raymond Hodson
Treasurer – David Pierson
General Secretary – Maggie Dennis
Membership Secretary – Hilary Wass
Webmaster – Eileen Hodson

Please give them your fullest support

Our first official engagement of 2017 will be the celebration of our Patron Saint, St George, with a dinner in his honour on 22 April – details are at the head of this Newsletter. This event has, in the past, been held at the Carasco Restaurant in Javea. However, due to falling attendance numbers and increasing costs at that venue the committee decided to try an alternative location and have arranged a dinner/dance evening at the Cumbre Restaurant in the Cumbre Del Sol Urbanisation. We have used this restaurant in the past and have had good experiences. I hope that you will support this venture and will bring your friends.

Have you renewed your Membership for 2017??.....

If you have not already informed our Membership Secretary that you wish to remain a member of the Society for 2017 or for further details regarding membership application or renewal, please contact Hilary Wass tillblow@yahoo.co.uk In order to bring our membership database up-to-date as soon as possible, the Membership Secretary would appreciate your response by no later than Wednesday 31 May 2017.

Anyone interested in joining the Royal Society of St George can view the Branch's activities on the Branch web site www.stgeorgecostablanca.com or, alternatively, should contact Hilary Wass tillblow@yahoo.co.uk for further information regarding becoming a member.