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DEAR READERS

Here we are again, the last issue of 2023. I'm sure many will agree - where did 2023 go?

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This edition is absolutely packed with ideas for **Christmas** gifts from our customers and events including **Fayres, Christmas Lunches, Charity Jingle Bell Balls, Entertainment** and so much more. There's some great free **tours** being offered by local Ayuntamientos to discover the culture of our area, see some fascinating places and **walks** to explore nature. We really mean it when we say we have something for everyone!

With all the talk of **Christmas** and the festivities, please do remember there are many for whom this season will not be quite so joyful with some having lost loved ones, some suffering terminal illnesses and some that are struggling with the rising cost of living, and many living in areas of conflict. We all know also that Mental Health Issues

are at an all time high. So this is a poignant time to take a moment to remember those less fortunate than ourselves. Maybe call in to that elderly and housebound neighbour with a **mince pie** or piece of **Christmas cake**, purchase an inexpensive toy for the local children's home, walk a rescue dog, pop a food item in one of the local supermarket charity trolleys when you're picking up your **Christmas** goodies, attend a **charity** event or even donate a **raffle prize** to one of them. They say it's the small gestures in life that make a big difference.

Whatever you are doing and however you may be celebrating, all at **The Chronicle** would like to wish each and every one of you the best **Christmas** it can be for you and hope your New Year will be a Happy, Peaceful and Healthy one.

Finally, a huge thank you to our advertisers for their loyalty over the years, our contributors that send in such interesting articles and, of course, you - our readers. We also must pass thanks to our great team that work hard all year to bring you, every month, **The Chronicle**.

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Here's to 2024

Laura and Oz

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October has been an exceptionally busy month for our charity, not least because we have been doing all that we can to raise our profile on and around World Mental Health Day, which fell on 10 October. Thanks to our small team of willing volunteers we were able to organise a **tapas trail, a golf adventure day, a fashion show and tin shakes**, including one in Mazarrón. Aside from the extensive awareness generated, we were also able to raise the fantastic sum of €1800.



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Our hard work and dedication are really paying off as this year we were recognised by the Prestige Awards of Spain. We have been named Wellness Support NPO of the Year 2023/24. In coming to this decision, the judging panel



reviewed our website, social media presence as well as our branding, vision and goals for the future. They were looking for service excellence and quality, innovative practices, ethical or sustainable methods of working, as well as consistency in performance. We were selected based on their demonstrable strengths in these areas.

And what better way to make the announcement, than with an invitation from our Patron, Stevie Spit BEM, to attend a White **Party** and be part of a special episode of Bargain Loving Brits in the Sun! With an attendance of more than 500 it was a night to remember and the announcement given by our President, Donna Williams, can be viewed on our Facebook page and our website.

In general, if you think that you would like to join us as a volunteer as either a Listener, a shop volunteer or as a Trustee then please do not hesitate to contact

our Secretary on **secretary.spainsams@gmail.com** for further information or check out our website_ we are constantly recruiting. All listener training is online so geographically it is extremely easy to join us. **Are you able to help Samaritans in Spain to help others?**



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In an exciting announcement, **Age Concern** is set to reignite the joy of travel with the revival of their famous **coach trip mini breaks**. After a hiatus, these cherished adventures are making a triumphant return, promising not only a change of scenery but also a chance to create lasting memories.

The decision to bring back the **coach trips** stems from **Age Concern's** commitment to enhancing the well-being

of adults. Recognising the importance of social connections and exploration particularly in later years, the organisation is reintroducing these **mini breaks** to provide a delightful escape from routine.

The **mini breaks**, known for their scenic routes and carefully curated destinations, have been a hallmark of **Age Concern's** initiatives over the years. With a focus on catering to the unique needs and preferences of adults, the organisation will ensure that each trip is not just a journey, but an experience tailored to the interests of the participants.

These **coach trips** offer more than just a physical getaway; they foster a sense of community among the participants. Friendships are forged over shared experiences and the journeys become a canvas for stories and laughter. The camaraderie built during these **mini breaks** contributes significantly to the overall well-being whilst addressing social isolation concerns that can affect older individuals.

As **Age Concern** resumes these beloved excursions which are open to all ages, there's a renewed enthusiasm among the Committee eager to embark on new adventures. The carefully planned itineraries promise a mix of relaxation, exploration, and cultural enrichment. From picturesque landscapes to historical landmarks, the destinations are chosen with a keen understanding of the diverse interests within the local community.

In an era where technology often takes centre stage in connecting people, **Age Concern's** decision to revive the **coach trip mini breaks** reinforces the timeless value of face-to-face interactions and shared experiences. As we prepare to board the coaches once again, there's a palpable sense of anticipation and excitement, underscoring the enduring magic of travel at any age.

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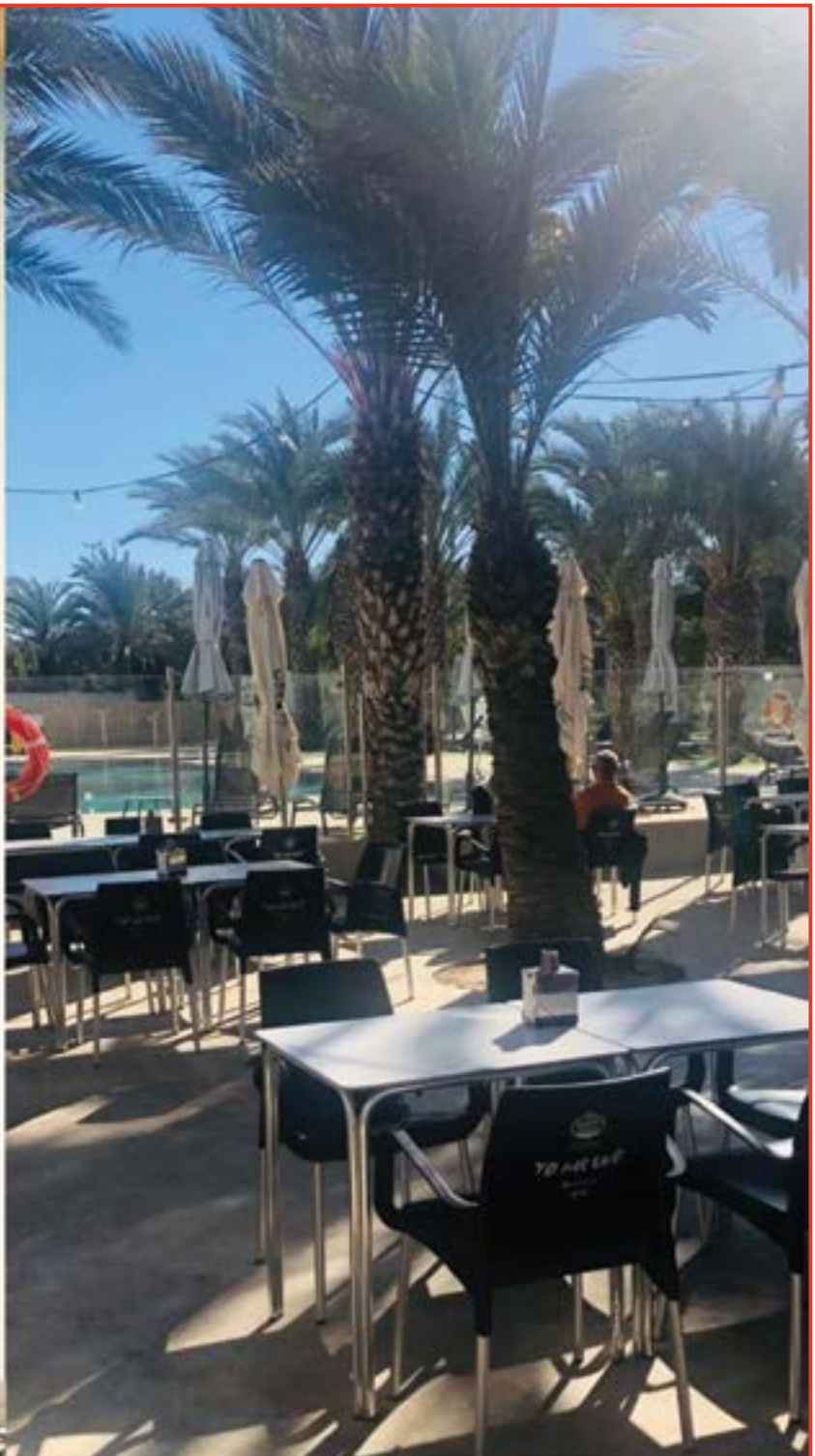
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Christmas

My wife and I have a cushion in our house which was given to us as a **Christmas** gift – it reads ‘Jesus is the reason for the season’. But in truth, 25th December was a pagan holiday where they celebrated the rebirth of the sun, which would lead to longer days after the winter solstice and followed the Roman festival, Saturnalia, during which time people feasted and exchanged gifts.

It is believed that in the reign of the Roman emperor, Constantine, the church in Rome formally celebrated **Christmas** Day in the year 336. The truth is we do not know on what day of the year Jesus was born, but we now celebrate the birth of Jesus on 25th December.

Many of the traditional things that

we do at **Christmas** originate from this pagan past. Decorating the tree or perhaps a sprig of mistletoe over the door and through the exchanging of gifts – these were all things that would take place during this pagan festival.

This has now been turned around to celebrate Jesus’ birth. For instance, the holly branch with its red berries once held a meaning too vulgar to describe in this magazine, can now be used to symbolise Christ’s crown of thorns and the blood He shed for our sins.

In Isaiah 9:6-7a (written 600 years before Jesus was born) it says: “For to us a Child is born. To us a Son is given and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,

Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over His kingdom.” Now over 2,000 years after Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem, which is the city of David, we continue to celebrate His birth.

So, this **Christmas** as we open our gifts and decorate the tree and celebrate, let us stop for a while and thank God for Jesus. That He would send his Son to be born in a stable, who would then grow up and live a pure life; go to the cross for us and die to take away our sins. If we would believe in Him, we would have everlasting life in heaven.

Jesus really is the reason for the season, and every season!
 Philip Cook
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Thank you Silvana

2025 had the privilege of working with **Silvana Buxton** over the past 3 years on a range of projects for Camposol. This included: the **Help for Ukraine Appeal**, where she acted as interface between the Council, collection point in the port and ourselves; this was followed up when the Mayor announced the Citizens Participation Fund bids and **2025** supported local residents in submitting votes successfully for the **Dog Park** on A and **Fitness Area** on D. This year, despite being seriously ill, she supported us in getting the Council to agree to finish the **Fitness Area** and to fund the final phase of the sports campus with **Petanca Courts, Padel Court** and Storage Facility. It is expected that the funds will be applied for, to be concluded in 2024/25.



Silvana provided us with great support and advice and in her unique style also told us when not to pursue things, always smiling of course. She gave her all for Camposol and will be sorely missed. Our thoughts are with Geoff and family.

Looking back to look forward

A hot spring followed by a very hot summer and guess what, a hot autumn; lulls us into thinking that **Christmas** is far way when in fact it is less than a month

away. To quote that old saying “where does the time go?” For Camposol lots of change; with a new council in place and the uncertainties this brings and the sad loss of our local councillor. However, there may be light at the end of the tunnel for the Rambla with planned meetings to, hopefully, finalise the selected option forthcoming.

Some would say that this also provides opportunities and in January, **2025** will set out some of the projects it intends to work on in 2024.

Gracias residents

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NORMA'S TRAVELS

We awoke refreshed in **Colonia** and we set off walking to the old town. It was very picturesque and quaint, built by the Spanish and Portuguese before Montevideo. Given the town's strategic position it was fought over many times with the British and Brazilians trying to take the place. It provided a port, together with Buenos Aires where silver from Potosi in Bolivia could be shipped to Europe. The old town was made of small granite sets a bit like in Portugal, but the streets of the new town were just as difficult to walk on.

We left **Colonia** in a little hire car; it had only done 30,000km but had a dodgy clutch. We



Colonia

stayed the night at a wine lodge as my birthday treat to Chris, an overnight stay and a parrilla and it was very much the plushiest place of the trip. It was called El Legado. The setting was stunning and so peaceful; It was a family run business and they only made 3,000 bottles of wine per year. We had an hour to get sorted and went over to the bodega at 4pm. They made 4 wines, a white Viognier, reds Syrah, Tannat and a blend of Syrah and Tannat. The tasting was accompanied by small dishes to have with each type of wine. The parrilla was two types of steak, two types of fat Toulouse style sausages with sweet potato and roasted vegetables. We were then shown how to siphon wine out of the barrel into the glass.

We had a quick tour of where the wine is made, a small building although not anything like as detailed as other tours we had done. It was all very chilled and laid back, much like the country and the people. Dessert was ice cream with a Tannat reduction-lip smackingly good. We returned

to our room and our neighbours were drinking on the terrace, so we had wine and chatted with two nice American couples.

A very wet and windy night made the next day feel much fresher. Breakfast was



Wine lodge

delivered to your room in a box, although nothing special. We paid the bill and Chris offered to pay the bill for the two bottles of wine we had drunk in our room. He nearly fell over - it was 56\$, it was then we should have realised the addition of the word boutique adds more money, but it was his 70th birthday present. Still, it was a very different experience, in a beautiful place and the staff were very good.

Our next and final stay was at Villa Soriana. In 1624, a Franciscan Mission established a village for the indigenous tribes of the area named Santo Domingo de Soriano. It constituted the first permanent European settlement on Uruguayan soil, predating the foundation of **Colonia** by more than fifty years. Our Airbnb host was Sophie, an interesting French woman who had bought a boat with an inheritance, sailed around in it for 10 years then sailed from Toulon across the Atlantic to Buenos Aires. She sailed up the river estuary and moored at Villa Soriana, fell in love with the place, sold the boat and bought the house.

There were two external terraces and a huge garden and my favourite space was a small arch completely covered in foliage, always cool and peaceful. The garden was full of birds with hummingbirds on the hibiscus and parakeets squawking in the tall trees.

I had read about a place to eat called Como en Casa, (translated 'eat like at home') and we thought we would eat on Sunday evening. We went to book for Sunday only to find they were only open in the daytime, so we decided to eat that evening. I had delicious homemade cannelloni (lots of Italian influences in Uruguay) and Chris had a Milanese, a beef escalope. It was exactly as it said, nicely cooked food and Maria the owner was so happy to see us.



Fabulous garden Villa Soriana

On Sunday we headed further north to **Mercedes**, a place with a huge river frontage. Everyone was driving a long



Ferry to Buenos Aires

slowly so after we parked up I asked someone why and he explained that the speed limit was 30kph and it was Sunday so people just cruise along. We watched as they parked up got out their folding chairs and sat drinking and chatting, all very civilised. There is even a Spanish verb 'matear', which means to meet up and drink mate.

Back in town in the evening there was a small food van with chairs and tables. Sat at the next table were four people and the owner, Maria, brought them some round, flat golden things. They were tortas fritas, like a flat savoury

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doughnut, very yummy. One of the four people was not a native Spanish speaker, but he had spotted Chris's 'Help for Heroes' band. He was Dave, ex-military retired on sick grounds, who was travelling round South America with his Colombian wife Monica. They were travelling in a tuk tuk and also had a boat in Scotland, but are now sailing the coast of the UK- the wonders of Instagram.

On our last day we spent a relaxing time just chilling, enjoyed a walk around town, popped to the bakers and had a bit of lunch. We sometimes enjoy these hanging out days more than legging it round museums etc. The car went back and we got the bus back to **Montevideo**, stayed overnight and flew to Santiago via Buenos Aires to overnight near the airport. Next day we left **Santiago** at 12.20pm and arrived in **Madrid**

at 6am Friday morning. Then the train to **Murcia**, bus to **Mula** and lift back home to **Casas Nuevas**.

Highlights and reflections

Let's start with the elephant in the room, we went to see blue whales and sadly it wasn't to be. Chris did see minke and humpbacks on his Antarctic cruise. He absolutely loved the whole wildlife experience, the stunning scenery and the experts on the ship. He didn't come back a cruise convert and enjoyed our time in a grubby town in **Uruguay** but with a relaxed vibe, great river views and super friendly people.

My overriding memories of **Uruguay** will be very friendly people wandering around with a flask in one hand and a mate cup and bombilla in the other. We have only seen a tiny part of the southwest and nothing of

Montevideo where nearly half the population live. I'm not sure it's worth a longer visit, especially as it is one of the more expensive South American countries.

Argentina was hard work in the heat and with hindsight I should have spent less time in **Buenos Aires**. A Polish lady I met said "why come to Buenos Aires to see European style buildings when there are so many better examples in Europe "She did have a point!

