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Dear All,

In this, the fourth and final Newsletter for 2014, I have a few things to pass on of interest to property owners on the Montgó. I would also like to thank you for your support during this year in which we have seen a few changes on the APMJ Committee. There will be more changes to come next year as we move on.

One thing that will not change, however, is our commitment to help improve the quality of life in this part of Jávea through our continuing dialogue with the Town Hall and other public bodies in the area. I would also ask that you keep the ideas and the (constructive) criticisms coming. It is through listening to your suggestions and concerns that we are able to focus our efforts to try and seek change for the better.

Lastly, I was able to pass on my personal seasons' greetings to many of you at our excellent Christmas Lunch earlier in December. For those unable to attend, I wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing and talking to as many of you as possible at one of the APMJ events in 2015.

Asphalting on Montgó

It's still a case of "Don't Hold Your Breath", I'm afraid! The latest news is that the contract is being set but that the work will not now start until after the holidays. The good news is that of the five areas in Jávea scheduled for asphaltting work, the Montgó is still the priority... once any necessary repair work by AMJASA to the water system in that particular road has been completed. The full listing of roads scheduled for asphaltting work can be found on our website in the Jávea News section.

The roads affected by work to repair/replace pipework include: Caballera de Berenice, Centauro, Tauro, Hércules, Perseo, Peñaparda, Albireo, Algol, Aldebaran, Altar, Piezarroya, Estados Unidos de América, Argentina, Puig d'Olocau, Tarrac, Orega, Pic de la Batalla, Serra d'En Canes, Picacho, Pic del Montsiá, Nueva Zelanda, Granada, Guadix, Viella and Vigo. AMJASA has said that the work, which will take place between now and February 2015, should cause minimal disruption and that any diversions for vehicles will be clearly signposted. More information about the work affecting individual properties can be obtained from the AMJASA office on the Cami de Cabanes.

Buzón Update

A new Buzón bank containing 36 boxes has been installed at the Punto Verde near the dental centre on the Carretera de Jesús Pobre. We are in the process of making arrangements with Correos for their numbering and, once all the paperwork has been prepared, we will be handing over the keys. Those of you on the waiting list will have already been contacted with more details. Those of you who would like to buy a mailbox should contact our secretary, Barbara Walters, on montgo.residents@googlemail.com noting that the one-off purchase price is €80.

This is perhaps a good moment to remind all mailbox owners, both old and new, that once purchased, upkeep of the individual boxes is your responsibility and not that of the APMJ. Any problems with, for example, the lock or door itself, should be reported to Miguel at Brico Thiviers, the company that installed the buzones. His shop is located in C/Figueras Pacheco, which is the road directly behind Tien 21 and Intersport which, in turn, are located opposite the town Mercadona supermarket. Miguel's telephone number is 96 579 4443 and his email address is bricothiviers@hotmail.com. Although he does not speak English, he is enormously helpful. Simply tell him you have a problem with your buzón and give the location and the external box number. Never the less, if you genuinely have problems getting your message across then please contact me.

Before moving on to the next subject, I have received a polite request from Fernando at L'Ermita Supermarket. He merely asks if people stopping to collect their mail from the mailboxes located outside his shop could park their cars without blocking access for other vehicles. That seems fair enough to me.

Volunteer for NHW Coordinator

Tom Hay has volunteered to take on the post of Treasurer in 2015. This will, of course, need to be ratified at our next AGM (see below). All the same, welcome aboard Tom! Meanwhile, we are still looking for a volunteer to act as the NHW Coordinator in place of John Sloggie. The job is not exactly too much of a burden and, more importantly, doesn't necessarily need somebody to live here permanently. All that is required is a willingness to receive and pass on information affecting Montgó residents in a timely manner via email, and to take part in the (very) occasional NHW meetings for Jávea as a whole. If anybody is interested in taking on this post, then please contact me (presidentapmi@gmail.com) or Barbara Walters (montgo.residents@googlemail.com).

On the NHW front itself, it all seems very quiet at the moment. However, please do not drop your guard: stay vigilant. Burglaries are still happening in the area, mostly, it seems, in properties where nobody is in residence. Please also remember that the NHW system is a means for letting the Coordinator know of any potential threats so that we can warn and inform all APMJ members, as well as pass on information to the police. Actual threats and ongoing incidents should always be reported via the emergency telephone number 112.

Montgó Mornings

Our first Montgó Morning in 2015 will be held at 11 o'clock on Tuesday 13th January at Le Gourmand restaurant. Thereafter, we will go back to holding them, whenever possible, on the first Tuesday of every month. Please do come along to say hello and find out the latest news on events affecting this part of Jávea. As you will know, we fund the cost of a basic coffee, tea or cold drink for all those attending Montgó Mornings, whereas anything else such as a (far more expensive) cappuccino should be self-funded.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions for 2015 (and any remaining ones for 2014) are now being accepted. Payment of the annual €15 can be made either in cash at one of our Montgó Mornings or general meetings, or via bank transfer to the account detailed at the top of this Newsletter.

During 2014, we were able to welcome a number of new members. Without doubt, our best method of recruitment is word of mouth. As always, if you have new neighbours or know of somebody who might be interested in joining the APMJ, please do tell them about us, where they can find out more information about what have achieved over the years, and what we can do for them now and in the future.

Next AGM

We plan to hold our next AGM on either Tuesday 17th or Tuesday 24th March 2015 at the Social Centre in Jávea town. More details will follow as soon as we are able.

Looking Ahead to 2015

As well as campaigning about the roads and other familiar topics next year, we are going to focus on how we can help reduce the risk of fire on the Montgó. To this end, we will be encouraging the Town Hall to set up an Action Plan so that the priority areas can be attended to first, and other areas not get forgotten. If necessary, we have some money set aside which could be used to help offset the costs of the clearance. Naturally, we will not simply be handing money over to the Town Hall for it to disappear into some general fund; any contribution must be used for specific tasks and would be carefully controlled. In order to help set up the Action Plan and follow it through, I would be keen to co-opt some of our members onto a work group, with perhaps somebody involved from each area of the Montgó in order to ensure that nothing is overlooked. Standby to hear more about this as we go into the new year.

As part of reducing the fire risk, I would encourage everybody to keep their eyes open for homeowners or gardeners dumping garden waste in barrancas, empty plots of land, public areas or, indeed, anywhere other than the garden waste bins at the Punto Verdes or skips hired for the purpose. I have two such 'culprits' living close to me and as soon as I can take some photos of the gardeners involved they will be offered a simple choice: either clear up properly or I will go to the police. As advised by the Mayor at our General Assembly back in October, fines can and will be levied on those helping to put others at risk.

On a lighter note, the other theme we plan to develop next year is that of finding out more about our membership and what direction you would like us to follow. Also, we are interested in knowing what social events, if any, you would like us to try and organise. Here, we are thinking along the lines of visits to local places of interest such as the previous highly popular visits to a guitar factory or the desalination plant. To this end, once the festivities are over we will be putting some detailed thought into how best we might conduct a survey of our members. I'll leave at that for the moment as we all probably have better things to enjoy/think about/worry over/avoid during the coming weeks!

.....and Finally

I will sign off simply by saying a big Thank You to everybody who has contributed to the APMJ, especially the Committee members. I very much appreciate everything you do.

Best regards,

Andrew Simmonds
President APMJ