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Happy New Year! Here we are in 2024 and The Chronicle is now 24 years old! We'd like to kick off the year with a few announcements:

1.We'd like to shine a light on our founders, Patti and Bob and collectively wish them a prosperous 2024!

2.News Flash!!! You will see that we have now merged with a new magazine. This move will enable The Chronicle Media Group to grow both in print and online

Spain!

3.Don't forget to re-cycle your Christmas cards (or any other cards you may have saved throughout the year). The recycling points in Mazarrón area are at the Correos and Best Wishes (both at Camposol B), Post Room Sector A Camposol and Noah's

and we're excited about this new

development. From page 43 you

can now read all about A Life in

Arc in Pto de Mazarrón. It saves them from going to landfill and are recycled by craft groups and charities.

4."Following the retirement of Phil and Sue after many years of successfully running Healthy H20, we're delighted to congratulate the new owners, Tom & Louise, on their new venture and wish them many years of continued success and welcome them to The Chronicle."

5. Finally, our new year's resolution is to be better than last year. What's yours?

That's all for now. Wishing you all the best for the New Year as we look forward to what's in store for 2024!

All the best,

Oz and Laura!

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Hello to all our **Country & Western** fans. Hope you all had a great **Christmas** and are looking forward to the **New Year.** 

Our December **dance** was a great success with the guest singer Micky Bronson entertaining us and we will try & get him back some time this year.



Also, we must say a welcome back

to our German friends - it's nice to see you back at Camposol again.

Our next **dance** is on January 25<sup>th</sup> so come along & enjoy the music or even do some **line dancing**.

Here's hoping for a great 2024.

Brian

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The cooler weather, and festive celebrations did not deter the maintenance Green **Fingers** team and volunteers from doing their weekly upkeep. The last four weeks has seen them do much pruning along the dual carriageway as well as weeding some of the larger open spaces.

On Thursday 14th December they had a double celebration at Cat's Bar - a Christmas Dinner and an 80th birthday for our President, John Osborne.

John took time out from his celebrations to present 300€ to Lesley Anderson of the Murcian Branch



presenting Lesley Anderson of the Royal British Legion with the money donated for the remembrance crosses

of the **Royal British Legion.** This was the money kindly donated for the crosses that were displayed in the Remembrance Memorial Garden.



The **Green Fingers** committee, maintenance team and volunteers would like to thank everyone for their support last year and to wish you all a happy and prosperous 2024.

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relationship personal with **Jesus** is the most important relationship a person can have on earth. A relationship with Jesus results in a new life and leads us into a new future. A future with his forgiveness; a place where **Jesus** wraps us up within his protection of forgiveness. then forever have the presence of the Holy Spirit living within us, as our eternal guide.

Jesus already has a future waiting for us. A perfect body is available and a home with Him in heaven. For this, we need to establish a relationship with Jesus. This is not difficult, it is almost too simple for us understand, to because of its simplicity.

Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. He has issued an invitation - it is here now, ready and waiting for you. In Matthew 11:28 it says "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

He has called for our trust in Him and in His cross. He has already spoken about us to His father in heaven. Jesus wants to speak to us all personally as friends right now. **Jesus** is certainly waiting for our friendship and wants to have a close relationship with us all.

Are we ready and willing to accept Him? Are we ready to accept **Jesus's** 'get out of jail' card? He has already done our time behind bars for us, so that we do not have to do this ourselves. His card is a card we can show to anyone, anytime we find ourselves falling short. His 'get out of jail' card does not have a 'best before' date.

In Hebrews 13:8 it talks about Jesus being the same today as He was yesterday and He will be the same tomorrow as He is today. He is ahead of us for all our tomorrows with the same forgiveness. He is ready and available to be our eternal, forever ready saviour and friend.

#### Dave McInerney





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Last month we made the donation of 2,000€ to **ASPADEM**, a Spanish charity for children and young adults with various disabilities and learning difficulties. This took place at their Social Centre in Pto de Mazarrón.

We have been donating to their cause for a number of years now



and in return twice a year the volunteers invite our volunteers for a meal, prepared by them with true Spanish hospitality and it is always a wonderful experience

with beautiful food (see photo). It is their way of thanking us for our support which of course it is our privilege to do.

The shop will re-open on 2<sup>nd</sup> January after the **Christmas** break and the van will be at Camposol Sector A Commercial Centre that day for any donations of small items you are able to donate to our cause.

If you have any larger items that you would like to donate please call us and we can arrange to collect from your home.

Many thanks for your continued support enabling us to **Make A Difference** to many families in our area.