Chile seemed like a lifetime ago, but Chiloe Island was fascinating and Raul Marin a hidden gem. Vanessa and her mum Nancy are two of the most genuine and nicest people we have met on our travels.

Where next? Planning has started on a February 2024 trip to Sri Lanka-there are blue whales off Mirissa !

CHARITY **P.A.P.S.** Email: animalesperrosdelsol@hotmail.com 

Who can believe that Christmas is upon us yet again? Another year has slipped by, sadly still with unfortunate dogs losing their homes and ending up in shelters. But at least they're off the roads and safe, cared for and loved by our wonderful volunteers, while always living in the hope of a new home.

So, this Christmas, our dogs would love to know that people are thinking of them and what better way to show that than by sending them little presents? **PAPS** would be very grateful for anything that would help to improve the dogs' lives: food, treats, parasite treatments, or tough Kong toys like balls (basically chew-proof).

Gifts can be ordered from Amazon and sent directly to us (please request postal address from: murciamiss@gmail.com), indicating which dog the gift is for and that lucky dog will be sure to thank the gift-giver on our FB page. Or how about sponsoring



Shakira

one of our dogs as a present for a loved one - they will receive the backstory of their sponsored dog and regular pup-dates? Or even a donation would always be much appreciated. Any **Christmas** kindness towards our dogs would be very welcome.

Our December pin-up looking for a home is the lovely **Shakira**, a fun-time girl who loves people especially if they'll play fetch with her. She's well-behaved,

walks well on a lead and is a bit of a geezer-girl as she loves boy-dogs and non-bossy females. Would be perfect as a 2nd dog. She's a GSD-X, b.17/2/17, approx 60cms tall, vaccinated, spayed, chipped, w/passport etc. Wouldn't it be great if she found a home for **Christmas?**

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PAPS would like to send special **Christmas** and New Year wishes to all **The Chronicle** readers and our valued volunteers and supporters.



LEISURE **WARM - Walkers Around the Region of Murcia**

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A Very Merry **Christmas** to everyone from **WARM**.

It`s always a very strange feeling sitting writing a piece for **The Chronicle** knowing it is the middle of the month before it is published and trying to think backwards and forward.

It has been a busy time and we have had five recent walks across the region of Murcia. I have been reflecting about what it is about **WARM** that people enjoy and keep them coming back. We have a Facebook page which people use to comment and there are some common themes.



Ricote

from our members to highlight my reflections:
 "We couldn't have wished for better weather for the end of October".



Picnic Views Bateria Ceniza

"Thank you to Norma and Chris for a beautiful first **SWARM** walk of the season. New faces and first-time walkers made for making new friends and to follow, a brilliant Menu del Dia. I think everyone went home very happy."



Group photo Coy

"What a wonderful day walking from Coy to Doña Ines and back again. The views from El Cerro de las Viñas were amazing. Lots of interesting countryside and villages and good explanations of what we were seeing by Juan Antonio. To top it all a fantastic meal in restaurant Los Gemelos. A special thank you for organising a day filled with good memories."

"Bateria de Cenizas, a first-time leader for **SWARM**, did a fantastic job controlling the pace and stopping regularly for the people bringing up the rear, allowing plenty of time for recovery before moving on. Unusually for **SWARM** the first half was all uphill but in the capabilities of those less able. The gun placements and buildings were well worth the climb and the views were outstanding. Congratulations Martin, thank you for a fantastic, interesting walk and look forward to your next walk."



Meal after the walk at Coy



Celosia Casa Nuevas

First and foremost is the appreciation for the work of the walk leaders in finding routes in new and interesting places. Second is the stunning scenery of the region of Murcia from the sea views at the Bateria de Cenizas to the little village of Coy and the abandoned mining village of Gilico and the mountain views of Casas Nuevas and Ricote. We have enjoyed them all in the last month. Picking pictures is one of my hardest jobs! Third is the camaraderie and friendliness of the group. We always try to welcome and keep new members and we have had several joining us this season. Fourth is the opportunity to enjoy amazing weather and walk without carrying layers of clothing and waterproofs. Finally is the opportunity, on some walks to share a meal together, enjoying Murcian traditional cuisine.

I have picked out some comments

WARM

- 2nd December Moratalla
- 9th December Casas Nuevas
- 16th December El Mingrano
- 23rd December Cehegín (Our Christmas Walk)
- 20th January Cehegín
- 27th January Los Grandicos

SWARM

- December 6th San Pedro del Pinatar
- December 23rd Cehegín
- December 31st Mula
- January 17th Isla Plana

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HISTORY SNIPPETS

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The Development of La Manga Del Mar Menor



Satellite Image of La Manga (c) NASA

La Manga is located to the east of San Javier, roughly 50km to the southeast of Murcia City and consists of a long spit of land which separates the Mar Menor (Minor Sea) from the Mediterranean Sea (the Mar Mayor). This strip is 21km long and – on average – 100m wide and runs from Cabo de Palos in the south to the settlement of San Pedro del Pinatar in the north. 'The Strip' which ultimately became known as **La Manga** was formed over a period of 10,000,000 years or so, by a combination of volcanic eruptions under the seabed and the depositing of sediments from rivers which ran through the Campo de Cartagena. Originally, the strip was composed of distinct islands, but the build-up of river sediment, combined with the effect of wind, sea currents and tides led, over time, to the formation of a continuous, narrow stretch of land, breached at intervals by narrow channels or golas.

La Manga del Mar Menor has a very long history indeed, stretching back to at least Neolithic times. Clay and mud huts from this era have been discovered in the area, along with the remains of small

wooden cottages. The rich fishing grounds in the area, along with its extensive mineral deposits, also attracted other ancient civilisations. Phoenicians, Greeks, Carthaginians and Romans all made their presence felt in the area and ancient boats containing cargoes of gold and silver have been found at the bottom of the **Mar Menor**. The Romans referred to **La Manga** area as Palos, while the Moors later called it Al Buhayrat Al Qsarand.

During the sixteenth century, when Spanish power was at its absolute height, **La Manga** area (and the Mediterranean as a whole) was in the frontline of an epic series of battles between the Spanish on one side and Ottoman Turks and North African Barbary pirates on the other.

Carlos I, King of Spain and Holy Roman Emperor, ordered the building of the circular Torre de San Miguel, at El Estacio, as a defence against pirate attack. Also, in 1571, Philippe II gave the go-ahead for the building of Torre de la Encanizada to defend **La Manga** headland from Turkish and Barbary pirate attacks. Although the Spanish monarchy tried to protect the area from plundering by pirates, very little was done to develop the Mar Menor. It remained largely undeveloped though during the eighteenth century - **La Manga** spit of land and the areas immediately to the north and south, were increasingly denuded of trees as a result of strong prevailing winds and the removal of timber for firewood and other commercial products. Until the mid-nineteenth century, the situation in **La Manga** remained largely static. The



The Gran Via

region was the property of the crown, but in 1863 it passed into private hands as the result of a public auction. The Spanish crown relinquished its property rights in **La Manga** for 31,000 Reales – the equivalent of about 46€ in modern money.

By the end of the nineteenth century, the southern end of **La Manga** strip was under the ownership



The Mar Mayor as viewed from The Strip

of Jose Huertas, who had then passed on his rights of ownership to the mining magnate Francisco Celdran. The northern part of the spit was swallowed up by the Maestre family and by the 1950s Tomas Maestre Zapata owned the entire area.

In 1956, Zapata's nephew, Tomas Maestra Azner acquired total rights over these northern La Manga lands. Subsequently, he also bought out Celdran's land in the south and thereby became the sole master of the whole of **La Manga**. From this point onwards, Azner was able to push ahead with his plans to turn **La Manga** into an internationally known tourist centre.

The first **La Manga** urbanisation project was launched in 1961 under the auspices of the architect Antonio Bonet Castellano. Of course, the Franco dictatorship was fully in control of Spain during this period and central government permission was needed before **La Manga's** transformation into an international tourist destination could begin. This national government approval was secured in 1962 when Franco's Minister of Tourism, Manuel Fraga Iribarne, gave the final go-ahead for **La**

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Manga's development.

The first phase of the great **La Manga** project was launched in the year 1963-4 when construction of the central Gran Via road artery, along with adjacent roads and buildings actually began. The second phase of the project began in 1964-5 and after these initial bursts of construction activity had taken



The Mar Menor as viewed from The Strip

place, **La Manga** began to take on the shape it has today.

During the initial planning stages of the mid-1960s it was envisaged that **La Manga** would be developed at its northern and southern tips, while the middle of 'The Strip' remained an undeveloped, natural area.



The built up central zone of The Strip

These desires failed to survive the economic difficulties of the 1970s when land in the central areas of the **La Manga** spit was hurriedly sold off to a range of private developers, who subsequently built hotels, apartments and other high-rise commercial edifices which were more closely packed than ever before. As a consequence, the modern **La Manga** strip as it exists today, in 2023, was finally born – a modern, urban tourist Mecca popular with people from around the world. (Adrian & Dawn L. Bridge, October 2023).

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Julian



Johnjo



Luca



Sophie

JULIAN a big handsome boy, born March 2018. He is a gentle giant who is absolutely adorable. **Julian** was abandoned in a terrible state but is now fully recovered so please give this boy the chance he truly deserves. He is neutered and fully vaccinated.

JONJO is a really sweet little Podenco. He is 2½ years old and was found on a local urbanisation. **Jonjo** is a friendly boy who would love cuddles and a home of his own. We took him out and about meeting people recently and he never put a paw wrong. He is neutered and fully vaccinated.

LUCA a great little boy, busy and full of fun. We took him on a trip to meet the public and other dogs recently and he was a great hit with everyone we met. You

can't help but fall in love with this little boy. **Luca** was born on 1st November 2022, is neutered and fully vaccinated.

SOPHIA was abandoned at 6 weeks old and found by a kind lady who brought her to us. She is now 8 weeks old and is currently in foster. **Sophia** has started her vaccinations and is now ready for a loving, forever home *Please note below*

If you would like to meet any of these lovely dogs, please contact Jane either by phone **602 653 639** or email **janenahoming150@gmail.com**

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Please check out our Facebook

page NoahsArc Mazarron to see more of our lovely dogs looking for their forever homes.

We look forwards to seeing you all at our **Christmas Fayre** on 2nd December at Mariano's 10.30am – 2.30pm. There will be lots of stalls full of **Christmas** goodies including lovely cake stall, a **raffle** and **tombola**.

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CHARITY **VERA AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB**

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Pride of Lions This Christmas
Vera and District focus hard at **Christmas** on two things: supporting a local children's home and supporting the local food banks.

The club supports the Vera and the Turre food banks, **Mojacar Red Cross** and Arboleas Food Bank with financial and/or food donations and helps to meet the cost of the Vera Food Banks's vans. Over 1300 families weekly receive help – and rising.

Helping the food banks is easy
While stocking up with **Christmas**



goodies at the Iceland store in Vera, shoppers can place items in the **Lions'** donation trolley by the checkout. Dried and tinned foods, toiletries and personal hygiene products meet the biggest need. The trolley is by the exit after checkout and features the **Lions** logo. (However the goods gifted can come from any supermarket, not just Iceland.)

Vera and District Lions supports the Vera Food Bank vans which collect food daily from the local supermarkets and are also used to collect fresh food from the central food bank in Almeria on a weekly basis. To help fund the costs of this, the **Lions** has started a GoFundMe appeal: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/b6df6z-were-hungry-for-donations>.

Vera and District Lions also supports the local children's home in Vera and each year funds **Christmas** presents for the children, even doing the wrapping.

One of the easiest ways individuals can help is to buy a ticket to the **Jingle Bell Ball**. Just 10€ buys four live bands and entertainment at the Irish Rover in Mojácar (tickets from The Irish Rover). All money raised at the **Jingle Bell Ball** goes directly to support the Children's home.

People can also donate - the **Lions** are looking for **raffle** prizes.

Anyone wanting to join the teams of volunteers should email veralionssecretary@gmail.com

For those preparing for Christmas

Vera and Lions District shop in Turre has a fabulous selection of **Christmas** decorations, and is a great place to pick up bargains, stocking filler presents or crafting materials to make special cards with;

Also a range of fabulous preloved clothes – and is equally always looking for good quality party gear at this time of year. Who knows? You might even find your outfit for the ball!

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TV NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2023

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 Where has this year gone?

Before I forget, we would like to wish a very Happy **Christmas** and New Year to all our past, present and future clients.

Regular readers will know we at **RAINBOW SATELLITES** actively support the local charity '**Friends of Mazarron Animals**' – a successful and active local registered **charity** that helps any animal in need including taking as many as possible from the local perrera (animal pound) that circumstances will allow.

If you can give an animal, generally a dog, a foster home please contact **FMA** – we can always, eventually, find any animal a permanent home but it is the time between taking them under our wing and finding that permanent home which is always difficult. Fostering is difficult – sending a dog on its way after you have had it for a while can be heartbreaking but we all do it with the knowledge that we have started the animal on its way and we now have room to get another on its way.

TV NEWS – The Freesat satellite signals are back in their stronger winter modes and some channels lost in the summer may now be back – however they will be gone again next spring. Dish/LNB adjustments will not get these channels back – it is about the strength of the actual signal.

Many of you still watch UK TV on satellite with some channels unavailable and this arrangement should last through 2024 but we expect the demise soon after. Then the only way to watch UK TV in southern Spain will be through the internet. There are many ways to do this from a firestick/android

type self managed device and can be free, to a semi managed similar device with a fee, to the fully managed professional IPTV system – similar to **Rainbow Satellites** system.

One rarely talked about problem is the security of all systems to your home internet/computer systems. Firesticks, Androids and the like have very little security and it would be very easy for your APP provider to hack into your home computer system – it has been done. Be careful of systems and APPS from the market stall or from an unknown provider – cheap they may be, but if you experience a hack that could range from being an inconvenience to accessing your bank account! Unfortunately there are thousands of people out there who do nothing but try to access your personal/bank details. They only need one successful "hit" a month to make a "living" and they try thousands a day. Would you book your airline tickets through a company that pops up on the internet offering 5€ tickets to anywhere? We hope not and equally, for the same reasons, don't get your TV from some cheap unknown APP or provider. Remember that most internet TV providers are just middle men purely selling the product from some often unknown supplier in some third world country – you have been warned. Instead, use a well known legal and established supplier who uses security conscious MAG type boxes from known sources. No they will not be the cheapest, but will be the safest.

If you have never used internet TV before or have had a bad experience in the past we at **Rainbow** offer a free no obligation in home demonstration and the loan of a box for up to a week so that you can fully assess the system before you actually buy it. You will need good stable internet

with a speed of over 12mbs and ideally the router adjacent to the TV. Most internet suppliers are now good enough – they all see IPTV as the way forward for TV watching and they have to provide decent internet to survive – try us for a week with nothing to lose and no hard sell; if you don't like what we offer or think the time is not yet right for you to move to IPTV, not a problem - we just come and remove the equipment. You can always try again in the future if you find you're no longer receiving the channels you'd like to satisfactorily.

On the subject of internet, no one in this life of ours is perfect and internet suppliers do have problems – fibre was described as the "perfect internet solution" but I liken it to CD's/DVD's - remember they were perfect sound and picture and unable to be destroyed – well we all know that is not the case! Fibre is good but it does have problems at times – just remember for good TV viewing you need both a decent IPTV system and internet supply – which unfortunately usually involves two companies – then who do you complain to when things are bad? They both often say "it's not us" However, there are ways to prove conclusively who is at fault but each situation needs looking at individually. We at **Rainbow** are always open to discuss and help resolve problems.

That's it for December - another edition in January 2024.

