



Dear Members and Friends,

Such a lot to tell you this month so you can fill your diaries with some great **afpop** events.



Firstly, **Fiuza** have again offered us discounted prices on their award-winning wines and you only have till **6th June** to order.

Please contact me for the list with prices starting at less than €4 per bottle.

They are in cases of 6 and will be delivered to my house for you to collect by the end of June ready for your summer entertaining. Good bargains on good wine.

On **9th June** there are just a few places left for the **Guadiana** cruise – a daytrip on the river between Spain and Portugal, where you will sail to Foz de Odeleite for a swim and lunch – as much as you want to eat and drink – before returning to Vila Real about 5pm. There are also places on the coach if you don't want to drive. €48.50 Member, €52.50 guests, €11pp coach.

On **June 21st** we will have a mid-summers day **BBQ at Boa Vista Clubhouse**. The various meats, salads, puds etc. and drinks with the meal will be ready for 7.30pm and there will be live music to dance to as we watch the sun go down. There is a seating plan so let me know if you wish to sit with friends – tables of 8. The cost is €36 (€40 guests). We had a great time last year and I am hoping for the same again.



I know so many enjoyed the **award-winning dancers** that we helped to sponsor and they are putting on another concert – this time at the **Cultural Centre** in Lagos on **27th and 28th June** at 19.30. Tickets are €12 will be available from there. I know many would like to see their performances again so do watch out for further details.

I will see if we can do the **Grape-treading** again this year – this will be at the end of August or the beginning of September.

Then, still in **September, on 16th** there will be an Open Day for you to try Lawn Bowls at **Floresta Bowls Club**, Aldeia Azul Resort, Espiche. All standards are welcome and there will be free coaching for people new to the game. Bowls will be supplied but please wear your flattest shoes to walk on the rink. There will be an optional light lunch (baguette & drink for €5) at 1pm with drinks available throughout the afternoon. For more information and to register your interest please contact Anne Sabine at office@sabineassociates.co.uk

Still in **September on Monday 22nd** we will again do the **Guadiana Day Cruise**, enjoying the scenery of Spain on the right and Portugal on the left as we sail up-river to our lunch at Foz de Odeleite. The food is all locally sourced and is Mountain Soup, chicken, potatoes, salad, fruit and wine, as much as you like in the way of food and drink. You may swim in the pool before lunch if you wish. Cost €48.50 members, €52.50 guests, €11pp if you want the coach. This popular day out would normally cost you €64 without a coach so it is quite a saving.

Now to **October 15th** a coach trip is being organised to a tour of a cork factory & plantation, lunch, and then on to the *Museu de Traje* in São Bras de Alportel which is housed in a mansion originally own by a family that made their fortune in cork. It houses costumes from the 19th and early 20th centuries, a mock-up of life in World War 1 trenches, another section is dedicated to the cork industry in days gone by and includes a short historic film, and in the grounds is a spectacular display of carts and a working well. Everything is described in Portuguese and English and it will be a really interesting day out. We expect the price including the museums, lunch and coach to be about €55 - €60 pp but we are still doing the budget for this. Anne Sabine is the organiser for this but I will be giving further details when we have them but do contact her on office@sabineassociates.co.uk to register an interest.

November is not yet sorted but **December 6th** is the **afpop Christmas Dinner Dance** when we will return to the Tivoli, where 5EX will be encouraging you all to get on the dance floor.

So, you are in for a busy time! Get booking with me as soon as possible, especially for the **Wine Order** and the **two June Events**. My landline has been out of order since the blackout so you can use my mobile on WhatsApp **938 358 699** or e-mail me of course.

Kind regards,

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