#### LEISURE

# Dave's Travels

DAVE'S TRAVELS - PART 1

It's four in the morning and the big male lion I've been listening to for the last two hours finally arrives in camp and flops down against the side of our tent, my side! For the next 40 minutes until the lion casually moved on, I couldn't believe how loud a heartbeat sounded.

This was just one of many incredible experiences we encountered during our travels in **Africa.** 

Inspired by Sir David Attenborough's nature documentaries, I had dreamed of visiting **Africa**, but on a modest salary and with a safari being expensive it was just that, a dream. Then along came Freddie Laker founder of Airtours in the '80's.

After a couple of years they offered an affordable safari holiday to Kenya. We did the



sums and decided that, despite high mortgage rates, if we worked all available overtime we might be able to afford their cheapest trip, which was in the rainy season.

Ten months later, in 1990 and after 14 hours crammed like sardines in a plane we touched down in **Mombassa** on the Kenyan coast. We were shattered, it was lashing down and extremely humid, the terminal building leaked like a sieve and getting through customs took an age. But by the time we arrived, drenched, at the coach for our onward journey, I was absolutely hooked.

The coastal road to our hotel on

Diani Beach, south of **Mombassa**, consisted of dozens of flooded potholes, giving a very bumpy ride. Ninety minutes later we arrived at the hotel, checked in and turned in for a couple of hours much needed sleep.



We spent another full day here before boarding the "Lunatic Express", appropriately named because of the route it took and the number of people who died building it, including over 400 killed by lions. Our overnight journey ended in Nairobi from where we would travel by road to the **Masai Mara** to begin our safari.

Part 2 next month











#### GROUPS

# Ladies' Chatterbox

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Now it's time to turn to all things new but just before..... I thought it would be nice to have a quick catch up.

At our final meeting of 2023 we were entertained by the Ukelele Band who were amazing, they had our ladies singing and jigging to lots of easily recognisable songs.

It was then time to sparkle at



our **Christmas Party**, which was a first for us at a new venue - Los Balcones. Well, it was absolutely fabulous, **great food**, **entertainment** and of course the best company.



So til next time, keep happy, stay healthy and be kind - no cost but such huge rewards.

Sue x

#### INFORMATION

# Forthcoming Events at the IFEPA, Torre Pacheco

In January, **IFEPA** becomes the capital of caravanning and free time in Levante.

With only four years, the **Levante Caravanning and Leisure Show** has positioned itself as one of the sector's unmissable events in Spain, with more than 50 exhibitors and 20,000 metres of exhibition, aimed at professionals and nature lovers.

Between January 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the **IV Levante** Caravanning and Free Time Show will be held at the Palace of Fairs and Exhibitions of the Region of Murcia - **IFEPA**, in which the main new developments in motorhomes will be shown, as well as caravans and campers. In the same space you can find the main brands of a sector that is booming and which has an increasing number of followers.

Four days in which **IFEPA** (located in the town of Torre Pacheco) becomes a must-see event for professionals and enthusiasts of the sector, where the main brands on the market will bring great offers, both for sale and rental.

"Despite being a young show, this event dedicated to lovers



of travel and life in nature has managed to position itself as one of the most important events nationwide, thanks to the very positive response from the public, which was 16,000 people in the last edition, as well as companies and professionals. Without a doubt, we are very satisfied with the evolution it is having, and this year we are betting that this upward trend will continue," declares Antonio Miras, general director of **IFEPA.** 

Among the exhibitors, you can find representatives of different campsites, coming from various parts of the country, who will offer a wide range of accommodation. Added to all this is an important shopping gallery with complements and accessories, along with a 'gastrovaning' area where you can enjoy several food trucks and a wide variety of gastronomic options.

In addition, it highlights a space for presentations that will allow sharing experiences with other travellers and professionals in the sector. And attendees will be able to participate in a raffle for camping accessories courtesy of the Vida Campista company, as well as adventure activities and exhibitions, among other surprises, which will be aimed at both adults and families.

"As it could not be otherwise, we want visitors to feel at home, so **IFEPA** provides parking for visitors who decide to attend the fair and spend the night in their caravan or motorhome. Those who are interested must reserve their place through the website www.ifepa.es/caravaning," says Miras.

The fair's schedule will be uninterrupted: Thursdays between 10.30am-8pm, Friday and Saturday between 10.30am and 8.30pm and on Sunday between 10.30am and 7pm. Advance entry, which costs 4€ until the day before the start of the event, can be purchased online on the website www.ifepa.es/carayaning.

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# GROUPS B CLEAN' GARDENING GROUP Facebook: "B Clean" Community Gardening

At the time of writing, we're on the approach to **Christmas** and the B Clean volunteers having a much deserved break.