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Merry Christmas



1. Which popular Christmas beverage is also called 'milk punch'?
2. What did the other reindeer not let Rudolph do because of his shiny red nose?
3. How many ghosts show up in 'A Christmas Carol'?
4. Where was baby Jesus born?
5. The movie 'Miracle on 34th Street' is based on a real-life department store. What is it?
6. What are the two other most popular names for Santa Claus?
7. Elvis isn't going to have a White Christmas he's going to have a....
8. What do people traditionally put on top of a Christmas tree?
9. In 'Home Alone' where are the McCallisters going on vacation when they left Kevin behind?
10. In the classic Christmas movie 'How The Grinch Stole Christmas', the Grinch was described with three words. What are they?
11. In which modern-day country was St. Nicholas born?
12. In the movie 'It's A Wonderful Life', what happened every time a bell rang?
13. What words follow 'Silent Night' in the song?
14. Which Hollywood actor played six different roles in 'The Polar Express'?
15. In Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, what was the first name of Scrooge?
16. Which country did eggnog come from?
17. Which real-life person is Santa Claus based on?
18. What did Frosty The Snowman do when a magic hat was placed on his head?
19. What is Ralphie's little brother's name in the movie 'A Christmas Story'?
20. Which Christmas song contains the lyric 'Everyone dancing merrily in the new old-fashioned way'?
21. What are you supposed to do when you find yourself under the mistletoe?
22. Which one of Santa's reindeer has the same name as another holiday mascot?
23. Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
24. In the song 'Winter Wonderland', what do we call the snowman?
25. In the movie 'Elf' what was the first rule of The Code of Elves?
26. What's the name of the main villain in 'The Nightmare Before Christmas'?
27. According to the song, what did my true love give to me on the eighth day of Christmas?
28. What was the highest-grossing Christmas movie of all time?
29. Whose eyes are all aglow in 'The Christmas Song'?
30. What was the real name of the character Tim Allen plays in 'The Santa Clause'?
31. How many gifts in total were given in 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' song?
32. Which fairy tale was the first gingerbread houses inspired by?
33. In the movie 'A Christmas Story', what was the name of the neighbours whose dog ate the Christmas turkey?
34. How do you say 'Merry Christmas' in Spanish?
35. Where did the word and idea 'Christmukkah' come from?
36. What is the name of the last ghost that visits Scrooge in 'A Christmas Carol'?
37. Visions of which food danced in children's heads as they slept in the poem 'Twas The Night Before Christmas'?
38. What gift did the Little Drummer Boy give to the newborn Christ?
39. What is the best-selling Christmas song ever?
40. Who wrote, "Christmas doesn't come from a store, maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more?"
41. Three of Santa's reindeer's names begin with the letter 'D'. What are those names?
42. What was Frosty the Snowman's nose made out?
43. What is the name of George Bailey's guardian angel in 'It's A Wonderful Life'?
44. In the 1964 movie 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer' what was the name of Rudolph's elf friend?
45. What popular Christmas song was actually written for Thanksgiving?
46. What was the first company that used Santa Claus in advertising?
47. In 'The Christmas Song', who did the narrator see kissing Santa Claus under the mistletoe?
48. In the movie 'Elf' how does Buddy get to the North Pole?
49. Where did there arise such a clatter?
50. What are Christmas trees also called?



Christmas Carols

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and
Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born
Silent night, holy night!
Son of God love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

O Holy Night

O Holy Night!
The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Saviour's
birth!
Long lay the world in sin and error
pining
Till he appear'd and the soul felt
its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary soul
rejoices

For yonder breaks a new and
glorious morn!

Fall on your knees
Oh hear the angel voices
Oh night divine
Oh night when Christ was born
Oh night divine
Oh night divine

Led by the light of Faith serenely
beaming
With glowing hearts by His cradle
we stand
So led by light of a star sweetly
gleaming
Here come the wise men from
Orient land
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly
manger
In all our trials born to be our
friend

Truly He taught us to love one
another
His law is love and His gospel is
peace
Chains shall He break for the slave
is our brother
And in His name all oppression
shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful
chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy
name

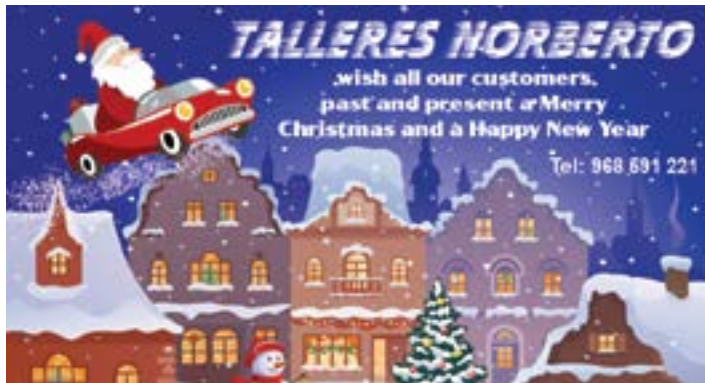
Winter Wonderland

Sleigh bells ring
are you listening
in the lane
snow is glistening
A beautiful sight
we're happy tonight
walking in a winter wonderland

Gone away is the bluebird
here to stay is a new bird
He sings a love song
as we go along
walking in a winter wonderland

In the meadow we can build a
snowman
Then pretend that he is Parson
Brown
He'll say: Are you married?
we'll say: No man
But you can do the job
when you're in town

Later on
we'll conspire
as we dream by the fire
To face unafraid
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Christmas Quiz Answers

1. Eggnog
2. Join in any reindeer games
3. Four
4. In Bethlehem
5. Macy's
6. Kris Kringle and Saint Nick
7. Blue Christmas
8. An angel
9. Paris
10. Stink, stank, stunk
11. Turkey (originally Patara, a city in the ancient district of Lycia, in Asia Minor)
12. An angel got his wings
13. Holy night
14. Tom Hanks
15. Ebenezer
16. England
17. The Christian bishop St. Nicholas
18. He began to dance around
19. Randy
20. "Rocking Around The Christmas Tree"
21. Kiss
22. Cupid
23. Germany
24. Parson Brown
25. Treat every day like Christmas
26. Oogie Boogie
27. Eight maids a milking
28. Home Alone
29. Tiny tots
30. Scott Calvin
31. 364
32. Hansel and Gretel
33. The Bumpuses
34. Feliz Navidad
35. The O.C.
36. The Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come
37. Sugar plums
38. He played a song for him on his drums
39. "White Christmas" by Bing Crosby
40. Dr. Seuss
41. Dancer, Dasher, and Donner
42. A button
43. Clarence Odbody
44. Hermey
45. "Jingle Bells"
46. Coca-Cola
47. Mommy
48. He hides in Santa's sack
49. On the lawn
50. Yule-Tree






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CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR EVENTS

- Every Day** 3 course **Christmas menu @ Centro Deportivo**, Pto Rey incl wine/glass of cava from 37€ (lunch & eve excl 24th, 24th, and 31st)
- DECEMBER**
- Saturday 2** **Noah's Arc Christmas Fayre @ Camposol A 10.30am-2.30pm**
- Monday 4** **Remembrance Service with English Funeral Director @ Tanatoria Estavesa, Mazarrón 4pm**
Harlequin Rock Choir performing at English Funeral Director Remembrance Service
- Thursday 7** **Pto de Mazarrón Ladies Circle Christmas Fayre @ Pto de Mazarrón**
Spangles Christmas Show @ Centro Las Claras, Los Narejos 8€ 3pm
Age Concern Christmas Carols @ Age Concern Social Centre, Camposol C (free event but need ticket) 1pm
- Friday 8** **Mojácar Christmas Lights turned on**
- Saturday 9** **Friends of Mazarrón Animals Christmas Party @ Mazarrón (3 course meal/entertainment) 33€**
- Sunday 10** **Vera District Lions Jingle Bell Ball @ Mojácar 10€ 6pm**
- Tuesday 12** **Wellspring Victory Church/St Nicholas Church Christmas Carol Concert @Camposol A 4pm**
- Thursday 14** **Pto de Mazarrón Ladies Circle Christmas Lunch**
Wellspring Victory Church Christmas Carol Concert @ Condado de Alhama 6pm
- Friday 15** **Camposol D Community & Gardening Group Christmas Party @ Condado de Alhama**
Harlequin Rock Choir Performing for B Clean/Camposol Business Association @ Camposol B 6pm
Free Christmas Carol Concert @ Jumilla 7.30pm
- Saturday 16** **MABS Christmas Sing A Long @ Calasparra 4pm**
Age Concern Jingle Bell Ball @ Camposol C (3 course meal, a drink, glass of cava)25€ 7pm
- Monday 18** **Wellspring Victory Church Christmas Carol Concert @ Camposol D 6.30pm**
Andrea's Animal Rescue Meet the Donkeys @ Camposol B 11am-1pm (Mulled Wine/Mince Pies)
- Tuesday 19** **Wellspring Victory Church Christmas Carol Concert @ Camposol B 6pm**
- Wed 20** **Wellspring Victory Church Candle Light Carol Service @ Camposol B 6pm**
Age Concern Christmas Lunch @ Camposol C (3 courses, a drink, glass of cava from 10€ 1.30pm)
- Thursday 21** **Pto de Mazarrón Ladies Circle Christmas Shopping Trip to La Zenia**
- Monday 25** **Traditional Christmas Lunch @ Bar Hakuna Matata, La Manchica 28€ (optional 4€ pp transport)**
Christmas Procession 5.30pm/Free Nativity Play 8.30pm @ Alhama
- Tuesday 26** **Boxing Day Vibes/Disco/Buffer @ Bar Hakuna Matata, La Manchica 8€ (inc transport if required)**
- Thursday 28** **Chatterbox Trip to Christmas Lights at Cartagena 15€ 5.30pm**
Free Christmas Concert @ Aguilas 8.30pm
- Sunday 31** **New Year's Eve Party (7 courses/drinks/entertainment) @ Amapola Restaurante, Bolnuevo 90€pp**
- JANUARY**
- Monday 1** **Age Concern New Year's Day Swim @ Playa de Bahia Beach 1pm**

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Food and Drink Recipes



Christmas Recipes

Easy turkey crown



50g butter, softened
2kg turkey crown on the bone
1 tsp Chinese five spice or a pinch of ground cloves

For the glaze
4 tbsp honey
1 tbsp Dijon mustard
1 tbsp red wine vinegar

Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5. Smear the butter all over the turkey crown and season with salt and half the five spice. Put in a roasting tin, skin-side up, and roast for 30 mins. While the crown is roasting, mix all the glaze ingredients in a bowl with the rest of the five spice.

Remove the crown from the oven and brush the skin generously with half the glaze. Continue to roast for another hour, glazing twice more, until cooked all the way through and the glaze is sticky and caramelised. Leave to rest for at least 20 mins before carving. Save the juices from the tin to make gravy.

Baked camembert with brioche bun wreath



1 camembert (about 250g) in a wooden box
50g panko breadcrumbs
1 tsp fresh thyme leaves
7 fresh bay leaves, to serve (optional)
cranberry sauce or chilli jam, to serve

For the brioche buns

600g strong white bread flour, plus extra for dusting
7g sachet fast-action dried yeast
2 tsp golden caster sugar
3 eggs, lightly beaten
200ml milk, warmed
150g butter, softened

First, make the brioche dough. Put the flour, yeast, sugar and 2 tsp salt into the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a dough hook. Pour 2 tbsp of the beaten egg into a small bowl and set aside. Tip the rest of the egg into the mixer bowl along with the warmed milk. Mix on a medium speed until the mixture comes together to form a dough, then carry on mixing for 5 mins on a medium speed, or until springy and glossy.

With the machine still running, add the butter, a small piece at a time, until fully incorporated, about 8-10 mins. At first it will look like it's not coming together, but keep working the dough, scraping down the sides of the mixing bowl as you go. Once all the butter has been worked in, carry on mixing for a minute or two until smooth. Form into a ball and cover the bowl with a tea towel. Leave for about an hour until doubled in size.

Tip the dough out onto a floured surface and knead to knock out the air, then divide into 24 equal pieces, roughly weighing 45g each, and roll each into a ball. Take the cheese out of the box, set aside and put the empty box in the middle of a large baking tray lined with baking parchment. Arrange a ring of 8-10 dough balls around the box, then another ring of balls around that one, fitting them into the gaps. Leave to prove in a warm place for 30 mins or chill for a few hours.

Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Brush the dough balls with the reserved beaten egg,

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sprinkle with salt and use a pair of scissors to make a snip in the top of each one to give them a spiked effect. Unwrap the cheese and return to the wooden box. Sprinkle over the breadcrumbs and thyme leaves, and bake for 25-30 mins until the dough balls are golden brown. Leave to cool for 5 mins, then scatter over the bay leaves, if using, and serve with cranberry sauce or chilli jam.

Truffle & parmesan roast potatoes



- 1½ kg Maris Piper or King Edward potatoes, peeled and cut into 5cm chunks
- 2 tbsp plain flour
- 200ml vegetable oil
- 50g parmesan or vegetarian hard cheese, finely grated
- truffle oil, to taste

Bring a large pan of salted water to the boil and cook the potatoes for 6-8 mins until the outsides are starting to soften. Drain well, then leave to steam-dry for a few minutes. (They will keep covered and chilled for up to two days). Return the potatoes to the pan, add the flour, put the lid on and shake well to coat the

potatoes and fluff them up. Meanwhile, heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Pour the oil into a deep roasting tin and put in the oven to heat for 5 mins. Take out of the oven and carefully spoon the potatoes into the hot oil, then baste in the oil so they're well coated. Spread them out to a single layer and put in the oven to roast for 20 mins. Turn and baste again, roast for another 20 mins, then repeat and roast for a final 15-20 mins or until golden and crisp. Scatter over all but a couple of tablespoonfuls of the parmesan, then put back in the oven for 2 mins so the cheese melts.

Remove the potatoes from the tin, leaving as much oil behind as possible, and pile onto a platter or on a serving dish. Scatter over the remaining parmesan, give the platter or bowl a shake, then drizzle over a little truffle oil (we used ½ tsp, but use as much as you like).

Cranberry spritz



- 100ml cranberry juice
- ½ orange, juiced
- 6 sage leaves
- around 4 ice cubes
- 80ml sparkling white grape juice

Pour 50ml cranberry juice into two champagne coups or wine glasses. Divide the orange juice between them, then stir.

Add 3 sage leaves and an ice cube or two to each glass, then top up with the sparkling grape juice.

No-cook meringue Christmas tree



- 2 meringue nests
- Whipped cream
- 36 mini meringues

To decorate
Melted white chocolate or white chocolate stars
Peppermint candy canes, broken up (optional)
Berry compote, to serve (optional)

This simplified version of our magical meringue tree uses shop-bought meringues assembled in a tree shape, then decorated. Stack the meringue nests, sandwiching them together with whipped cream. Use the mini meringues to build a tree shape around the stacked nests, sticking them on using more whipped cream. Decorate with melted white chocolate or white chocolate stars and broken-up peppermint candy canes, if you like, or serve with a berry compote.

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INFORMATION

Mojácar at Christmas!

Whether you have visitors during the **Christmas** period or would like to take a trip yourself not too far away, but somewhere that will give you a feeling of being in another world, then pop to **Mojácar**, just over an hours drive from Mazarrón area, to see this stunning village lit up with thousands of fairy lights during the evening.

Picturesque and full of beauty, **Mojácar** was crowned winner of the annual Ferrero Rocher 'Juntos Brillamas Mas' (Together We Shine More) competition last December. A total of 7 'pueblos' were selected throughout Spain on the strength of their charm, gastronomy, cultural richness and hospitable characteristics and **Mojácar** were the proud recipients of this prestigious award.

As a result, **Mojácar** pueblo was alight with thousands of fairy lights, ornate lamps and incredible displays between mid December 2022 and 28th February this year, making it an even more magical place to visit. The displays will once again make an appearance this year with the official 'switch on' taking place on 8th December with a special gala and **flamenco carol concert**.

Mojácar Ayuntamiento has organised a **Christmas** calendar

full of events for residents, tourists, adults and children that will be unforgettable and magical for all, between 1st December and 6th January.

Every day there will be **workshops, musical performances, street artists, circus, magic shows, parades, disney characters** and many other surprises throughout the squares and streets.

Christmas would not be complete without a Market and it opens its doors on 6th December where you can find those special items to decorate your home.

The **Nativity Scene** will be located in Plaza del Parterre, the inauguration takes place on 2nd December with hot chocolate for all.

The narrow cobblestone streets of this whitewashed picturesque hilltop village with hanging plant pots, full to overflowing with colourful flowers, is full of charm and history with a Jewish quarter, numerous bars and restaurants, souvenir shops and La Fuente



(**Mojácar's** Fountain), a vital source of water for centuries which continues to be a central meeting point for residents filling up their water bottles.



The Ayuntamiento is located in the 'pueblo' along with pretty plazas and bars for tapas, drinks or dinner and the main plaza has stunning views down to the 'playa'. The 16th century Church (Santa Maria) is a fortress-like structure, where many of the processions pass and the top of the Church is also where the **New Year's Eve fireworks** are fired from.

Shops in the 'pueblo' mainly consist of local crafts including rugs, jewellery, ceramics and souvenirs, as well as a good selection of boutiques, ideal for picking up some **Christmas** presents. **Market** day is Wednesday when it's a hive of activity with residents and holidaymakers, all vying for that 'bargain'.

Dont' forget to purchase something featuring the 'Indalo Man'. This relates to a prehistoric cave drawing found near Vélez Blanco in 2500BC and represents a man holding a rainbow over his head. It's considered to be a lucky totem and can be found recreated on the fronts of homes, cars and businesses throughout the province. However, legend has it that the charm is only beneficial if given to you as a gift. So make someone's **Christmas** and buy them that lucky charm or make some cryptic comments to the ones you're with for your own! However you spend your trip it will surely be one to remember and a place you'll want to return to. It's impossible not to visit **Mojácar** and experience the true magic of **Christmas**.

