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Dear Members and Friends,

Are you enjoying the weather? We all moaned at the wind but now we are all moaning that it is too hot! No pleasing us, is there!

I have organised the first event of next season and it will be at Boa Vista Clubhouse – a dinner dance on 18th September from 7pm. The meal will consist of couvert, (bread, butter, olives, carrots and house pate) then choose either Chicken pie, Fish pie or Vegetarian pie, complete with fries and salad. Water, tea or coffee are included and wine/beer will also be served with the meal. Drinks before or after are at your own expense. I will include the tip as well in the price of €31.50 for members (€33.50 for guests). A popular singer will be there and will get your feet tapping so I hope to see a lot of you on the dance floor. There are 8 to a table so if you are coming with friends let me know so I can seat you together on the table plan. Dinner, drinks and dancing with a group of friends on a balmy September evening – good food, good wine, good company - what more can you ask?

October 22nd brings more activities as there are 3 separate events on that day.

Firstly, a four-course lunch at O Caseiro, Arao at 12.30 (€31 members, €34 guests). They put on a great spread in March and trust they will do the same again. All welcome, plenty of spaces. The morning event is another visit to A Rocha to see the bird-ringing and learn about the conservation efforts. There are only places for about 30, no charge but donations are welcome. And the third event is in the afternoon when a lucky 16 can go bird-watching with an experienced guide for €33 (€36 for guests). These are repeated activities due to the inclement weather in March and again Anne Sabine has organised all three so contact her to book your place at any of the events on that day. Pandaalgarve2025@outlook.com Incidentally, on the front cover of UPDATE last month was a wonderful shot taken at the last bird-watching by our member, Rene Quenneville – he took some beautiful photos that day.

The blueberry farm tells me that they are almost ready so you can go and pick your own and for *afpop* members can have a 10% discount. Blueberries are easy to pick, the site is just outside Bensafrim, and of course it much cheaper than buying them in supermarkets. You need to book so contact them via their website at Quintadopincho.com.

With the summer days of wildfires, we have a lot to thank the Bombeiros for. You may know that I have a fund at Credito Agricola : Patricia Allen Fundo do Bombeiros, (PT50) 0045 7191 4018 8770 55861 which is used to help them with necessary equipment and supplies. You may donate there or why not set up a standing order for your donations

so that they can continue their good work. I will also take bags of your small coins to put in this account – the items bought all help to assist and protect both them and us.

With nothing else to report, I wish you all a joyful summer and will wait to take bookings for the dinner dance – do come along and bring your friends to make this a swinging start as the next season begins. We can have a great night of fun.

Kind regards,

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