The current project is the improvement of the sector boundary road by the rambla (Sierra de la Torrecilla). This has been in need of attention for a while and the work party has now had the opportunity of getting to grips with the rather unruly vegetation along the roadside. The edges have been cleared and some false pepper trees and yuccas





are being planted. These have been donated by our treasurer and a local resident so that is much appreciated. The rockery overlooking the roundabout by the bridge approach is also getting a makeover so that area should be a more attractive entrance to the sector for people coming across from C and D.

Sadly, as usual, we have to contend with problems caused by inconsiderate behaviour and there has been some vandalism with a planter being damaged near Consum. At present, the green garden waste skips are still full and overflowing and we are now



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seeing things like old mattresses and furniture dumped on the ever growing pile, which is expanding daily with contractors' waste being brought on to the urbanisation. We expect to lose much of the greenery that has been planted near the skips which is very disappointing.

As this is for the January edition, it is time to wish everybody a happy and healthy 2024 and ask that residents and visitors to the sector support **B Clean** by donating to the funds, helping where possible and respecting the efforts of the small band of volunteers who work to improve the sector.





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Puerto de Mazarron's Sagrado Corazon de Jesus - Part 1

The **Most** Sacred Heart of **Jesus** was one of the best known and most widely practised devotions followed by those who adhered to the catholic religion Spain.



Its origins can be traced back to at least medieval times. The movement focused chiefly on venerating Christ's heart, which was seen as a mystical symbol of God and Christ's capacity for forgiveness and compassion. The imagery of the 'Most Sacred **Heart'** was found throughout Spain and the rest of the catholic world, in stained glass church windows, on Feast Days, and in prayers, hymns and via statues.

Statues of the **Sagrado Corazon de Jesus** have been erected throughout the catholic world, including Central and South America and numerous such images are also found in Spain. The region of Murcia has an ample selection of these Sacred Heart monuments, including the prominent figure of Christ which stands at the top of the Cabezo del Faro, on the highest point of the cliffs which overlook the town of Puerto de Mazarrón. A major Sacred Heart monument was also constructed on a hill at Monteogudo, near to Murcia City, in 1925. This particular monument was destroyed during the Spanish Civil War, but later rebuilt in 1951 by the architect and sculptor Anastasio Martinez. The same sculptor also superintended the



construction of another Corazon monument at Abanilla in 1946. Other similar images were erected at Totana (one which overlooks the Sierra Espuña) and at Ulea, near the Ricote Valley. In general, all these monuments had the same appearance – a standing figure of Christ, with outstretched arms, though on occasions, Christ could be depicted with arms and hands inclined inwards towards the chest and heart.

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#### **Happy Néw Year**

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas however you spent it and we hope 2024 is Healthy and Prosperous for one and all.

Here at AAR we have a very exciting year ahead, so stay tuned for updates. We have many fundraising trips and events planned for your enjoyment.

Our trips to Camposol just before Christmas went down a treat a super end to 2023, with Carol Singing in Church with Lola 2 and then visiting B Sector the following day, what a treat.

I always say it's a good month if we get through it without any illnesses or new cases and December was exactly that.

Please take at look at our website. Mitch, our web genius, is updating it page by page. It's taking а while but will

be great when done. andreas animal rescuemurcia.com

All the information on our 112 donkeys will be there, along with lots of information about our shops and sponsorships scheme, events and lots of photos. Some will make you sad, lots will make you smile - unfortunately it's the nature of our game.



Facebook page, search and will find us. Our 2 little

munchkinsare still looking homes, **Raya** and **Luna**. They are now 1 year old and I call them my

book ends for obvious reasons. We will of course be at our usual spot at B sector car park every Monday between 11am and 1pm to collect any unwanted things you may have, or you can pop them into any of our shops.

Until next month, take care everyone.

Andrea and all the team.









#### LEISURE

## WARM - Walkers Around the Region of Murcia

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Another year begins and we have four months of walks programmed for the second part of our 2023-24 season.

But first let's look back at the walks since the last edition and we have certainly been around the region. **WARM** walked in **Salmerón** and Los Bebedores, both in the far northwest of the region and finally in a new area, the Barranco de Malvariche in the Sierra Espuña. Meanwhile, the **SWARM** walks have been in Bullas, Casas Nuevas and San Pedro del Pinatar.

It is always hard to decide where to focus, but this month I will highlight the walk on 18<sup>th</sup> November in **Salmerón.** It is featured in the second edition of our walking book and the walk started at the church in **Salmerón** and was in two parts, like a figure of eight.

For the first part of the walk, we went to see some fascinating history brought to life by our guide Juan Lopez Garcia. As we walked, he talked about the long history of the sulphur mines and the huge demand for sulphur for the manufacture of gunpowder during the First World War (1914-1918).