Keep your eye on our Facebook page for the full programme when it's released.

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**Discovering truth and prayer (Part 2)**

Did you know that there is a relationship between **truth and prayer**? Last month, time was taken to look at what is truth and where it comes from. In 2nd Peter chapter 1 and verse 21 it says "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of **God** spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit".

The holy spirit is a gift from Yehovah (Jehovah or **God**) which convicts us of sin, righteousness and the judgement. It also teaches and guides us into all truth. John chapter 16 and verses 8 and 13 states "And when the holy spirit of truth comes, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of the judgement. When the holy spirit of truth shall come, he will guide you into all truth, for he shall not speak of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak and he will show you things to come". In other words accept Yehovah's (Jehovah or **God**) Scripture for it reveals truth. What does the Scripture have to say about prayer.

What is Prayer? This is a valid question which must be answered. Prayer is the means by which one communicates with Yehovah (Jehovah), the God of all Creation. Prayer is essential to the Christian and its purpose is noted in Ephesians chapter 3 and verses 16 to 19 "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith. Being rooted and grounded in love may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of **God**".

Yeshua (**Jesus**) gave his disciples instructions about **prayer**. In Luke chapter 11 and verses 1 to 4 it states "It came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray...He said unto them when ye pray, say Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone that is indebted to us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil". According to 2nd Chronicles chapter 7 and verse 14 it says "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land". This indicates that the sincere and sanctified **prayer** will be heard and answered.

Yeshua always prayed, for in Mark chapter 1 and verse 35 it declares "In the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place and prayed there". Also in Luke chapter 6 and verse 12 it confirms this point "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in **prayer to God**".

Prayer and Truth can not be separated. Yehovah (Jehovah or **God**) wants his followers to worship him in spirit and in truth. This is evident in John chapter 4 and verses 23 and 24 where it explains clearly "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **God** is Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth". What is truth? The Scripture states that the words contained in it is truth. The answer to this is found in John

chapter 17 and verse 17 "Sanctify them through thy truth. Thy word is truth".

There is a warning in the book of Proverbs chapter 28 and verse 9, 10 and 13, which outlines "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be an abomination. Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit, but the upright shall have good things in possession. He that covereth his sins shall not prosper. But whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy".

Throughout the Old and New Testament there is much reference to **prayer**. In 1st Kings chapter 8 and verse 45 it states "Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause". (This same passage is repeated in 2nd Chronicles chapter 6 and verse 35). King David prayed often and in Psalms chapter 5 and verse 3 he declares "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD, in the morning will I direct my **prayer** unto thee, and will look up".

Also, in Psalms chapter 6 and verse 9 it says "The LORD hath heard my supplication, the LORD will receive my **prayer**". Psalms chapter 66 and verses 16 to 20 shows answered **prayers** "Come and hear, all ye that fear **God**, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul. I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me. But verily **God** has heard me and has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be **God**, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me".

Everyone knows that there is much evil in the world today, but what is the answer? The followers of the Scriptures know that prayer

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is needed. In Daniel chapter 9 and verse 13 it explains "As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us, yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand thy truth". (the law of Moses refers to the first 5 books of the Old Testament. These 5 books are called the Torah in Hebrew. Torah simply means law or instructions).

As prayer is closely related to a knowledge of truth, in Mathew chapter 21 and verse 22 there is a promise "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive".

If his followers live a surrendered life to him, there is a peace that comes with prayer. In 1st John chapter 5 and verses 14 and 15 it states "This is the confidence that we have in him that, if we

ask anything according to his will, he heareth us. If we know that he hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petition that we desired of him".

I hope you have learned more about the Scriptures. Next month I will continue with Part 3.

If you would like to know more, contact call Sandra.

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bar (thanks to **Camposol Golf Association**) and of course the annual **Christmas party** at the Golf club.

Forget Me Not have also been very fortunate and have received some very generous donations this year. Our gratitude goes to Bar Salud Golfers, **Making a Difference**, Phase Two and Camposol bingo ladies from Trevi bar for your generous monetary donations. A massive thanks to **Xerxes** for purchasing a karaoke machine for us. Lastly thanks to Sargeworks and Wood 2 Go for your generosity in the construction and contributions towards the materials to replace the pergola at The Social Centre.



have included paper crowns for the Three Kings, Chinese New Year, Hogmanay, Valentine's Day, Saint Patrick's Day, Easter, the King's Coronation, Halloween, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday and at present we are busy making **Christmas** cards and decorations. Thank you to all that have provided donations of craft materials, these are gratefully received and appreciated.

Forget Me Not has enjoyed another fabulous year supporting our clients and the committee has been very busy fundraising. Let's review



some of the wonderful events that we have enjoyed throughout the year. We had a very successful Easter **raffle, quizzes** at The Diner, the **Musical Variety Show, Race Night** at Elliott's, our tea party to celebrate the King's Coronation, 2 fabulous evening's of **entertainment** on sector A, the **Phil Collins** tribute night, the **Charity Golf day**, a **quiz** at Trevi

Also a massive thank you to the entertainers and community groups that have visited the group and provided us with some sensational entertainment. These include Carolyn May, Hartley, Alun Jay, Simone, Sonic Tonic, Frank, Paul Pryce and Barrington Duboise, The Ukulele Band and the singalong group. You have all provided your time for free and given our clients some wonderful, memorable times.

For those who follow **Forget Me Not** on Facebook, you will have seen some of the wonderful craft activities that the group have produced. We try to keep the theme's relevant and celebrate events throughout the year. These

To conclude, on behalf of **Forget Me Not** I would like to thank everyone who has supported us throughout the year. Including our wonderful and dedicated volunteers, Heather and Helen, our lovely nurses, local businesses, bars and restaurants. Not forgetting **The Chronicle** for enabling us to share our group with you in this wonderful publication.

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5 Winter Fashion Trends to Know in 2023/2024



1. Tailored Styles Take You From Autumn To Winter Fashion

Autumn fashion trends were all about Vivienne Westwood's quote, "Buy less. Choose well. Make it last. Quality, not quantity." The winter fashion trends of 2023/2024 point the way for us to start wearing timeless and classic outfits. A global pandemic and struggling economy have signalled a return to a more functional and refined wardrobe with ongoing appeal. Winter fashion trends will see fabrics that produce subtle and

sleek styling. Can you wear linen in winter? You certainly can, think layers! Choose from power suits with dresses, trousers or shorts and pair tailored trousers with a classic knit. Add a silk or satin cami to a pencil skirt for an office-to-evening outfit.

2. Bright Pink Is À La Mode

If you don't have a pink outfit in your wardrobe, it's time to change that. Are you looking for a trendy women's winter outfit? Then look for your favourite type of coats, blazer dress or trousers in fiery pink. This chromatic and sensual colour will carry you through to your winter look. Go full on with everything in bright pink, or add a quick flash of colour with a handbag, shoes or big shawl - another of the winter fashion trends of 2023/2024. Whether you love old-time glamour, prefer punk styling or want an on-trend disco outfit, pink is your go-to colour.



3. Leggings Remain Fashionable

The good news for most women is that their favourite leggings continue to be fashionable, carrying into the winter fashion trends of 2023/2024. Black leggings are very easy to match with other clothing items as black is a neutral colour. This season's leggings remain gym wear but also offer much more - from stylish streetwear to

date nights. Enjoy wearing them with yet another autumn fashion trend of oversized knits or cardigans. Or, how about another returning favourite, a turtleneck sweater?



Firstly, leggings, regardless of colour, give stupendous freedom of movement and are the most comfortable pants ever. Secondly, black also is slimming as it hides shadows that can give clues as to actual size. Finally, due to this hiding of shadows, black leggings are less revealing of things that should be concealed than lighter colours are. In conclusion, black leggings are just awesome, fashionable and comfortable to wear!

4. Dress code: shimmer!

Always in style for the end of year social calendar, sequins and shimmers are made for festive fun.



For the Christmas parties, New Year's festivities and everything in between, make a statement! With party season drawing near, you may be wondering how to find an after-dark look that truly stands out from the crowd. As old-world glamour and a 'more-is-more' approach continue to dominate the season, styles swathed in sequins are a surefire (and on-trend) way to make an



entrance.

Whether you're after a simple statement piece of sparkle or are looking to go over the top, there's plenty of ways to add some festive shimmer to your attire.

5. Must-Have Accessories

The right accessories can complete an outfit reflecting the winter fashion trend for 2023/2024. Accessories are essential to any ensemble as they often provide functionality, versatility and style.

Statement Earrings

Make a bold statement by wearing oversized earrings in eye-catching geometric designs, often multi-coloured. Not only do statement earrings add a touch of glamour they serve as a focal point, bringing the eye to the face and reflecting your style. They're an accessory you should include to complement the winter fashion trends of 2023/2024.

Handbags



The on-trend fashions for winter are for sophisticated structured handbags with clean lines and well-designed shapes. With their timeless appeal choose shades that include autumnal and classic neutral colour palettes. Look for functional bags with plenty of storage space and reliable handles.

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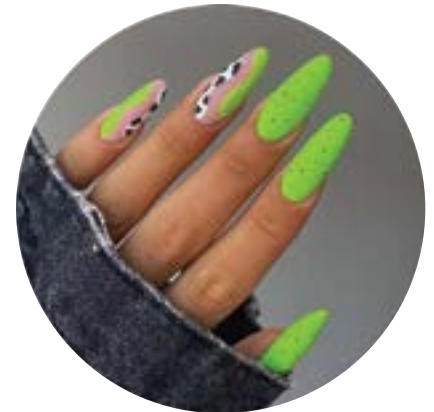
all want pretty nails and these pearlescent nails really do the job. This style can be used on all skin tones and any nail shape/length, it's available in gel polish or as a loose topping powder so you can wear it to your style!! Natural and classy yet still cute and festive, add glittery accents or nail designs to take it to the next level! This style is perfect to take you through from **Christmas Day** to your New Years Eve party, it's subtle yet eye catching in the light of day and shines like a diamond at night making it the perfect choice for your festive mani.



Red square nails
 This winter the trend is Cherry Wine nails; think mulled wine, deep burgundies, cherries and cranberries, chocolate browns.. It's the must have manicure this season. Wearable on short or long nails, both look gorgeous!

The best thing about these colours is the fact that you can combine them with so many others to finish off your outfit perfectly! Add a cute matching scarf to a casual outfit or dress it up with wine red lipstick for evening glam.

Shiny pink
 A new take on a classic style! For the party and festive season we



Bright neon
 Bright colours aren't just for summer! Use neon nails to brighten up the winter months and add a splash of colour to monochrome looks. I love combining neons with two or three neutral colours, like black brown or white. Add matching or combining accessories like bags, headwear, glasses or belts to give your outfit the edge. Full colour block nails and free hand designs will be the next trend!





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Camposol Explorers



Our November outing was a visit to **Sierra Espuña** which can be seen from Camposol in the distance. We were heading to the top of the mountain near the radar station, about a 50 minute drive. The road up can be a bit scary, but has amazing views. Whilst driving up you pass two view points where you can park and admire the view.

When we left Camposol the temperature was 21c, when we arrived at the car park it was 11c. So make sure you take warm clothing and water with you. Part of the group live in Alhama de Murcia, so we arranged to meet at the car park, but managed to get split for a while before meeting at the the snow wells.

What are the Snow Wells (also known as Snow Pits)?

Before refrigerators, ice was very important to keep food fresh. On the **Sierra Espuña**, there are 28 snow wells dotted about which were used to gather the snow and pack it in the wells. Mostly local gypsies would live near the wells (Los Pozos de la Nieve). The wells were built between the 16th & 19th century, providing the nearby towns and cities. When refrigerators were invented early 20th century, the work got less

and less and also the climate changed with less snow.

We then drove to the Visitors Centre to visit 'The Plane Building', which is a short walk from the car park. The building was built for the Spanish Air Force, a resting place, like a summer camp, but it was never completed due to the outbreak of the Spanish Civil war (1936). It was going to be built in the shape of an aeroplane with a swimming pool in the middle as its main feature, but a few years ago (2021) reconstruction work took the aeroplane shape and the swimming pool is now the picnic area. There are two view points there.

We then returned to the Visitors Centre and had a look around the museum which is free to view and it tells the story about the **Sierra Espuña**. It's a lovely building, built in the 1930's to house the forest

workers, partially damaged during the Spanish Civil War and rebuilt again. It also has covered area for parking, electric points to charge cars and plenty of information boards showing where to walk or bike. Also you will find a lovely picnic area where we all had our lunch before returning home.

Next month, **Camposol Explorers** are going to explore water wheels along the river Segura and on to a view point looking over the town of Cieza.

For more information about **Camposol Explorers** please check out my YouTube channel **Camposol Explorers** or join my Facebook group Expat in Mazarron for more information and places to explore.



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With that in mind we have a few dates for your diaries this December and we hope out of the myriad of choices you will find something to like.

If you enjoy **live music** we have an **FMA Christmas Party** on 9th December at Hotel Costa in Mazarrón town. **Jim McMail** will be singing songs made famous by the fabulous Rat Pack and you can also enjoy a tasty three course meal, all for the cost of 33€. Further information and how to reserve tickets for this event can be found on our Facebook page, on the accompanying poster or by private message.

If browsing through our **pop up**

stalls is more your thing we are outside the social club in Isla Plana on 2nd December and outside Rendezvous on Camposol A on 14th December. They are always lovely social events so please pop by and say hello. If you enjoy a **raffle** you may just be in time to purchase tickets for our Radley bag and purses draw at the Isla Plana market on 2nd December or you could enter the draw to win a wonderful sculptured dog at Camposol Golf Club.

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Our shop will be closed as from 24th December and will re-open on 2nd January 2024. Our van that normally is at Camposol for the collection of donations will be there on 19th December and then

will resume after Christmas on 2nd January.

Last month on 5th November we gladly accepted a donation of 1000€, kindly donated by the Costa Calida Cruisers which was presented to Ruth, one of our volunteers, at their event at Colina Rojo(see photo).

We are proposing to make donations to various **charities** and these will be discussed at our volunteers meeting on 6th December.

We would like to thank all our supporters for their continued support throughout this year, together with those who have



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donated articles for us to raise money needed to give to those **charities** and humanitarian causes who we have been able to donate to throughout this difficult year. We would also like to thank all our volunteers who give their time and effort in **Making A Difference** to so many people in our community.

RELIGION

The Rockin' Vicar

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Hello. Let me start with a quote which is so obvious, but from which we never seem to learn "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

This was actually said by a man I have never heard of, oh there have been similar quotes but I was surprised to find that this one was written by George Santayana who was born in Spain and lived from 1863 to 1952. He studied and worked at Harvard University and King's College, Cambridge and was a philosopher, essayist, poet, and novelist. In a 1948 speech to the British House of Commons, Winston Churchill said, "Those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it." No matter the origin, the sentiments are eternal.

Maybe like me you are old enough to have been brought up on songs like **"Where Have All the Flowers Gone?"** written by Pete Seeger in 1955 and made famous by Peter, Paul and Mary on their debut album in 1962 when it

spent five weeks as the number one album in the United States. Each verse ends with the words "When will they ever learn" and the last is:



Where have all the graveyards gone
Long time passing
Where have all the graveyards gone
Long time ago
Where have all the graveyards gone
Gone to flowers, every one
When will they ever learn?
When will they ever learn?

And the previous verse asks "Where have all the soldiers gone... Gone to graveyards, every one".

In "Imagine" John Lennon wrote **"Imagine all the people Livin' life in peace"**. Not only do wars keep emerging but

the earth and all its beauty is being destroyed with various explanations. That's where God comes right in, or rather doesn't, letting us make our own mistakes without interfering. Well, that takes an awful lot of Love, to let us bluster on without slapping us down and shouting, "Hey, I made all this beauty and you're simply wrecking it. It's gotta stop right now!"

He sent **Jesus** whose birth we will soon be celebrating at **Christmas** and He was crucified. Can we never get anything right? Because how we view the world and what we value matter, it has a knock-on effect. To live each day and try to act through Love, that is the key. Imagine all the people and you and me, Livin' life in peace... You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one, I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will be as one.

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What is your passion?

If you have tried to learn Spanish, or indeed any language, you soon realise that such an endeavour is more of an art than a science. There are so many exceptions to every rule! And, to boot, it is true that words do change their meaning over the years. Back just a couple of generations, the words 'gay' and 'wicked' would have been understood very differently.

