



afpop EA Local Newsletter : July 2025

Hello members & friends

My June trip back to the UK for my Grandson's 18th birthday seemed to go by with a flash and it already seems like ages ago. Now my granddaughter and her two friends are staying with us which had brought a smile to my face ☺

Annual Wine Tasting Dinner ... I have been looking at venues for October as we can't go to Octant Vila Monte this year. They are adding more rooms to their hotel and will be closed for nearly two years. When they reopen I will book another Wine Tasting Dinner and will let everyone know who has attended previously. It's always a magical evening loved by guests.

On the **1st September** there is a **Rod & Tina Party Night at Restaurant Antonio** in Moncarapacho... this is to celebrate StreetLife's 8th birthday... or own East Algarve Animal Sterilisation Programme. Many **afpop** members support this charity and have attended over the past several years. There are a few places left: ***please see page 4 (Member-2-Member for the Community) for more details***

Time to say goodbye... as many of you will know from my last email and UPDATE, the lunch I held on the 21st June at Siam was my last "official" event. It was very tearful. After 18 years as your East Algarve Events Organiser, I think it's now time to say goodbye to pave the way for someone younger. I want to go out on a high and not past my sell by date. I could not have wished for a better area - I have made so many good friends, plus many members who attended my first event are still attending today.

I am therefore saying a final goodbye "*in style*" at a...

FAREWELL Christmas Dinner Dance Marina Hotel Olhão: FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER see page 2 for more details. Many members from all areas have supported me over the years and I hope to see you at my Farewell Night to say goodbye, but remember, it will never be a total goodbye as I'll always be doing / organising something, I can't do nothing, it's not me ☺.



Is anyone interested in taking over as the East Algarve Events Organiser ? ...please let me know and I will pass on your details to the main office. I am happy to have a chat with anyone who would like more information to let them know what's involved; but please remember... how I organise events is my way of doing things and anyone who takes over should do it their way! That's the whole idea of change. Don't be afraid of volunteering because you think you can't do it like me.... do it like YOU!! Your style, your personality. Maybe a few of you would like to set up an events committee, or two friends, or two couples, to take it in turns to organise an event... there might be a different way of approaching it to share the load. Think outside the box. ☺

Cuide-se ... Linda x



FAREWELL CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

Friday December 5th :

5* Real Marina Hotel Olhão

€72.00 members • 75.00 non-members

7.30pm to Midnight/12.30

Fizz reception, 3 course meal, wine, water & coffee

Live entertainment with the 5EX Band



This is not just a Dinner Dance

It's a FAREWELL event ... after 18 years, it's time to say goodbye

Last years Christmas Dinner Dance had 120 guests and everyone had a fabulous time, the dance floor was busy all night!

Our 5 piece band this year is 5EX... (last year we had 2EX), it will be a fun party atmosphere to celebrate Christmas and also a chance to say goodbye

Our celebration evening will consist of . . .

7.30 to 8.00 - **Drinks Reception** A Welcome drink of a sparkling wine, or orange juice

8.00 onwards - **We go to our tables for dinner**

Our main menu for the evening : PLEASE NOTE: you can choose across both menus ☺

Starter: salmon gravlax, cured in citrus fruits, dill & beetroot, lettuce sprouts & honey mustard sauce

or Wild mushroom cream soup

Main: Confit duck leg, chorizo crumble, celery cream, glazed vegetables in ruby port wine potato gratin, braised vegetables & Madeira wine sauce

or Swordfish loaf in sesame crust, potato gratin, cherry tomato confit & saffron sauce

Dessert: Cheesecake with passion fruit interior, red fruits & crumble

or Pure butter coolant, chocolate ganache, Yuzu & lemon pistachio crumble

Veggie / Vegan option

Starter: Cream of fresh mushroom vinaigrette

or Buckwheat, mango, avocado & cherry tomato salad with watercress & soy sauce

Main Seitan & pumpkin ravioli, cashew & basil sauce

or Smoked tofu pica-pau, thinly sliced potatoes & green salad

Desserts: Roasted pineapple with port & cinnamon reduction, pistachio ice cream

or Fresh fruit platter



The meal is inclusive of: red and white wine (or beer), water, soft drinks and coffee.

After the meal it goes onto a "pay as you go" bar.

afpop Special Room Rate Available soon

Reserving places Send an email to me to book your places with your food choices and any special dietary requirements.

Dress Code Whatever takes your fancy! Dress up or down, just be there ☺ !





NEWS FROM BELLA ACAPELLA

We had a fabulous time in Helsingborg. Thanks to all your contributions we were 29 singers and our MD on stage.

We have shared many new experiences, the audience loved us and we had a good score with room for improvement.

This was our first time on an international stage and we see this as a next step on our music journey. We had a fabulous time the whole weekend, with lots of singing on and off stage and great bonding between our members. We hope that you all have seen our short video, if not - here is the link <https://youtu.be/6iAxFq6woms> Bella Acapella goes to Sweden

We are now winding down after the convention and also winding up before our new adventures. Soon we'll take a well deserved summer break but we will have a hectic and fun fall. We hope that you'll enjoy all the concerts we will have.

