The Bar La Casa Devante

The Bar La Casa Devante is one of two bars in Alqueria, the other being La Golondrina Verde which is frequented by the Newcomers. There has probably been a 'watering hole' on the spot of the Casa Devante ever since some 'ancient' tried to soften his bread by soaking it in water accidentally causing fermentation. An act which received no reward nor recognition, an act which however millions are grateful.

The Hill People who drink, play and plot in the bar are rightly proud of their taberna. Covering the walls are the framed photographs of the bar's drunks through the ages. One faded sepia print shows 'Botella Pedro' who in 1932 drank sixteen bottles of cheap Ribera, two flagons of Remitroot Whisky and a glass of a well known cola. He holds the record for an evening's consumption and was awarded a certificate entitling him to free drinks for life. This didn't turn out to be too much of an expense as Pedro died the next morning. The then landlord blamed the cola claiming it was 'corked'. The doctor who examined Pedro said it was the first time in medical history that both kidneys and liver had voluntarily removed themselves, they had simply 'left home'.

The Republic of Alqueria was formally inaugurated in the bar when the constitution was drafted on the back of an empty twenty pack of 'FagsRUs' cigarettes, thus steeping the hostelry in history. The 'Hero of Alqueria', El Raro was said to have hid at the La Casa Devante while on the run from the French during the War of Independence. It was said he was disguised as an itinerant Asturian washer woman wearing false breasts and a moustache. Strangely though he continued to dress in this manner for three years after the French gave up the search, he could be seen frolicking and giggling most evenings during the summer months.

The Bar La Casa Devante is the premier venue for the supply and consumption of Remitroot Wine, Whisky and associated products. Antonio Poyato, who produces the beverages uses the Bar as a testing ground for new Remitroot based products, the clientele are his 'Guinea pigs' albeit unwittingly. This had led to some strange side

effects including watery bowels, rashes, hair loss, toe nails turning bright orange and uncontrollable urges to join the Conservative party. The side effects became so alarming Poyato had to curtail his experiments. He gets a multinational pharmaceutical companies to do the trails for him now.

When one visits the Village Republic of Alqueria the Bar La Casa Devante is a 'must see'. Just feel the atmosphere, taste the Remitroot beverages on offer and hurl abuse at the defenceless resident drunks. The Bar guarantees a fun packed evening for young and old.