Talking about the concept of 'passion' is one such case in point. Its Latin origins speak of sacrifice and suffering although nowadays we understand it as a term expressing extreme enthusiasm or intense love. Yet, its early use was explicitly applied to the suffering of Jesus Christ upon the Cross of Calvary: a demonstration of God's passionate commitment to the human race and Planet Earth.


As we rapidly approach the **Christmas** season, the story of that passion begins to take a shape we can recognise in the flesh and blood of the person we have come to know as Jesus of Nazareth. The 'cutest babe in the manger' grows into the man who bore the brunt of the punishment which rightly should be dealt to anyone who falls short of the glory that God intends. And, without pulling any punches, that means every single one of us.

May I encourage any who are reading this piece to search out your local church and find out what services, meetings or special events are taking place to celebrate the coming of God into the world. Within the flesh and blood of a baby He began an incredible journey in order to display His passion for us and to provide a rescue plan unlike any

other.

Well, I don't know what you reckon, but it's worth a thought. For now, do take care, stay safe and thank you for taking the time to read.



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year. All the animal **charities** in Alhama get together with the hope of making adoptions a more suitable and available option to improve animal welfare. It's a bit more complicated to give an equine adoption but we spoke about how to sponsor and foster one of our animals.



Sol and Lucero supervising the machine work

If you would like to donate to our cause you can visit our crowdfunding campaign '30 days to save our herd - Building a haven for abandoned horses | Chuffed | Non-profit charity and social enterprise fundraising'. You can also press on our "donate" button on **Cavalli Foundation** facebook page or on our website, donate via paypal, infocavallifoundation@gmail.com or by bank transfer ES26 1491 0001 2720 5929 3726 Swift code TRIOESMMXXX. We and all the animals would be very grateful for your help and generosity.

In November we went to the annual **adoption fair** that takes place in Alhama de Murcia every



Reina at the annual adoption fayre

Work at the ranch is doing great. We've had a busy month of construction and machine work but there is still so much to do. If you have the time and energy and have knowledge in small building work and gardening or if you would like to support us in any way please call or email us.

We would like to wish a very Merry **Christmas** and a Happy New Year to all the volunteers and people that have supported us all these years. Without you this dream wouldn't have become a reality.

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More People Words

We opened up the whole new subject of 'people words' last week and I have to say that ever since then I have come across more and more of them in everyday situations.

We started with people words ending in 'dor' and 'dora', and to extend the subject I thought we could look at ones that end in the suffix '-ante' or '-ente'. Again these are usually formed from verbs. For example, the verb '**cooperar**' unsurprisingly means to '**cooperate**'. The person word that comes from it 'cooperante' has a very specific meaning, which is 'aid worker'. There have been some rather nasty instances in the news recently of 'cooperantes' being kidnapped or suffering accidents. A very famous Spanish 'cooperante' in India, Vicente Ferrer was one of these who died and there has been much publicity about his life and work.

Similar in a way is the word '**ayudante**' which means '**helper**' from the verb '**ayudar**'. Sometimes you might see an advertisement for an 'ayudante de cocina' - a kitchen assistant. Formed in the same way, but with a different ending is the

word 'oyente'. We are '**oyentes**' when we listen to the radio, as we are people who listen or 'hear' from the verb '**oír**'. Also with the 'ente' ending is '**creyente**' (a believer) from the verb 'to believe' (creer).

These endings do not differentiate between masculine and feminine, but we would change the article (el, la, un, una) to mark the difference.

Another typical person ending is 'ero' or the feminine form 'era'. Someone who travels (**viajar**) is a 'viajero' or 'viajera'. Here's one that has been taken from English and preserves the typical English spelling '**rockero/rockera**' (a rock singer or rock star). Somehow these days the word goes with 'viejo' (old rocker) which is rather sad, I think! 'Viejo rockero' is also the title of a rather ironic song about this much loved and familiar character.

This takes me rather neatly on to a related topic, which is how we can turn adjectives into nouns that describe people. '**Viejo**' for example is an adjective as we have just seen in 'viejo rockero'. We can also say '**viejo amigo**' which is different incidentally from '**amigo viejo**'. 'Viejo amigo' is someone who has

been your friend for a long time, whilst 'amigo viejo' is a friend who is old.

Anyway, back to the point, we can also use the word 'viejo' on its own as a noun. '**El viejo**' therefore means the 'old man' and '**la vieja**' the old woman. '**La vieja**' is not the most flattering thing to call someone - much more polite is '**la señora mayor**'.

The same system works for '**joven**' (young). 'El joven' (the young man) and '**la joven**' (the young woman).

Another example which comes to mind for some reason is the comedy pair Laurel and Hardy (yes, I really am that old as well). In Spanish they are called '**El Gordo y El Flaco**' (the fat one and the skinny one) which rather speaks for itself.

And finally, also connected to the world of cinema, that wonderful film entitled '**El bueno, el malo y el feo**', which when you translate it back to English shows that we occasionally do the same thing in our language as well.

Google has just told me that that film was released in the US in 1967. ¡Cómo vuela el tiempo!



RELIGION

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grumbling, a n d swearing. But, you will tell me, that is all very well for those who have n o t h i n g to put up with.... If they were in my shoes they would probably be much worse....



repeat -- we were the first people who ever suffered anything, but since the time of Adam until the present, all the saints have had something to suffer, and most of them far more than have we. But they suffered with patience, always subject to the will of God and soon their troubles were finished and their happiness, which has begun, will never come to an end.

Let us contemplate, my dear brethren, this beautiful Heaven, let us think about the happiness which God has prepared for us there and we shall endure all the evils of life in a spirit of penitence, with the hope of an eternal reward. If only you could have the happiness of being able to say in the evening that your whole day had been spent for God!

MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!
Sermons of the Cure of Ars - Saint John Maria Vianney -
 Another bad habit which is very common in homes is impatience,

I would agree with all that, my children, if we were not Christians, if we had nothing to hope for beyond what benefits and pleasures we might taste in this world. I would agree if -- I



Thank you
 Once again this year residents of D have shown their generosity, support and thanks for the work carried out by the **D Group**. Firstly, through donations to the Friday bucket collection - without this financial support the Group cannot provide the range of services to improve sector D and also run the many events held throughout the year. Secondly and mentioning events, the support and attendance for them all has been terrific.

We have some great events for the holiday period in December starting with the **Christmas Party** in Marianos on 15th December and **Carol Service**



on 18th December. Full details can be found on the Group FaceBook page.

Gardening News
 In preparation for the **Remembrance Cross** poppy display the Monday team tidied up and weeded the Memorial Gardens at the exit to D before moving on to weed and prune the verges along Esparraguera.

There has been lots of compliments for the poppy displays at the triangle and **Remembrance Cross**. It is our privilege to create the displays in honour of those lost through war and conflict. The Wednesday team carried out the work on the cross display after finishing the pruning of the trees and shrubs on the 5 community gardens. Lots of hard work but they do look fantastic.

The President and Committee wish to express their thanks to all the residents on D and to say that without your support there would be no **D Community and Gardening Group**. Also we would like to wish you a wonderful **Christmas** and Happy New Year.

AGM
 The **Annual General Meeting** is hopefully planned to take place in early December and full details are contained in the Group FaceBook page.

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Christmas Events on D



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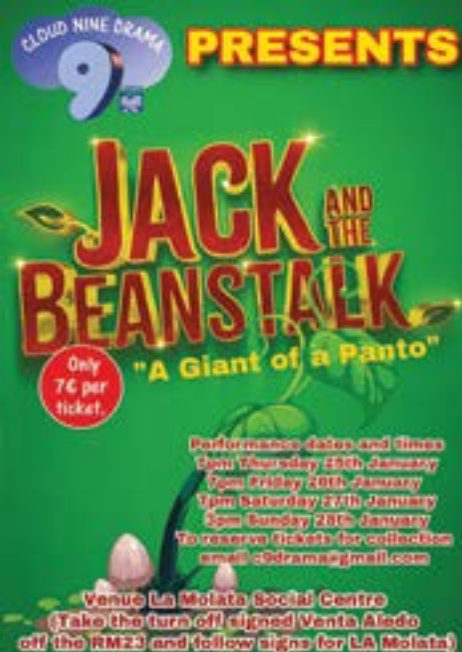
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Walk to the Barranco de la Mina

At the beginning of November Jim led us on an 'easy' walk up the track



to the abandoned mining village, Casas de Dominguez. It was unseasonably warm and the track was a little steeper than a gentle incline, so we didn't quite make it to the village. Nevertheless, the walk was interesting and the views were great. After the walk we had lunch in El Alamillo. The next walk was led by Hazel on November 15th and we will report on this in next month's issue.

Remembrance Sunday

On November 12th a group of us gathered at our Jacaranda



Tree to pay tribute and honour the sacrifices made by all who have died, or been affected by armed conflicts throughout modern history. We especially remembered Martin Rushton, the founder of our group here in Murcia and Diane Morriss, both who passed away earlier this year. We read poems and Jon laid a wreath of poppies.



Darwinian Gardeners

On November 7th a group of gardeners went by coach to see the Exhibition of Terracotta Soldiers in Alicante's Archaeological Museum. We



arrived in Alicante in time to have lunch before starting the guided tour at 4pm. The day



was a great success, the exhibits beautifully displayed and we had an excellent guide who explained everything to us in English.

The next event will be a coach trip to visit a bodega in January.

If you would like to join us for **walks, gardening outings, games' evenings** and lots of lunches you can get in touch in the following way: see our Facebook page, call email us: humanistsofmurcia@gmail.com or darwiniangardeners@gmail.com

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- SLEIGH
- GOD
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As you are reading this, the countdown to **Christmas** will be well and truly under way. Plans will have been made for travelling and **Christmas** shopping will be in full swing to find the perfect gift for our loved ones. When we find the perfect gift we will want to wrap it in fancy paper then secure it with ribbon finished off with a large bow. We can then place it under the tree for all to see and wonder what it is and who it is for.

We can so easily be distracted with all the hustle and bustle with preparations for the festive

feast. Whilst remembering the mince pies and crackers for the table and invitations to be sent out, we seldom give a thought to what **Christmas** is all about and why we celebrate it.

Take a moment to ponder what it was like in heaven preparing for the first **Christmas**. God was there looking down on us, God knew exactly what we needed and He was going to give us, His loved ones, the perfect gift. At exactly the right time God's gift came down from heaven to us in a humble stable. The world knew it had arrived by the sound

of a baby crying, the shepherds knew it had arrived as angels had proclaimed it. The shepherds rushed to see and having arrived at the stable saw a baby laying in a manger. The light in the stable cast a shadow of a cross over the manger and the baby was wrapped in swaddling bands, burial cloths.

For this baby was born to die.

If we unwrap God's gift, we will find it is the gift of salvation, the perfect gift. All we need to do is accept it. Why don't you?

GROUPS

Ladies' Chatterbox

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Hello everyone, can it really be December already?



This year seems to have gone at an alarming rate...it was just a short time ago that we were getting ready for Summer and the heat that goes with it! Now it's time to prepare for **Christmas**

and all of the associated traditions. At **Chatterbox** we are so very fortunate to have a variety of speakers come to talk to us. One in particular comes to mind.

Last year Steve Baram, an ex senior Prison Officer serving 32 years for HMP,



came to tell us all about being 'inside' one of HM's prisons. We were amazed by the shocking facts/figures of costs and numbers of prisoners in the UK and the decline in staff numbers. Steve is such an entertaining and informative speaker, (due to finishing his time!) and following a special request from our ladies, he recently returned to tell us more. Things have not improved for HMP's - costs are still spiralling and staff still declining plus Human Rights! Which is a contributing factor to the way in which prisoners can be dealt with, all of which adds up to a scary scenario for the Government.

As usual we gave our speaker

50€ for his chosen **charity** which on this occasion went to **Age Concern**. If this sounds an interesting afternoon why not come along and join us? Or perhaps you would be able to come and tell us about you and your work/ life?



On 28th December we are running a trip to Cartagena lights, a trip open to all with a ticket price of 15€ which includes return coach, leaving Campo sol B Car Park at 5.30pm and returning from Cartagena at 10pm. Drop in to one of our meetings or send me an email if you are interested.

So to finish, on behalf of **Chatterbox** we wish you all a very Merry **Christmas** and a Happy New Year and.....remember - be kind, it costs nothing but means so much x.

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Recent Fundraising Race For Life

29th October raised an amazing 6,780€. This year we had 89 participants...and the winners were: Men's 8k Steven Dick; Ladies 8k Janet Dempsey; Men's 4k Steven Simpson; Ladies 4k Irene Langley; Group Zumba Warriors; Boys over 12 Lewis Summer; Boys under 12 Rys Spacy; Girls over 12 Bella Spacy.

A huge thanks to all who participated, sponsored, volunteered to organise, marshalled (I never did get my hat and badge) etc. A special thanks to Carl Thomas from Star Radio who provided the music.

Craft Sale

This took place at The Diner on 3rd November and raised a fabulous 166.15€. Thank you to all who paid them a visit and helped to



raise much needed cash. Don't forget they are there outside The Diner on the first Friday of every month.

How you can help Volunteer!

If you can spare a few hours a week we always need help in various roles. From assistance in our shop, working on our van, manning reception. At the moment we are in desperate need of more 'patient drivers' to take patients to their appointments. If you think you can help or would like to find out more phone **634 362 954**, email mazvolunteers@mabscancerfoundation.org or call into our Respite Home at Avenida de Los Covachos 278 on Camposol B2.

Donate

We are always in need of furniture,

clothes, bedding, bric-a-brac and books for our Charity shop in Totana in Avenida Juan Carlos I (books on the bookcases in Alley Palais, Camposol Sector B). If you can help please message **MABS Charity Shop Totana** (Facebook) or phone **634 313 478** to arrange collection.

Our drop off points for smaller items are at The Clubhouse on Camposol Sector C, The Respite Home, Alley Palais on Sector B and ASSSA office at La Pirámide Puerto de Mazarrón.

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The Harlequin Rock Choir

Saturday 2nd
 Supporting FMA, Isla Plana 10.30am

Monday 4th
 Mazarrón Tanatoria (opposite Red Cross) 4pm

Tuesday 12th
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Friday 15th
 Supporting B Clean/Camposol Business Association, Camposol B 6pm



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Sat Navs (Christmas)

Apparently there have been quite a number of accidents caused by blind obedience to the confident instructions issuing from the **Sat Nav's** black box. People have driven into streams and rivers as well as the wrong way down one-way streets and numerous other traffic infringements, despite the stupidity of doing so. Common sense tells us that obedience to the instructions we are hearing needs to be confirmed by at least some of our other senses like sight and spatial awareness, as otherwise it is simply blind faith and doomed to fail in time.

We put our trust or faith in lots of situations and material things daily. Even when we sit down we put our trust in the ability of the chair to hold our weight. We

trust pilots are able to fly safely and that the food we eat is safe and suitable for us to consume. Our trust is based on a belief that we are being looked after and designers, food producers, business operators etc, are not out to do us harm.

Why is it, that when it comes to trusting **God** people throw a wobbly and find any excuse they can think of to cast some doubt? Why is it that even when **God** sends His Son as a baby to a young virgin in Bethlehem we decide that **Xmas** is better than **Christmas** because it removes the reminder that actually **God** is reaching-out? He says "They cannot help themselves, I love them and they need a Saviour. If only they would listen to me and follow my instructions!"

God is saying "Perform a U Turn as soon as possible" you are going the wrong way..."There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death"...Proverbs 14 v 12

REMEMBER We are now HYBRID! You can join us on Zoom on any Sunday Morning at 11am Spanish Time and 10am UK Time ...Or come along to our house and join us there in person; just 20 minutes from Camposol, Alhama, Fuente Alamo, and 30 minutes from Pto de Mazarron....give Ken a call for directions **646 705 403**.....A worship service with a difference.

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All are really welcome, Feel free.

GROUPS  **Puerto de Mazarrón Ladies' Circle**  Puerto de Mazarrón Ladies Circle

Hello all, I hope you are well and enjoying the lovely sunshine.



On 19th October we had a visit from Phase Two. This is a newly formed group who raise monies for various **charities** in Mazarrón area. We started the afternoon with a **fashion show** with ladies modelling from their group and then the clothes from the show and a variety of others were available to be purchased. All the items had been donated, which also included accessories. The monies made were to be donated to **Forget Me Not**. It was an enjoyable afternoon and well received.

in the salon. There is also a large zoo area with lots of various animals. The park is involved with other groups helping towards the conservation of endangered species. It was a trip that everyone seemed to enjoy.

At the beginning of November we had a lovely **lunch** at Playa Grande Hotel. The tables had been set really well and we all enjoyed the **lunch**, with great service. Afterwards there was **music and dancing** and a **raffle** which finished off the afternoon before we were homeward bound.