- **On 4 and 5 October "The Skyline Sisters"**, an all women barbershop chorus with their 42 singers from Rotterdam, The Netherlands, will visit us and we will have two concerts together with them. It will be fantastic! Can you imagine singing with more than 70 singers together?
- **On 25 and 26 October**, we are invited by the Portuguese chorus "Grupo Coral Ossoyoba" to sing in Faro at their yearly Chorus Fest. There will be two concerts there as well.
- Finally, we are eager to organise Christmas Shows at the beginning of December. Stay connected to our social media for updates on our Christmas show.
- We will keep you updated as the fall comes along, with dates, places and times, but until then we wish you all a very lovely summer wherever you spend it.

Website : www.bellaacapella.pt
bellaacapella.portugal/

<https://www.facebook.com/>

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. ☺

POP UP BOUTIQUE NEW COLLECTION



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THURSDAY 24 JULY
3PM UNTIL 6PM
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Associação StreetLife, 515 892 750

SUNDAY 20th JULY

12.00 - 4.00pm
CASA ROSA,
MONCARAPACHO



StreetFashion & Paella



FIZZ, FASHION, FUN & PAELLA

€30 inc 3 glasses of fizz, "Tasty Teasers", Paella, "OMG Fabulous Fancies"
ticket draw & poolside music

☺ You will experience one of each of the Tasty Teasers & OMG Fabulous Fancies - if there is something you don't like or can't eat we ask you to "negotiate" a swap with another guest ☺

Tasty Teasers
chilled soup, photo, gazpacho & cream of sweetcorn, bruschetta with tomato & prosciutto, cherry tomatoes & mozzarella on sticks, cucumber cups filled with mozzarella paste

Paella: Island Paella (seafood, pork, chicken & chorizo) ☺ Veggie (cherry tomatoes, carrots, green beans, peas and chickpeas)
The Veggie varieties which **MUST** be pre-booked

OMG Fabulous Fancies
mini strawberry pavlovas, mini meringues, cheesecake, mini chocolate brownies

If anyone has any allergies or intolerances please let us know & we will see what we can do!

Good quality, hardly or never worn, fashion items available for a donation.
Moosh by the pool with a glass of fizz in your hand.
Enjoy the fabulous views down to the sea.
Sit on sofas under the covered terrace area or at poolside tables & have fun fundraising.
Book your places with: linda@streetlife.pt



Extra fizz & wine will be available for a donation

All proceeds from any StreetFashion event go to our StreetLife Animal Sterilisation Programme

Dine & Party to Rod & Tina ... It takes two !!!

Monday 1st September at Restaurante Antonio, Moncarapacho

7.30 onwards • €36.00 donation (including wine, water & coffee)



Two different eating areas
choose your preference when you book

Moovers & Groovers (50 places)
are inside the restaurant, background music with the meal then louder music & dancing!

Wine & Diners (30 places)
are on the outside decking area with background music all evening BUT you can go inside to dance & also sit on the sofas in the bar area.

The best of both worlds ☺

**Themed Rod & Tina evening
plus "Hit's of the 80's"
for StreetLife**

Book your places with:
linda@streetlife.pt or
linda.cree@outlook.com

MENU

Couvert: Bread, olives, cheese & pate

Main: Fillet of pork in mushroom sauce with sautéed potatoes/onions & vegetables *or* Sole & banana with potatoes & vegetables *or* Aubergine stuffed with ratatouille

Dessert: Chocolate cake *or* red fruits cheesecake *or* crème caramel

Drinks included: House wine (red/white), water *with* the meal, followed by coffee

DRINKS: BEFORE & AFTER THE MEAL NOT INCLUDED!



StreetLife celebrates our 8th anniversary

**at Restaurante Antonio
Come & join in the fun**

OUTSIDE & INSIDE TABLES AVAILABLE

Prizes donated by local sponsors & supporters

A fundraising event for StreetLife - together we are making a difference!



Associação StreetLife: 515 892 750

StreetLife & afpop continue to have fun together ...

Over the years there have been many joint events where StreetLife & **afpop** join forces - the main ingredient is FUN!!!!

Sunday 20th July: Our Fizz, Fashion, Fun & Paella event has two places left.

We have many **afpop** members attending which is great news. This event is around the pool at Linda & Graeme's house, fizz flows, there are amazing fashion items available for a donation and this year a huge Mixed Paella will be cooked onsite by Joao

Monday 1st September: Dine & Party to Rod & Tina—it takes two! This is an annual event to celebrate StreetLife's birthday... it was launched 8 years ago, our own local East Algarve Animal Sterilisation Programme. We still have places available in the outside area. This is always a very popular event and venue.

THANK YOU!! Three or four times a year StreetLife holds fundraising events if you would like to know more please make contact.

StreetLife now supports 6 Animal Shelters in our East Algarve area as well as helping families on low incomes to sterilise their dogs.

Together we are making a difference... 1430 dogs sterilised... we are so proud of the East Algarve for making this happen ☺!

Regards... Graeme... StreetLife President

Anyone who has attended a StreetLife event previously will automatically be kept informed of our events.

If anyone would like to be added to the StreetLife circulation list and receive information about our events, and receive Newsletters please Email: Linda.cree@outlook.com or Linda@streetlife.pt