

# afpop EA Local Newsletter: March 2025

#### Hello members & friends

I am just about to head off to the UK for two weeks so I can spend Mother's Day with my daughter and grandkids, I am trying to clear "the decks" before I go, there always seems to be something to write or a deadline to meet just as I'm going off on a break or holiday.

Our lunch at Apetit's this week was a huge success. I had 60 bookings with 12 on a waiting list. For a low key / nothing fancy lunch the restaurant did us proud.





I really got good feedback from members / guests who attended the lunch so many positive comments. I totally recommend this restaurant in Moncarapacho and we will have another event there in the future. Check out their evening menu as they only serve Tapas at night, and they are brilliant.

Now onto other events planned...

Monday 28th April: Lunch at Catering College: LIMITED NUMBERS.. ONLY 24/25 ... see page 2 BOOKINGS ARE LIMITED & RESTRICTED TO MEMBERS ONLY

June 21st Longest Day: Lunch at Siam Restaurant — Santa Barbara de Nexe ... see page 3

At the moment there are other ideas "in the mix". A few *afpop* EA members have given me suggestions and I have been in touch with some of the restaurants and am waiting for a response.

I will be reading emails and taking bookings while I am in the UK, but may take a little longer to respond than usual .

See you in April ...

Cuide-se ... Linda x





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# Lunch at the Catering College in Faro ● April 28th This lunch is ONLY available to Members €26.00 12.30 Welcome drink

1.00: 3 course lunch with wine & water, followed by coffee

This has been a long awaited lunch at the Catering College in Faro.

Many of you will have fond memories of the lunches we had there for Valentine's Day for many years, where we had 120+ members attending. Also our magical Summer Balls in the Quadrangle with 140 guests or more dining under the stars in the moonlight with live muic—those were the days  $\odot$ 

Since Covid and new management everything has changed and the college will now only accommodate 24 / 25 guests and they will only serve "educational menus" and they no longer have evening events.

I have tried to book the college for the past few years; but dates are limited and they have not always been at a time when afpop EA was available.

I have now managed to get a date in the diary... which is good news ③. I am trying to get a second date; but at the moment this is proving difficult as dates on offer I

am out of the country. I am trying to see what is available later in the year... but at the moment we only have this date.





#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- Members will take priority as the spaces are limited.
- I will not accept bulk bookings... it isn't fair to others.
- The first members to make contact by EMAIL will get the spaces.
- Table sizes will either be 3 x tables of 8... or one large table. This will be confirmed.

#### What's in store?

12.30 Welcome drink: to be confirmed

Starter: Marinated salmon, light salad & wasabi chantilly

Main Course: Roast duck breast, citrus reduction, rosti potatoes and a selection of

vegetables from the garden

**Desserts:** Carob pie, orange sorbet and cinnamon biscuit **Drinks included:** Welcome drink, wine, water & coffee.

TO MAKE A BOOKING: SEND AN EMAIL

IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIRMENTS OR ARE VEGGIE THEN I WILL

NEED TO ASK WHAT THE COLLEGE CAN ACCOMODATE







#### Lunch at SIAM Restaurant Near Santa Barbara de Nexe

# SAVE THE DATE : SATURDAY 21ST JUNE LONGEST DAY LUNCH

Welcome drink, 3 course lunch, wine & water, followed by coffee MENU & PRICE TO BE CONFIRMED

The Siam Restaurant offers authentic Thai cuisine in the setting of the Mercedes Country House.

I have had this restaurant recommended by members and also by friends and have been wanting to go here for ages.

I have booked the date and I'm in discussion about the menu and price.

When I return from the Uk I will visit the restaurant and confirm everything.

More information to follow soon...









### Member-2-Member for the community

This section is associated with the EA local community. If any members want to advertise an event they are involved in or a community service they think other members would be interested in please let me know and I will include it. Sorry: I do NOT design things for you to add here, I will NOT organise your event for you @... and if anything isn't thought appropriate it will not be added. @



## The programme for the day includes:



A welcome snack

Access to the Benamor practice range and putting green

Mulligans available

Buggy



Nearest the Pin & Longest Drive

Buffet lunch with complimentary pre-lunch drinks

Award ceremony

... and a few surprises

To register for this exciting event https://rotaryestoipalace.org/golf For more information or questions please contact:

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Special price for 4 players team