We had a list of horses running and many of us had a bet on the one we fancied. No one went home rich but we all had a good time.



December Events
 7th **Christmas Fayre** at Playa Grande
 14th **Christmas Lunch** at Ruf Mari Restaurant
 21st **Trip to La Zenia** (our final trip for the year)

Wishing everyone a very **Happy Christmas** and all the very best for 2024.

Our trip this month was to **Mini Hollywood** where we had great fun watching the cowboy's having a gun fight and the dancing girls

On 9th November we had a **horse racing** afternoon at Playa Grande kindly arranged by Stevie T who brought along all the equipment.

Take care all and enjoy, see you all on the 8th February after our break.



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Good day to one and all. We hope you are in fine spirits after a hot summer and a stunning autumn. We here at **MAMAS** have been battling the heat of the shop without any air con, well Jean and Richard have. Jean hogs the very nicely fitted wall fan!

Anyway, they have been trying their best to keep the funds trickling in. We have had some wonderful donations but people just don't want to pay even a second hand price. The Brits are few and far between and we never see our regulars. I believe all the **charities** are struggling and it's an endless road.

All that said, we manage each

month to provide something for all the emergency applications. One of the casualties this month is **Micky**. An elderly little chap who had a broken leg. We weren't told the circumstances but the owners were distressed. Paco, our vet, gave the family a rundown of costs to put **Micky** back together and they came to **MAMAS** for help with the bill. We couldn't have helped him if it wasn't for the donations we receive and sell. So, you see we desperately need your unwanted items. Clean clothes, working electrical items and everything else you no longer need. Larger items such as furniture can be collected by arrangement. We have fingers crossed for **Micky**

and hope all ends well for him.

I ask you every month if you could spare us a few hours a week. Our days and hours are half what they were. You could make such a difference to us.



Mickey before the accident

We are in Pto de Mazarrón, behind Consum, 2nd on left, Calle San Juan.

GROUPS



B CLEAN' GARDENING GROUP

Facebook: "B Clean" Community Gardening
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Some of us (of a certain age...) may recall the words of a pop song back in the 60s which went "They say there's Seven Wonders in the world but what they say is out of date". He goes on to say that there is a Number 8 but that was just a song and now, here in Camposol, we have the Eighth. It is, of course, 'The Great Heap', now growing and festering at the bottom of Sector B's lower car park.

It's difficult to see from the car park but the original 3 green skips that were there for residents' green



waste are still there. but obscured by a massive pile of green waste, sacks and anything else that people have seen fit to leave there. Like many of the 'Wonders', it is a memorial to the hordes of inconsiderate people who now descend on Camposol to

dump their rubbish rather than drive a few minutes down the motorway to the Ecoparque.

We had thought that the authorities might like to have a look at our new

feature, but at the time of writing there has been no response to messages on the Linea Verde app. Elsewhere only one of the real 'Seven' still remains and this new one may also be short-lived as compost heaps are notoriously unstable due to heat build up and prone to spontaneous combustion. Under the Spanish sun it will be warming up nicely so, by the time this is published, the local bomberos may well be busy trying to extinguish the blaze.



For obvious reasons, the volunteers of **B Clean** gave up trying to tidy the waste area some time ago as it was not their job and the risk factor was increasing. Volunteers have been undertaking the somewhat safer task of pruning the oleander hedges on the main roads of the sector and this, at least, has helped to improve the appearance of our urbanisation.

The group also has other projects in hand but they can only be achieved with volunteers willing to help out once a week on Tuesday morning. All assistance is appreciated as well as donations which support the group's finances.



GROUPS **Camposol C Green Fingers Gardening Group** www.greenfingersgardenandsocialgroup.com

Green Fingers have had a productive month with the maintenance team and volunteers working hard to keep our sector looking spick and span.

Our proudest endeavour was the annual construction of the **Remembrance** display for the Fallen in the memorial garden. All of us in **Green Fingers** know how much this display means to the

residents, not only on sector C, but the whole of our urbanisation. We would like to thank the residents for the many comments of appreciation and gratitude and also thanks to those who purchased a



cross in remembrance of a loved one. All money collected will be donated to the **Murcian Branch of The Royal British Legion.**

If you live on lower sector C and have a couple of hours to spare each Wednesday morning why not come and join our volunteers? We're a friendly bunch and, as they say, many hands make light work!! We look forward to welcoming you.

RELIGION **St Nicholas Ecumenical Church**
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THE FORGOTTEN CHRISTMAS PRESENT

No, I'm not referring to yet another pair of socks, pushed away in the drawer, nor the over-large, hand knitted jumper, hidden at the back of your wardrobe.

This one is over two thousand years old and sent to the whole world and is yet to be used! Yes, it was the wonderful gift of **PEACE**, delivered by God's angels, at the birth of His Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

PEACE AND GOODWILL, exactly what we so desperately need today. Yet, looking around the world, it would appear that very few people, or nations, want it, or have even heard of it!

Just imagine, if instead of all the usual presents, which we can do without, everyone offered **FRIENDSHIP, TOLERANCE, and LOVE** to one another. Yes, then it would truly mean a world at **PEACE** at last.

December is always a busy time so let me remind you of some things to which you are all invited.

Monday 4th **THE STAR SERVICE** to be held at 4pm in the Mazarrón Tanatoria. A time to remember our loved ones, in **Christmas Carols** and poems.

We also invite you to our joint **Carol Service** with **Wellspring Victory Church** at 4pm on Tuesday 12th, in Mariano's, Sector A. We will be

accompanied by **The Harlequin Rock Choir**. So it's time to dig out those colourful **Christmas** jumpers and **Santa** hats to wear whilst enjoying the carols we all love.

Our Community Coffee Mornings will continue on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month (December 13th & 27th). These will be indoors as it is now getting cooler.

All English speaking services are held at 11am each Sunday.
December
3rd Songs of Praise -1st Advent
Sunday
10th Holy Communion
17th 9 Carols and Readings

24th Holy Communion (Christmas Eve Morning)
31st 5th Sunday Service

We hope to see you at some, or better still, all of the events during December. A very warm welcome awaits you.

Those of you returning to your home countries for **Christmas** and the New Year, I pray that you'll have a safe journey and a speedy return to us.

I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Christmas, and of course, **PEACE.**
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Well it's finally here, the month of December and a busy month for everyone including us. It feels like the whole of Spain takes a 6 week holiday, so we must make sure we have everything we need.



Our coach trip to Benidorm was fabulous raising much needed funds, with a wonderful group of happy people joining our "happy bus". Our next trip is to Aguilas **carnival** on 17th February which is sure to be spectacular and a "must see", so reserve your seats early with us now on 690 906 565. Save the 18th December in your diary as we will be trotting along to Camposol B car park with 1 or 2 of our long eared friends between 11am-1pm, offering our delicious warm mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies. We hope many of you can join us for a little **Christmas** tippie - it's our way of saying 'thank you' to everyone who has donated and supported us throughout the year and is a chance for you to meet a few of our well behaved donkeys.

Our boy **Snapdragon** continues on the road to recovery. Thankfully he doesn't need any help getting up now, but is still on special food to help with his laminitis. Feeding is a huge problem for us at the moment, with the Alfa not being good quality and such a high price, so we have switched to French Hay. We received our first delivery costing €5.500 - yes ... that's the correct price !! A lot of money to lay out all at once, but the stress of trying to find good quality Alfa at a decent price was getting unbearable .

The donkeys were a little unsure of the hay initially, but now they love it!! It's far better quality and less protein, so better for them. If only they would listen to what Momma says.



Wondering what to buy as a **Christmas** present? How about sponsoring one of our donkeys? We ask for a minimum of £10 or €10 a month (of course you can pay more) which will include:-

- Up to date details of **AAR's** work
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Alternatively you could make a donation if you prefer to help care for our 112 donkeys. Donations can be made via

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Every Monday we are at Camposol B car park, opposite the garage, 11.30am - 1.30pm to chat about sponsorship or drop off donations. We are very visible wearing our yellow t-shirts and with yellow panels on the side of our van. If you have larger items we can collect by prior arrangement. Otherwise, items can be dropped off at either of our shops in Roldan or Mazarrón between 10.30am - 1.30pm.



We would like to thank everyone at the **The Chronicle** for their generous advertising every month - we really appreciate it xx

As we come to the end of another year we would like to thank you all for your continued support. Sponsors, volunteers and donators, YOU make this happen. Without your help and support these precious animals wouldn't be here.

Have a wonderful **Christmas** filled with happiness and we wish you all Health and Happiness for 2024.

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As this year is coming to a close, we want to give thanks to all our congregation, our families and friends and for all those in our local communities for the love and support given throughout the year.

This is the season of good will and it is our intention as a church to share with our communities the reason for the season. So, as we go out and about in the communities, singing **carols** in various locations (listed in our poster) we will not be forgetting the real reason for **Christmas** celebrations, which of course is the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Jesus** came to earth to save us all from sin and to give us all the opportunity for eternal life. *(John 12:44-46 NIV*

44 Then Jesus cried out, "Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. 45 The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. 46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.)

Jesus gave to the poor, healed the sick and brought hope to the nations. Each year during our events we do a collection and that money is put back into the communities helping those in need. We have continued to support families and individuals and this year will be no different. We as a church would like to bring a little festive joy into people's lives with some fun and festive spirit and invite you all to come and join us at any or all of the **carol service** events. We as a church believe that without the love of **Jesus**, we perish so we want to give you the opportunity to taste that unconditional love.

Our **Christmas** outreach **carol concerts** are a way of doing just that by bringing a little bit of nostalgic joy at this very special time of year. Bringing communities and families together especially at **Christmas** when many people struggle with loneliness and are saddened by not having family members around them, it is important to show love. By having a church family alongside is like having a

surrogate family where we can all pull together and support one another in times of need. We all have opportunities to enhance people's lives, the only thing holding us back is our own mindset. **Jesus** shared the love of the Father to all, and we as Christians are to do just that. Do you want to be part of a church family?

Our services on a Sunday are just the beginning of a whole week of events that lead us to find that sense of love and belonging we all strive for.

If you are in need of that purpose or feeling of belonging, then why not start with coming along on a Sunday to see what it's all about! You will be very welcome no matter what struggles you come with. If that all seems too much at this moment, in time come and have a chat with any of us at the outreach **carol concerts!** We would love to get to know you more. We wish each and every one of you a blessed and enjoyable **Christmas** and let 2024 be your year of change.

(Romans 15:13 NIV May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.)



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Tuesday 12th December
Mariano's, Camposol Sector A
16:00-17:00

Thursday 14th December
Clover Bar, Condado
18:00-19:00

Monday 18th December
Camposol Sector D (The Triangle)
18:30-19:30

Tuesday 19th December
Camposol Sector B (Compusurf)
18.00-19.00

Wednesday 20th December
Candlelight Carol Service
Upstairs Trevi Bar Camposol Sector B
18:00-19:30



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What's On

What To Do, Where To Go

RED - Entertainment
ORANGE - Special menus
PURPLE - Market, exhibitions, leisure & meetings

GREEN - Charity & non-profit making events
BLACK - Fiestas & important events

Please refer to the relevant advert or editorial for more details of events

Every Day **Free 2 hour tour of Los Alcázares by bike to see Urban Art of Los Alcázares**

10am (December)

Free 90 minute tour of Los Alcázares by Tourist Train 11am (December)

Murcia Ice Rink Open (5.15-9.15pm, 12-9.15pm at weekends)

El Tiempo de la Crisálida Exhibition @ Museo Ciudad de Mula
 (Weds-Mon 10am-2pm & Fri/Sat 4.30-7.30pm)

Painting/Sculpture Exhibition @ Mojácar
 (Weds-Fri 9am-1pm/Sat & Sun 10am-2pm (16th-31st))

Breakfast @ The Old Market Tavern, Pto de Mazarrón (closed Mon)

Menu del Dia @ The Old Market Tavern, Pto de Mazarrón 13€
 or 13.50€ incl btl wine for 2 (closed Mon)

Menu del Dia @ Viggos, Pto de Mazarrón 14€ Mon/Wed/Thur/Fri 15€
 Sat all inc a drink

Menu del Dia @ La Herradura Argentinian Grill, Cartagena 17.90€/11€
 under 12's (Tues-Fri)

Every Mon **Market @ Alhama, San Pedro del Pinatar, Caravaca & Huerca Overa**

Camposol Free Community Sports Walking Football Training @ D7 9.30am

Camposol Free Community Sports Walking Football Game @ D7 10am

Friends of Mazarrón Animals Collection @ Camposol B Car Park
 10.30am-11am

Andrea's Animal Rescue Collection @ Camposol B Car Park
 11.30am-1.30pm

Every Tues **Market @ Alhama, La Union, Los Alcázares, Bullas, Jumilla & Los Gallardos**

Los Bandidos Cycle Ride from Mojácar Playa Tourist Office 9.25am

Camposol Free Community Sports Cards/Games/Dominoes @ Camposol A 1pm

San Javier Squalos Rugby @ San Javier (12-18 yrs 7.30pm/
 Men 8.30pm/Women 10pm)

Helping the Perrera Dogs Volunteering @ The Perrera
 (between Camposol & Mazarrón) 9am

GoMad available for collections @ Camposol A Car Park
 10.30am-12pm

Every Wed **Market @ Totana, Cartagena, San Javier, Santiago de Ribera, Cehegín, Yecla & Mojácar**

Los Bandidos Run/Walk/Jog from Best Indalo Hotel,
 Mojácar Playa 8.55am

Camposol C Gardening Group Clean Up 9am/D Gardening Team Work 9am



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Camposol Free Community Sports Table Tennis @ Mazarrón
 Pavilion 10am
Los Bandidos Sea Swimming Club @ Boracay Beach,
 Garrucha 1.15pm
Camposol Free Community Sports Walking Netball @
 Condado de Alhama 4pm
Women's Choir Rehearsals @ Mojácar 8pm
Pilarmonics Rehearsals @ Centro Civico,
 Dolores de Pacheco 6.45pm



Every Thurs Market @ San Javier, Lo Pagan & Lorca
Los Bandidos Cycle Ride from Mojácar Playa Tourist Office 9.25am
Camposol Free Community Sports Walking Football Training @
 D7 9.30am
Camposol Free Community Sports Walking Football Game @
 D7 10am
Guided Tour of Lorca Castle in English 4€ 10.30am
Los Amigos de Mazarrón FC Meeting @ Camposol A 4pm
Free Memory Workshop @ Centro de Usos Múltiples, Mojácar Pueblo
 5pm (over 60`s)
San Javier Squalos Rugby @ San Javier (6-10 years 6pm/12-18 years
 7.30pm/Mens 8.30pm/Women 10pm)
Spangles Ladies A Capella Chorus Rehearsals @ Centro
 Municipal las Claras, Los Narejos 10.30am
Friends of Mazarrón Animals available for donations @
 Pto de Mazarrón 10-10.30am
Mazarrón AA Group Meeting @ Cañadas de Gallego 5.30pm
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Every Fri Market @ El Pareton, Calasparra, Garrucha & Puerto Lumbreras
Camposol D Bucket Collection @ The Hut, 9.30am-12pm
Camposol Free Community Sports Walking Football @
 D7 10.15am
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Fish & Chips @ Viggos, Pto de Mazarrón
Helping the Perrera Dogs Volunteering @ The Perrera
 (between Camposol & Mazarrón) 9am
FAST Desk @ Camposol B 10.30am-12.30pm
Friends of Mazarrón Animals Collection @ Isla Plana Social
 Centre 1-1.30pm



Every Sat Market @ Fuente Alamo, Mazarrón, Los Narejos, Torre Pacheco,
 Moratalla, Mula, Aguilas & Vera
Los Bandidos Run/Walk/Jog from Best Indalo Hotel, Mojácar
 Playa 8.55am
Camposol Free Community Sports Walking Netball @
 Condado de Alhama 10am
Eco Park 'Coto de las Maravillas' open @ Cehegín 10am-5pm
Antique & Collectable Market @ Aguilas 10am
San Javier Squalos Rugby @ San Javier (6-10 yrs 10am)
Guided Visit @ La Bastida, Totana 10am/12pm from 2.50€



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Guided Visit Museum of the Tower of Santiago @

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Archaeological See of Begastri @ Cehegín 10am-2pm

Harlequin Rock Choir Rehearsals @ The Social Centre,
Camposol B 1.30pm

Every Sun

Market @ Cabo de Palos

Antique and Second Hand Market @ Cañadas del Romero 8am-1pm

Dog Club Meeting @ Bolnuevo Beach 9am

Car Boot Sale @ Camposol A

Rastro Market @ Mojácar Pueblo

Los Bandidos Cycle Ride from Mojácar Playa Tourist Office 9.25am

Eco Park 'Coto de las Maravillas' open @ Cehegín 10am-5pm

Guided Visit @ La Bastida, Totana 10am/12pm from 2.50€

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Archaeological See of Begastri @ Cehegín 10am-2pm

