



Dear Members and Friends,

We have a busy few months ahead to keep you amused now that the summer visitors have departed, the wine-treading is over and we are ready to start our new **afpop** season.

**September 16<sup>th</sup>** is the **Bowls Open afternoon** at Floresta Bowls, Aldeia Azul, to try out the rink if you are a bowler already, or to try out the sport if you might like to become one. This is free of charge. Flat shoes must be worn and a lunchtime baguette & drink is available for €5 – please pre-order a few days before so that the ingredients can be bought in - and also can you advise Anne if you intend to come along [office@sabineassociates.co.uk](mailto:office@sabineassociates.co.uk).

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>** is the **Guadiana day-trip** which is fully booked and the participants will get a separate e-mail regarding this.

**October 9<sup>th</sup>** Adrienne of Terra Doce is offering **Wine & Tapas** – 4 special wines paired with inventive tapas at Oli Wine & Dine, Lagos, from 4pm till 6pm. Tickets are normally €40 but **afpop** Members have a 10% discount. There is also a 10% discount off the first box when joining the Terra Doce Wine Club in which members receive a selection of 6 different bottles of wine from all over Portugal, with tasting notes, pairing suggestions and background on the wines all curated for the season, 4 times per year. To take advantage of these offers, contact [adrienne@terradoceportugal.com](mailto:adrienne@terradoceportugal.com).

**October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>** is **BLiP** at the Exhibition Centre in Portimão. I expect to see many of you there – I usually do!

**October 12<sup>th</sup> M2M** There will be a **Ladies Designer Sale and Lunch** in Boa Vista's upstairs suite comprising of new and barely used designer label clothes from sizes 8 - 18, designer handbags and shoes – mostly unworn – and an extensive carvery menu for lunch. Viewing at 12 noon, lunch at 1pm. Price for lunch is €28 and drinks package at €7 extra. People booking before Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October will have the drinks package included free of charge. Half of the money raised from the sale will be donated to Madrugada. To book your place and hopefully grab a bargain contact [n.elsley@sky.com](mailto:n.elsley@sky.com).

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** Is the Cork and Traje Museum day-trip. This is full as places are limited but because it has proved very popular, we will repeat this trip in Spring next year. To get your name on the waiting list – which is already filling up so don't miss out again – contact Anne at [office@sabineassociates.co.uk](mailto:office@sabineassociates.co.uk).

**October/November** - I am currently negotiating for a meal at a new **Moroccan** restaurant in Lagos but do not have menu, price or dates yet. It will be at the end of October or beginning of November and will probably be on 2 dates as they cannot take a large influx. I also hope to have a **Fiuza Wine Order** in November so that the wines will be here for Xmas and further details will follow on both of these when they are available.

**November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>** I have 50 tickets for a **Variety Show** in aid of charity at the Auditório do Museum Portimão – a smallish theatre that only hold 170 people so you need to book your place before it is all sold out. Tickets are €15 and time is 7.30. There are some great acts, well-known names and some fantastic raffle prizes on both nights. **Contact me.**

And this takes us to **December 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner Dance** at the **Tivoli, Lagos** starring 5EX as our musicians. I finally have the meal sorted but gone are the days that we could choose between meat, fish and vegetarian dishes. Now I am offered just one menu and it is all the same – although they will provide me with a separate vegetarian menu once they know the number of vegetarians attending. So, this is what it will be this year:

- 7pm arrival for a glass of sparkling wine
- Roasted tomato cream soup with poached egg
- Chicken supreme over roasted vegetables
- Apple tarte tatin
- Drinks package throughout the meal: White, rose & red wine, mineral water, draught beer, soft drinks and juices, coffee or tea and we finish off with a glass of Port.

The cost for the evening is €55 per Member (€58 for guests) and there will be a seating plan so if you wish to sit with friends, then please advise when booking. There is also a special room rate of €65 per night double, €55 per single if you wish to stay the night.

I think that is quite enough for you to fill your calendars with and look forward to hearing from you with your bookings. Below you will find some pictures from the grape stomping event taken by Sonja Schindeler.



Kind regards,

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