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• The Christmas festivities continued yesterday. Age Concern Majorca held its annual Christmas lunch, at which President Jackie Codd was presented with a cheque for 100 euros which has been raised at *Bulletin* events by editor Jason Moore. Then yesterday evening, readers enjoyed a special open—top bus tour of the Christmas lights in Palma: See pages 2 and 3.

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Spain's Socialists, Catalan separatists to continue talks on new government

• Spain's Socialists and Catalan separatist party Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya (ERC) have agreed to met again on Dec. 3 after initial talks in which they agreed the need for dialogue to break a deadlock on forming a new government.

The ERC said its position on the formation of a new government between the Socialists and the left-wing Podemos party remained negative. But it said it agreed on "the need for a political approach to a conflict which is of its nature political".

The Socialists said differences between the two parties remained but there was a "shared will for dialogue".

The Socialist PSOE party, led by acting Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, have been left scrambling for support following an election win this month in which they fell short of a majority after Spain's fourth election in four years.