Free Guided Tour of Murcia City 11am

Sunday Lunch @ The Old Market Tavern, Pto de Mazarrón

13.50€ (Lamb 14.50)



DECEMBER

Saturday 2

WARM Walk – Moratalla

Mojácar Duathlon @ Marina de la Torre

ADAPT Theatre Group 'Ali Baba' & 4½ Thieves @

San Pedro del Pinatar 4€ 7pm

FMA Pop Up Market feat Harlequin Rock Choir @ Isla Plana 10.30am

Sunday 3

Santa Bárbara-Archivel, Caravaca (until 8th)

San Francisco Javier, San Javier

GastroArte @ Jumilla (food/wine/music/exhibitions)

Artisan Market @ Bullas 9am-2pm & Santiago de la Ribera
10am-2pm

**Free 3km Guided Tour of Sierra Espuña (suitable for
anyone over 6)** 10.30am

Sailing Association Mar Menor Race Day 10am

Adapt Theatre Group 'Ali Baba & The 4.5 Thieves @ San Pedro del
Pinatar 4€ 12pm

Mazarrón FC v Pinatarese (away)

Monday 4

Santa Bárbara, Mazarrón

Mini Market @ La Zona Bar, Los Narejos 10am-1pm

Tuesday 5

Free Tour of Los Baños Archaeological Museum in English @

Alhama 11am

Monthly 'B' Clean Meeting @ Camposol B 4pm

Wed 6

Día de la Constitución

Medieval Market @ Caravaca (until 10th)

Fiestas del Virgen, Yecla

SWARM Walk – San Pedro del Pinatar

Friday 8

Immaculada Concepción

La Purísima, Mazarrón

Saturday 9

WARM Walk – Casas Nuevas

10km Free Guided Walk Macenas Castle/Sombrerico/

Macenas Castle, Mojácar 10am

Wildlife Recovery Centre Open Day @ El Valle Regional Park (ideal for children)

Sunday 10

Santa Eulalia, Totana

Artisan Market @ Mula & Santiago de la Ribera 10am-2pm





Free Guided Tour of Cabo Cope Regional Park (4.7km) 9.30am
Sailing Association Mar Menor Race Day 10am
Wildlife Recovery Centre Open Day @ El Valle Regional Park
 (ideal for children)

Tuesday 12 Paws y Patas Book Sale @ Mojácar Playa 10.30am-1pm

Wed 13 St Nicholas Church Community Coffee Morning @ Camposol D20 9.30am-12.30pm

Thursday 14 Friends of Mazarrón Animals Pop Up Market @ Camposol A

Saturday 16 Artisan Market @ Paseo de las Comunidades, Pto de Mazarrón 10am-2pm
6km Free Guided Walk, Las Huertas, Mojácar 10am
Discover the history of Mr Gillman/Railway Route @ Aguilas 11am
Children's Choir Performance @ Alhama 11am
WARM Walk – El Mingrano
Free Guided Tour of Historic Lorca 5pm

Sunday 17 Artisan Market @ Caravaca & Santuario de la Esperanza, Calasparra 10am-6pm
Mazarrón FC v Cabezo de Torres

Monday 18 Los Reyes Golf Society v Fuente Old Guards Golf Society
Competition Mini Market @ La Zona Bar, Los Narejos 10am-1pm

Saturday 23 WARM and SWARM Walk – Cehegín

Sunday 24 Christmas Eve (Noche Buena)
Artisan Market @ Cehegín

Monday 25 Christmas Day (Día de Navidad)

Tuesday 26 Boxing Day

Wed 27 St Nicholas Church Community Coffee Morning @ Camposol D20 9.30am-12.30pm

Saturday 30 3km Free Guided Walk of Mojácar Old Town (ideal for families) 11am
Free Guided Tour of the Urban Art of Los Alcázares by Lantern 9pm

Sunday 31 New Year's Eve (Nochevieja)
SWARM Walk – Mula



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Mazarrón Country Club Open Golf Championship



Another great event for the hardy golfers of Mazarrón Country Club for the annual championship held this year at Altorreal Golf. 26 men and 2 ladies played the beautiful golf course in high heat at the end of September and prizes were given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place men's, and 1st for ladies. A prize for nearest the pin on all par 3's and a prize for the best guest score.

In addition to prizes awarded, a **raffle and auction** also took place with money raised being split between two **charities**.



So congratulations to all participants and to organisers and here's to our next tournament in September 2024. Here are a few pictures from the day.



SPORTS

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Division one winner KEVIN with captain GARY AHEARNE

Our game for October was on 25th and at the very tricky course at Desert Springs. The day was warm and bright and the staff were very friendly and helpful so everything was set for a great day of golf.

JIM NIBLO was the man to beat in division two with 32 points on his score card which proved to be the highest score overall with **KEVIN JONES**



Division two winner JIM with GARY

in division one close behind with 31 points. Runnerup in these divisions were **DAVE MITCHEL** in division two with 29 points and **MARK PALMER** with 30 points in division one. Meanwhile in division three **ROY ALDERSLADE** was ahead of the rest with 27 points with **DREW STEWART** in second place with 23 points. Nearest the pin winners were Jim and Mark and also Eddie and our guests **RICHARD** and **STUART** with the 40€ twos pot going to **PAUL DAVIS** with a fantastic chip shot in from off



ROY, winner of division three

the green. Other presentations were the order of merit prizes to Mark Palmer, Jim Niblo and HANS HEDENDAHL. The 2024 captains shirt was presented to **MALCOLM ARCHIBALD**.

Our next game is our annual inter society match against **LOS REYES** on December 18th.

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24 **Los Bandidos** runners participated in the 17th race in the Circuito de Carreras Populares Diputación de Almería 2023 on Saturday 28th October. The 7km course went through the town then up and down the very steep hill to the Castillo, with the race finishing on the Paseo.



Support from **Los Bandidos** friends and family was absolutely amazing with lots of cheering, waving and encouragement, all of which really helped get the runners to the finish.

The winner finished in 23:09, with the first lady in 25:57. 163 runners crossed the finish line. Trophies were awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each age group as well as to the overall winners.

The **Los Bandidos** ladies took home nine trophies and one trophy in the sub-14 category. The tough hill was recognised on the trophies with an inscription 'subida al castillo'.

Los Bandidos top 3 results (position, name, times and age group prizes)

49	Gail Colville	29:08	(2nd F)
67	Steve Murton	30:33	
68	David Jones	30:34	

In the Sub-14 category Guillermo Moscardo Cherel finished in 5th place in a time of 06:40 (3rd M).

Full results can be found at <https://www.cruzandolameta.es/clasificaciones/v2/pulpi-circuito-de-carreras-populares-diputacion-de-almeria-2023---1857/#clasificaciones>



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Los Bandidos trophy haul at Gador

13 **Los Bandidos** runners participated in the 18th and last race in the Circuito de Carreras Populares Diputación de Almería 2023 on 11th November. The 9km course was partly through the town, partly on tracks through the campo and finished on a long, steady hill with a steep downhill to the finish line in front of the Ayuntamiento.



The winner finished in 31:24, with the first lady in 34:59. 141 runners crossed the finish line. Trophies were awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each age group as well as to the overall winners.

Los Bandidos took home nine trophies. The overall winners won their own weight in fresh oranges!

Los Bandidos top 3 results (position, name, times and age group prizes)

36	Gail Colville	39:46	(2nd F)
49			



Steve Slack 41:55 (3rd E-M)
83 Paul Darcy 48:38 (3rd F-M)
In the Sub-14 category Guillermo Moscardo Cherel finished in 7th place in a time of 11:04.

Full results: <https://www.cruzandolameta.es/clasificaciones/v2/gador-circuito-de-carreras-populares-diputacion-de-almeria-2023---1858/#clasificaciones>

At the end of the 18 race series, **Los Bandidos** picked up a total of 20 1st place, 22 2nd place and 21 3rd place trophies!

Los Bandidos was set up in June 2018 with a small group running the 5k Mojácar Paseo and now has road cycling, sea swimming and triathlon groups. All ages, nationalities and speeds are welcome, whether permanent residents or holiday makers. **Los Bandidos** are keen to integrate and support the local community. We are currently collecting non-perishable food and toiletries for the **Red Cross Food Bank**.

We are very sociable and most sessions are followed by a post-activity coffee, cake or breakfast, depending on the time of day. Follow us on Facebook to keep up-to-date with our latest activities (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/490933409244200>).

We look forward to seeing you soon.



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Caldero Day

Why on earth were these 12 people, some of advancing years, dressed in striped shirts, white pants and hats, prancing around in unison? Why the **SAMM Flash Dance** of course, in Los Alcazares on October 12th, **Dia de la Hispanidad**, where hundreds take to the beach to celebrate, with many clubs, groups, association and families reserving a pitch with the town hall.

SAMM has participated for more than ten years, erecting a marquee and banner along with B-B-Q's and tables.

This year's **Flash Dance** 'Sailors Hornpipe' routine was choreographed by Christine and included swabbing decks, hauling on ropes, climbing rigging and drinking grog, all simulated of course. Everybody agreed it was a great social event, but now it's time to get back to the serious sailing and Sunday Race Days.

Honours Shared

After a four week interruption due to events being held at CTD, 12 **SAMM** sailors in 5 boats were racing again on October 22nd. In a good ENE wind of 11/13 knots the first race start was a shambles due to radio interference confusing the countdown.

Before racing the crew on **Vision** had to complete some repairs, so she started 6 minutes late but her finish position showed an excellent performance to make up this deficit.

The race was marred by incidents.

Dos went to mark 2 and had to return to mark 1, losing the lead. **Ginetta** hit mark 2 and got tangled in its mooring line.

Sirocco didn't pass through the gate on lap 3 and had to return. All reflected in the widely spaced final lap times.

The second race was better. **Vision** crossed the line 2 seconds after the signal and all boats crossed within 46 seconds.

After they overhauled **Vision**, there was a fantastic battle for the whole of the race between the leading two boats, **Dos** and **Cuatro**, with the lead changing several times. Eventually **Cuatro** triumphed. At the rear, another close battle was fought between **Sirocco** and **Ginetta**. This resulted in even more incidents; a collision at the gate at the end of lap 2. No damage and only pride hurt. Then **Sirocco** lost out by again not going through



Vision 2 21.05.23



Cuatro 20.09.23

the gate on lap 3 and then had another near collision with **Vision** at the end of lap 4. Not a good race for **Sirocco's** crew.



Vision and Cuatro Reflections 4.12.22

The honours were shared as **Cuatro** won the first race with **Vision** second only for the order to be reversed for the second race with **Dos** third in both. Average lap times and results after handicaps applied.



Winners 22.10.23

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Second race: Vision 391 secs, Cuatro 401 secs, Dos 445 secs.

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Hacienda Match Report

We played our November game at one of the longest courses in Murcia, Hacienda del Alamo.

As well as the length, the numerous bunkers were very inconveniently located and scoring proved hard on what is a challenging course for most of our members. We teed off in lovely conditions, but the weather turned very warm after lunchtime.

Winner of Division 1 with a score of 30 points was Dave



Division 1 winner Dave Hudson



Division 2 winner Dave Gautier



Nearest the pin winners

Hudson with Roger Olorenshaw and Mark Palmer on 28 and 27 points respectively. Dave Gautier won Division 2 with a score of 25 points closely followed by Paul Livingstone and Peter Kirke both on 24 points. Nearest the pin winners on the long par 3s were Graham Booth (5th), Dave Hudson (8th), Mark

Palmer (12th) and Alan Benton (15th).

The two's money was won by Graham Booth.

Our next fixture is at Aguilon on December 18th.

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Straight Down the Middle Golf Society

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There was a change in schedule for **Straight Down the Middle Golf Society's** October competition. Originally we were due to play Lorca Golf, but a short notice change meant that we played at Alhama Signature, Condado de Alhama instead.



Winner Section A - Jeff Womersley

show that you should not believe everything that you see on Facebook!!

The fairways had a good covering of grass and the greens were in great condition. If you are



Runner Up Section A - Ian Frost

Section A Winner - Jeff Womersley
Runner Up - Ian Frost

Section B Winner - Kevin Ruddick (on count back)
Runner Up - Lawrence Willey



Winner and Runner Up Section B - Kevin Ruddick and Lawrence Willey

Nearest Pin
Hole 3 - Mick Wheeler
Hole 17 - Keith Docking

There was scepticism amongst some players due to the discouraging reports some people had read on Facebook, but everyone was very pleasantly surprised by the condition of the course and I for one enjoyed it so much that I went back the following week with a visitor from the UK to play it again. It goes to

a golfer that has not played the course recently (or even if you have - it will have improved) I would recommend a visit. Our thanks go to all the staff at Alhama Signature for all the hard work they have put in to make the course somewhere near its previous condition, and for giving us a very enjoyable day's golf.

Results:

Our December competition will see us have our annual coach trip to Mojácar to play Marina Golf, followed by a year end prize giving dinner.



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Camposol Golf Association Men's Wednesday Group

25th October



Wed. Winners 25th Oct.

The **C.G.A.** Competition was a team event, with 27 players taking to the course making 6 four balls and one three ball. The format was a Stableford played off the white tees with a full handicap, 4 scores to count on the front 9, and on the back nine it was 3 scores to count.

The results were as follows:

- 1st N. Morgan, J. Layland, S. Rowbotham and T. Andrew. 109 points
- 2nd K. McGibney, D. Griffiths, D. Hopkins and T. Colvin. 107 points
- 3rd R. Lawrenson, H. Pearson and D. Plant Card picked 101 points

Football Card Winner T. Andrew with Queens Park Rangers.



Wed. Winners 1st Nov.

Thanks to D. Plant and R. Lawrenson for the presentation.

1st November

The **C.G.A.** played a bogey Competition

Division 1

- D. Deegan 5 up
- J. Layland 2 up C. B.
- Paco 2 up
- E. Toye 1 up C. B.

Division 2

- B. Purkis 4 up
- T. Andrew 1 up
- S. Dixon All square
- P. Coulstock 1 down C. B.

Six 2s, I. Stevenson 2

K. McGibney, E. Toye, D. Griffiths, N. Smith, K. Halliwell.

Thanks to John for sorting Division 1 and Derek Division 2.

Eugene Toye C.G.A. Competition Secretary

Camposol Golf Association Charity Quiz

This took place on 10th November, the proceeds of which are for **MABS** and **Forget Me Not**. We had a fun night with Brian Tape as M.C. and Quiz Master. Many thanks to those who came along making it a successful evening raising €580 for these worthy causes. Also, many thanks to those of you who donated prizes for the **raffle**. Thanks must also go to the Trevi staff who were very helpful for sorting out the tables, service etc. Their Fish & Chips are delicious.

C. de Golf Stuart Smith Memorial Competition

This yearly competition was played on 7th November, the event being a commemorative day for the tenth anniversary of the Stuart Smith Memorial. Jean Smith very kindly donated some prizes and a magnificent cup, which was presented to the winner with the highest score.

Results:

Ladies

- 1st - Mary Armitage 39 points presented with the Stuart Smith Memorial cup



Maura 2nd in Stuart Smith Comp.

2nd - Maura Parson 33

Mens

- 1st - Glenn Elliott 37
- 2nd - Dave Plant 36
- 3rd - Trev Andrew C/B 36

NTP's Martin Gearey, Rob Greatley, Alastair Rae, Bill Donald, Jean O'Connor

Men's Longest Drive on Hole 2 - Rob Greatley Ladies Straightest Drive Hole 16 - Liz Wakefield



Mary Winner of the Stuart Smith Memorial Trophy

Thank you to Jean Smith again for her generosity in making the day extra special and presenting the winners with their prizes. The competition was concluded with some lucky losers randomly picked from players' cards, all of whom won a bottle of wine. Congratulations also to Ken Halley as the winner of the football card.

Thanks as always for your continued support.

