



ALDONA NEWSLETTER

The Aldona Association
(London)

May 2008

Aldona Association celebrated its 31st Anniversary last year

Last year's function held on 1st July 2007 was once again a resounding success. Members travelled from all over London and beyond to celebrate the feast of our patron St. Thomas.

Some members, especially the elderly, although unable to attend showed their support by making donations. Members and guests donated just over £400. Les Moniz, the treasurer, said "I was surprised with our members generosity, we got donations from members who are in their 70's and 80's. "These are members who attended the socials in their younger days and remember the occasions with great affection".

The function itself (excluding donations) made a profit of £269 but this was reduced to £69 after a £200 deposit was used to repair a window broken by children playing football during the function. The money raised from this function and the function on 6th July 2008 will go to good causes in Aldona.

In response to a request to young Aldonkars to perform at the occasion the Committee would like to thank 15 year old Adrian D'Souza for playing the clarinet and Ross Carvalho who dedicated one of the songs he sang to his grandmother who has since sadly past away. This is a community occasion and the Committee would like once again to encourage the young to participate and help make this year's function just as entertaining and memorable as last year's.

The Committee would like to thank all those who donated money, raffle prizes and helped out, and would like to call upon all members to continue to support the Committee by attending this year's feast celebration.

Aldonkars who are not already members are encouraged to complete the Membership forms enclosed and benefit from reduced ticket prices for members.

This year's feast - 6th July 2008

This year's social will be held at St Edmund's Church Hall Croyland Road, Edmonton N9 7BZ on 6th July 2008. Mass will be celebrated at 12.00pm in the parish church with the parish congregation. Please arrive in good time for the mass. It's an occasion for the whole family and there will be entertainment and party bags for the children. For the adults it's an opportunity to meet up with friends and dance to the fabulous music of Maz & Co; there will also be a disco for the youngsters. The ticket price includes snacks and a meal, the social function will finish at 8.00pm.

The Committee has requested that members continue to be generous with their donations for raffle prizes and good causes. If you would like to donate a prize please let a Committee member know in good time. One of the top raffle prizes is 7 days accommodation with B&B at the Nizmar Hotel in Calangute, Goa, kindly donated by Roger and Maureen Moniz of Avion Holidays.



St Thomas Church -
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MEMBERS NEWS

Nigel Moniz (ex president) of the Aldona Association tied the knot with Renza Moniz (not related) on 6 January 2008 in Goa. Around 50 of the couple's friends and relatives travelled to Goa to witness the couple's traditional Goan wedding. At the potonem, the day after the wedding, the peace and tranquillity of Ranoi (Aldona) was shattered at around 9.00pm by the sounds of trumpets and drums from a band closely followed by Nigel and Renza dressed in traditional Indian outfits riding a white horse to the bride's house.

Joaquim de Lima, Global Head of Equity Quant Research at HSBC, showed there is money to be made from companies implementing global warming initiatives. As a result of research carried out by him and his team, HSBC is the first bank to launch a number of global indices designed to produce above average returns for investors, and has captured the attention of investors from around the financial world for its innovation. As a result Joaquim has been invited by the UN to Bonn and the World Bank in Washington to present his findings. He is currently working in partnership with UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change). For more details visit www.telegraph.co.uk (search HSBC climate change)

George (ex president) and Regina Carvalho celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 2nd December 07. Regina sadly passed away on 29th December 2007. George, who was ill for the last two years, missed his beloved wife dearly and on 3rd March 2008 he too passed away. The couple were once again reunited after being apart for 65 days. George was one of the founder members of The Aldona Association, he loved Goa especially Aldona. Over the years he served his community with great dedication and helped raise money for various charities in Goa. Those who came into contact with him liked him for his sincerity and his zest for life. They will both be sadly missed at the Aldona social which they attended every year.

Tino and Jane Carvalho celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on 4th January 2008. Also celebrating their silver wedding anniversary on 12th August 2007 were Alfred and Nora Louzado. Attending the celebration were George and Regina Carvalho, where George, despite being in poor health sang Besam.

THE HOME FOR THE AGED

The Home for the Aged in Aldona is run by the Sisters of the Hand Maidens of Christ. The Home caters for all sections of society and fees collected from those able to afford it are used to subsidise the poor and destitute residents. The Home depends on donations from Aldonkars and well wishers. The Home currently has 10 non paying residents and includes a woman who has lost most of her sight and a man who is deaf and dumb. The Home is seeking donations for a solar water heating system. Currently water is heated in large aluminium vessels on wood fires which is a tedious and risky process, the heated water is used to bathe the residents. Furthermore as a result of a woman, who is bed ridden, falling out of bed and injuring herself, the Home would like to buy at least two special beds with railings on both sides with a moveable headrest to aid feeding. The Home estimates that the cost of the Solar water heating will be 75,000 rupees (£900) and the beds about 40,000 rupees (£500). Funds raised from the functions go towards worthy causes such as these. If any member would like to make a donation specifically for the Home please state this on the application form.



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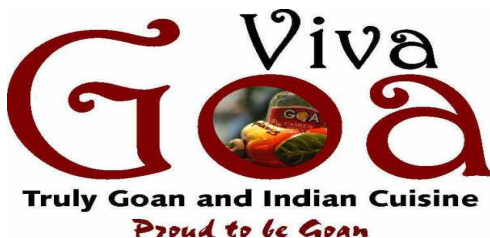
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