

## **Contribution to Globe & Laurel**

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Dos Cerveza por favor Senior !!!

Not bad for nearly eight years in Spain; Most of us try to be good Ambassadors for the Corps and Country and learn the lingo , well order a beer anyway ! Our members were saddened at the recent losses that have been suffered by the Corps and our thoughts are with the family and friends of those that are bearing the brunt of these events.

Jim and Penny Rowan are safely back in their native Huddersfield after the road move by specialist vehicle. The repatriation was a joint operation in both funding and logistics by the branch here in Spain, the ONCEAMARINEALWAYS MARINE web site and the Central office of the RMA : aka Charlie Hobson. Means testing was never mentioned and all pulled together to achieve the Mission, at the time of writing Jim is progressing well in the NHS system and all bodes well. Thank you to the lads on the web site and to Tony Lang the creator of the site, who without their help the task would have been longer. Also to Charlie who just said lets get it sorted and get Jim home, I am always amazed that there are still some detractors about the RMA and this Repatriation was a great advert for us all in the RMA and the Central Office in particular....

The social scene continues and the good weather makes for celebrations such as a Pig roast the proverbial BBQ and the coffee and San Miguel mornings which are self supporting due to the generosity of members who contribute raffle prizes. We paraded our standard at a recent Help for Heroes event and 4230 euros were raised for that worthwhile charity as well as our own Central Office, everybody benefits that's all that matters. Other Members swam in a charity swim organised by Eric Edwards and again 860 euros will be on its way to the Central office.

Our sick list is growing and we wish Brenda Cowan, Mick Smallwood and Roger Pay a speedy return to the early morning Jogging club, get well soon all!

We have a new Meeting Place, Davie Barries CAFE TU near the Marina in Torreveija and meet the last Tuesday in the Month at 1800hrs. A warm welcome awaits as does a cold glass of San Miguel.

Regards

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