Alison Vasey Club Captain

Betty Roberts



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Camposol Walking Football Club (CWFC)

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Charity Challenge

Over 4 Sundays during October, teams competed to sell the most items on the Boot Sale at Mariano's with all money going to **charity**. Teams sourced their own items and donations came from various sources. Teams dressed up, got right into the spirit of the competition and became Del Boy Trotters overnight. Team 4 raised the most money on the day by a few euros but the ladies team managed to sell some better items on 'Market Place' and were declared the winners. A grand total of €955 was raised between the teams and the club rounded this up and presented €500 each to **Camposol Community Shopping Bag** and **Mazarrón Futbol Base**.



level. The **CWFC** blue team, whilst not scoring a goal in their 4 games, remained competitive and at no point were they outclassed. The **CWFC** white team managed to win 3 and draw 1 and remained unbeaten. It was pleasing to see in their first game against **Portobello** come back from 1-nil and 2-1 down to record a 3-2 victory. It was disappointing in their final game against **Portobello** when going 2-nil up they let them back to a 2 all draw. All teams and supporters returned to one of sponsors, Rendezvous Café on Sector A, for pie and chips and a few drinks.

a mixture of male and female players. Some modified rules were put in place because of the ability ranges and no shooting



was allowed unless with the side foot; some players took this more literally than others and some refs needed better eyesight than supporters who disagreed with the decisions. A great couple of hours of football with over 30 players taking to the pitch in 5 a-side games. Whilst the day was competitive it was played in good spirits. The winners of the cup were **Crazinos** captained by Carole McMullan. Male player of the tournament was the newest member of the club, the Spanish wonder keeper, Alejandro Campos Garcia. The new Ladies Captain Michelle 'Micky' Goodman was voted female player of the tournament and a closely fought top goal scorer competition was won by Danny Lee with 4 goals. All the players and supporters were then treated to a BBQ and drinks whilst medals and trophies were handed out. We would like to thank Marty Freed at Los Balcones for sponsoring the competition.



Friendlies

Entre Naranjos who agreed to play us on 26th October had to pull out last minute and we were delighted that **Portobello Shamrocks WFC** agreed to travel up and play. We managed to put out 2 sides with an opportunity for those who do not play regular in tournaments to get games at a competitive



Presidents' Cup

On 30th October players descended on Los Balcones to compete in the annual **Presidents' Cup**. Players were split into roughly even teams with a mixture of abilities and all teams having

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CAÑÓN DE ALMADENES + THE HAUNTED HOUSE were visited on Sunday 15th October by Jackie, Rick, Harvey and Andy on a lovely sunny, but not too hot a day.

Meeting at Venta Reales Restaurant for morning coffee at the Cieza junction on the RM714 we made our way to the Cave entrance which is a locked metal door used by visitors when exploring the cave with a guide. There was a party already down in the Cave so not to miss the opportunity Jackie, Harvey and Andy went down to have a look. Unfortunately, as the Tours are a paid experience they were asked to leave but at least they have the chance to say, "I've done that".

Quickly setting up the **Drones**, all 4 of us flying in our own



way with Harvey and Jackie sitting at the canyon edge with their Avata's using the FPV (First Person View) option with Goggles and Handheld controllers. They were a bit braver than Andy and I who were on level ground at the top and as he and I discussed later were a bit hesitant of flying down into

the gorge in case of a crash or loss. The Avata's tho' were flying along, down and up with their unique sound. I think I got down to about 50 feet below the top and managed to fly about half a kilometre along the gorge before coming up to ease the tension and heart rate to film some of the surrounding views - amazing.



At the cave entrance that faces the gorge, there is a viewing platform for visitors to venture outside and view the gorge left and right. The height from the River Segura to the top is more than 100 metres, so a head for heights is advisable if you go to visit. To visit the Cave, book through the Tourist Office in Cieza.

We all managed to get some good flying time in before heading off to the "Haunted House" near the Presa de la Mulata. If you do the sedate River Segura River Rafting, the end point passes the House which is clearly visible at the top of hill. Whilst the surrounding area of the house is a great open space with little need to avoid trees etc, anywhere near water - especially if you fly over it is always a bit risky

- and it was unfortunate that Wallbanger (one of the Avata's) decided to take a dive and passed a way peacefully enjoying views of fish and fauna in the murky chalky waters of the Segura. A sad day after such a great morning. Lunch was booked at Venta Reales, so packing up with a short drive to the restaurant soon had us sitting down raising a glass to the fallen whilst enjoying a good meal. Very friendly staff, clean and not too bad price wise - for some!



If you would like any information on buying a **Drone** or want to come along to see them fly or just to watch some videos, check out **Drone Seekers International** on Facebook where you can find all the details of where your local or country groups are located. It is worldwide.

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Mazarrón FC have continued their good start to the season by winning eight of their first nine games of the season and the only blemish to the record was a very disappointing loss at Los Garres by 2-1 on 5th November. The lack of a recognised striker in the squad was there for everyone to see in that game and it was not until late in the game that Mazarrón scored their goal. This lack of a recognised goal scorer also showed in the latest game on 12th November against local rivals Bala Azul and the Club have to thank their goalkeeper for saving a penalty in the closing minutes of the game to secure the win. Tabora, the Club captain scored the only goal of the game, also from the penalty spot.

The recently appointed well respected manager, Juan Andreo, has left the Club after a dispute with the owners. His place has been taken by another ex Mazarrón player Roberto Carlos Lucas, aka Keny. It is hoped that the change does not affect the performances of the squad. The change has certainly led to a lot of speculation amongst **Los Amigos** members and a lot of

sympathy for the ex manager. The Club's home games are normally played on Sundays, with varying kick-off times. However, the times are not normally known until the Tuesday before the day of the game. Full details of all games, dates and kick-off times are advertised in the local media and on our own **Los Amigos de Mazarron FC** facebook page, fb.me//mazarron2016 and will be shown on posters at various points throughout Camposol and Mazarrón, if these are available.

Forthcoming fixtures for December and early January 2024 are:-
 3rd December Pinatarese
 17th December Cabezo de Torres
 7th January Calasparra
 14th January Algezares

Match day admission prices at home games are:-
 10€ for adults and 5€ for juveniles with under 12's free at present.

The **Los Amigos** bar at the ground opens an hour before each home game for the sale of tea, coffee soft drinks and some snacks. If

you go to a game, please pay it a visit as unless it is used, the Committee will consider closing it. There is no news on reopening the bar for the sale of alcohol so this will not be on sale and please remember not to bring alcohol into the ground because of the police ban that is in force at the moment.

As usual during the season **Los Amigos** will take a coach of supporters to as many away games as costs will allow. On some of these occasions we will be hoping to fill the match day by arranging a pre-match meal before the games, as we have always done in the past. These occasions will be advertised beforehand on our Facebook page and at the **Los Amigos** weekly meetings.

Finally, **Los Amigos** hold weekly meetings each Thursday at 4pm at Mariano's, Camposol A. Business meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month, also at Mariano's, which only members are allowed to attend.

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DREAMS DO COME TRUE
By: Chrissie Cremore

Yes, they do and after almost 4 years the dream of living in a caring and loving family home finally arrived for **Jamie**.



On 3rd November 2019 like many other dogs, a distressed and forlorn looking Pitbull was left tied to the **PAWS-PATAS** shelter gate. Frightened, hungry, very thin and with terrible wounds and ears cut to give a more menacing look, the dog, estimated to be about 5 years old was named **Jamie** by one of the long standing volunteers. It didn't take long to find out that **Jamie** was indeed a huge softie and he became a firm favourite with all the other volunteers and dog walkers. **Jamie** was also suffering from leishmaniasis. The disease can be treated with lifelong medication; allowing the dog to lead a normal life. There is no cure. Shelter Manager, Vanessa Maipauw was also aware that it would not be easy finding someone to adopt him. Although Spain does not have breed-specific bans, there are restrictions on certain ones including Pitbulls. There was a massive sigh of relief for **Jamie**

in August 2021 when he was adopted by an English couple but sadly, due to Brexit rules, after a couple of months he was taken back to the shelter because they had to return to the UK. Another stressful episode in his dear life.



Recently the magic wand was waved again and a couple contacted Vanessa stipulating that they were keen to rescue an elderly dog and didn't mind if there were any health issues. Whilst on holiday in Spain, they came to visit him and were immediately taken with his calm and friendly manner and at almost 9 years old, **Jamie** finally found his "golden bed", adorable parents and a safe and secure home.

Christine Logan, a volunteer for the past 5 years fell instantly in love with **Jamie** and felt a very special bond between them. Unfortunately, she was unable to adopt because she already had 4 of her own. However, **Jamie** occasionally accompanied her when she planned a fundraising event walking a million steps; raising



€ 2,000. And just last year Christine thought of another wacky way to raise much needed funds and decided upon a sleepover with **Jamie** in his kennel; collecting a further €1,800 from the generous public. Being the second longest resident at the shelter, Christine decided that **Jamie** couldn't leave without a farewell party and he enjoyed a steak dinner plus a specially decorated cake...and another sleepover snuggle with her. There wasn't a dry eye at the shelter as the volunteers waved him farewell, happy, happy tears to see this beautiful boy free at last.



The charity needs voluntary help in so many different areas and if you have even just



a spare few hours a week to help with dog walking, administration (from home), fundraising, shelter shopping, transporting the dogs, please visit the website or email us. We are also looking for a motor home or caravan if you have one you no longer want (email chrissie@paws-patas.org) Thank you

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It's been another busy past month for the **Los Palacios Gardening & Community Group**.

We were very busy working on the Memorial Park in readiness for this year's **Remembrance Service**. We had 10 tonnes of gravel and 6 tonnes of sand delivered in October and we would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped lay this and a big thanks to **D Gardening Group** who also came along to help. We cut the palms, pruned the roses, oleander and the small trees. It was an amazing turnout

on the day with over 300 people attending.

Did you know that we do a frequent (almost weekly) litter picking run around Sector A and we collect on average around 5 large bags of rubbish on every run. So although you might not always notice, the gardening group is always there.



We still need more volunteers to help with gardening, litter picking and also the library (opens on a Friday), but even if you can only volunteer one Friday a month it will help us enormously!



And also don't forget our face book page - **Los Palacios Gardening & Community Group**.

ENTERTAINMENT

INDALO PLAYERS

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WORLD PREMIERE
FOR INDALO PLAYERS
By: Chrissie Cremore

After leaving school at 16, Janet's heart was set on becoming an actress. Whilst working in the lighting gallery in The Maidenhead Theatre Group, Janet met her future husband Jim Franklin who was working as a BBC television editor and was advising the group about sound techniques. Four years later, Janet at the tender age of 22 married Jim, 30 who had now become a BBC TV Director which culminated in him winning a BAFTA award, presented by Princess Anne for his work on Ripping Yarns. He also directed The Goodies for many years and became involved in The Frost Report.

Once settled in Spain in 1993, Janet wanted to continue her 'passion' for theatre and this was soon satisfied when she met a local man, Paul Woolliscroft, who was performing small theatrical pieces in the bars of Mojácar and they decided to form a local drama group and 25 years ago Indalo Players was born. Janet took on the major task of directing 'Oh What A Lovely War' which toured through many bars in Mojácar;

receiving critical acclaim from the locals.

With the 25th anniversary of **Indalo Players** arriving in 2024, Janet wants to direct Vernon Coleman's comedy '**Mrs Caldicot's Cabbage War**'. After seeing this charming 2003 film, quite by chance on television, starring Pauline Collins and John Alderton, Janet contacted the author's agent asking for permission to perform the play. The writer wrote back advising that the play had never been performed on stage anywhere in the world and that he would be happy to waive the royalty fee. Janet felt that the play didn't have quite enough 'body', so with the help of local writer Bill White, he has incorporated some of the films dialogue which has enhanced the stage version immensely.



Janet, who is now a sprightly and extremely active 80 year old, is thrilled to work on this production. Although Janet prefers acting to directing, once her Taurean mind is set in stone,

her diligent, conscientiousness, earnest application plus laser-like precision is tireless and meticulous in what she wants to deliver to the audience. Janet says "it's not a cast of thousands but there are 22 integral characters and I also know that I have found Almeria's answer to Pauline Collins! This is a World Premiere and I am thrilled and delighted to produce and direct this fun, family comedy. The story deals with quite a poignant ageing scenario but it's a play that allows you to just sit back, relax, be entertained and laugh!"

'Mrs Caldicot's Cabbage War' will be performed in 3 theatres in Bedar, Arboleas and Los Gallardos during March 2024. Details of dates and where to purchase tickets will be advertised during February 2024.

Amateur Dramatics is about the love of theatre and participants are called 'amateurs' simply because they don't get paid...not because they are unable to perform a first class production to entertain. And here comes a First Class Premiere to celebrate the long-standing **Indalo Players Theatre Group!**

For Further Information, please email: chrissie.3@hotmail.co.uk



CHARITY



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The end of October saw the second of **FAST's** major fundraising event of the month with the annual **FAST Charity Golf Day** taking place on Saturday 28th. The weather was perfect and the atmosphere was amazing. The competition itself was very closely contested with only 0.6 between first and second place, but the overall winners and taking the trophy were Colin Reid, Dennis Jones, Neil Smith and Hayley Barker. Our thanks go to Stuart and his team at The Clubhouse, Club Captain Alison Vasey and her committee and to KSK for entertaining us on the sunny terrace.



(one of the founding members of **FAST**). Congratulations to all those who won prizes.

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Our thanks too to Pete Evans who made a spectacular job of auctioneering the air fryer provided by **Euronics** and the golf bag donated by Rob Greatley of Sunshine Golf Services – congratulations to our winning bidders.

What we need from you:

- *No previous medical/first aid background necessary
- *Living in Camposol either full time or for extended periods
- *Current driving licence, valid in Spain
- *Commitment to provide a quality service to the people of Camposol (with shifts chosen by you)
- *Enthusiasm



Special thanks also to our golf hole sponsors: **The Salon, CM Constructions, Nighthawk Couriers, Premier Healthcare, Villaquest, HH Painting Services, 247 Locksmithspain, Mister Print, Liberty Seguros, Camposol Property Sales, The English Funeral Director, Currencies Direct, Mercers, IBEX, Branded, To Let To Sell To Buy and Alison Vasey (Camposol Golf Club Captain).** We are incredibly fortunate to have such fantastic businesses within our community who regularly turn up trumps for supporting **FAST**.

Whilst our successful fund raising activities are fun for the community we have to remember that our core function of providing a first responder capability for Camposol community is paramount.

If you are interested in joining us please email us at president_fast@outlook.com or join us on a Tuesday morning at The Social Centre, Campo sol Sector B between 10am-12pm

To this end we are desperate to bring new responders on board to deliver the life saving service that is your First Aid Support Team (**FAST**). Without additional responders we will be unable to provide a functional service. We are hoping to run a new responder course early in the New Year (probably February), so if you are able, please consider joining us:

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This year the **Royal British Legion** Murcia Branch Committee decided that because of the size of the Murcia Region the 2023 **Armistice Day Service** should be held at New Sierra Golf Resort in Roldan, where there is already a memorial in place.

This is the second year that the Murcia Branch of the **Royal British Legion** have held our own **Armistice Day Service** in the region of Murcia, this year presided over by Padre Johnny Gallagher of **Wellspring Victory Church**.

The **Royal British Legion** are the Official Custodians of the Act of Remembrance and have been since 1921.

The very first "Armistice Evening" took place at the then "Albert Hall" on the evening of the 11th November 1923 marking this year as a centennial year for the **Royal British Legion's Festival of Remembrance** at the Royal Albert Hall in London.

The Murcia Branch's **Armistice Day Service** was well attended and we will be there to support our Serving Members, Veterans, and their families for many years to come.

Once the **Poppy** Count is completed and all monies verified, we will announce the total figure raised for the Murcia Region. We would like to show our appreciation to the **Ex Serviceman's Association Mazarrón District**

España for their assistance again with helping with this year's **Poppy** Appeal raising funds in the Mazarrón area.

Thank you to each and every person who put money into a



Poppy Tin, and those who held functions and events to raise much needed funds to help our serving men, woman, veterans and their families. The **Mar Menor Frolics Golf Society** held their annual Golf tournament in support of the **Royal British Legion**. Every penny raised in Spain is spent right here in Spain. Once again, thank you!

Thank you also to The Diner on Camposol B Commercial Centre in Mazarrón for holding a **quiz** in aid of the Murcia Branch of the **Royal British Legion**, raising 224€. Thank you to Jay (the owner) and his staff and of course their quizmaster and our former chairperson Carl Thomas and to Maureen Gritt.

The Murcia Branch also held a **quiz** at Bar Lavadero, Cehegín and raised another amazing amount of 211.67€ for the **Royal British Legion**.

At this point we would also like to thank and acknowledge the huge support that the **The Chronicle** staff, their customers and contributors have shown towards

the **Royal British Legion** for more than 15 years and who continue to support us during our **Poppytide** (for which 6 years has been with the Murcia Branch of the **Royal British Legion Spain**).

If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the following email or telephone numbers:

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We now look forward to December. The Murcia Branch of the **Royal British Legion** will be holding their **Christmas Party** on 16th December at Le Fama in Cehegín. Transport will be available from the Camposol area to Cehegin and return. Please see the poster for details.

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