This increased demand developed the area into a thriving village and there were fifty buildings for about 1,132 inhabitants. The second part of the walk took us over the Segura River to the town of Las Minas (the mines) to see some old photographs of life in the area, where miners and their families lived in caves dug in the same sulphur they extracted. The houses belonged to the mine and people had to leave once their employment was over.

Las Minas lets you relive the harsh atmosphere of an old town, now abandoned, that lived from sulphur exploitation. Extraction wells and ovens, the remains of a railway line and hills dotted with cave houses, inhabited until a

few years ago, transport you to a setting that seems to be from the industrial revolution.



If you would like to join our walks, please email us. Find details of our January walks in **The Chronicle`s** What's On guide.





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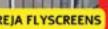


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#### GROUPS



#### In memory

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We hope that many of you will want to donate to this and you can do so by visiting **D Gardening** and **Community** Facebook page. Please label your donation "Silvana".

#### **Welcome to Camposol**

The council has appointed Maria del Carmen Navarro Paredes as the new Councillor for Camposol (and International Relations). We are seeking a meeting to congratulate and welcome her to Camposol. It will continue our relationship building with the Council to work together on small projects for the benefit of Camposol. We're also going to speak to her about



using the commercial centre for sessions for those who wish to practice their Spanish language skills. If you're interested, visit the **Camposol 2025** Facebook page and you will see a post that you can comment on.

#### **Looking Forward in 2024**

As previously reported we have agreed with the Council that the fitness area will be completed in 2024, with basketball and pickle ball facilities, as well as 2 petanca courts, followed by padel courts and a clubhouse. This is, of course, subject to funding and may well be split into 2024 and 2025.

So where next? Well, we want you to assist us determine that. We will be asking for your thoughts via a survey to be carried out during January where we will list various projects for you to vote on, covering the period February 2024 to December 2025. This aligns with the Council's budget cycle and decision making. One example is as follows:

#### Project 1: Children's Play Area

With over 250 children on Camposol, the proposal is to create small play areas on B, C, and D. The equipment would include: swings, a slide(s), soft land surfacing, seating and fencing. They would be delivered in partnership with the Council - the Council providing the land and funding installation, with each sector fundraising the cost of the swing and slide set. 2025 will assist each sector with fundraising.

#### CHARITY

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We hope you all had a fantastic end of the year in 2023 and a better start for 2024! For us it's been a thrilling year of wonderful and not so wonderful events. And we have to say that the animals couldn't look any happier with all the new space to roam and chill together.

Two of our volunteers found this gorgeous and sweet dog tied to the dumpster. I still can't believe how cruel people can be! Her neck had a nasty old scar from being tied and her paws, which are now totally cured, were open and she could hardly take a step. She is a hunting dog, under a year old and we have named her **Olivia.** She is looking for a forever home so to know more about her please contact us or visit our Facebook or Instagram - **Cavalli Foundation.** 

As every year we have

conmemorated International Volunteer Day at the square in Alhama de Murcia and we are extremely thankful to all our volunteers. Without you, we wouldn't be able to continue our mission. So, if you have the energy and the time to join our volunteer team please contact us.

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#### RELIGION

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Hello and Happy New Year!

The Beatles sung in **Let It Be:** When I find myself in times of trouble, Mother Mary comes to me Speaking words of wisdom, let it be

And in my hour of darkness she is standing right in front of me Speaking words of wisdom, let it be...

Let it be. Difficult sometimes, to let it be. Depends on our starting point. Some things are almost impossible to just let be, our human nature and past experiences have a lot to say. Minor problems are manageable, bigger problems less so and can seem impossible, the mountain is too high.

For me the test is whether we live in awe and wonder, not in the transience of this all too short life where we learn power and money

are the measure of success. In which case I have failed miserably as I have no power and not much money! But I do have awe and wonder. Babies

become kings, yet we celebrate that a King became a baby. The first pages of the Bible and the best thinking of today's scientists are in full agreement: it all began in the beginning, when space and time, energy and matter, gravity and light, burst or bloomed or banged into being.

In light of the Genesis story, we would say that the possibility of this universe overflowed into actuality as God, the Creative Spirit, uttered the original joyful invitation: Let it be! And in

response, what happened? Light. Time. Space. Matter. Motion. Sea. Stone. Fish. Sparrow. You. Me.

Enjoying the unspeakable gift and privilege of being here, being alive; the Creator brought it all into being and now some fourteen billion years later, here we find ourselves: dancers in this beautiful, mysterious choreography that expands and evolves and includes us all.

As a young man I could clear the dance floor with my energetic Twist, now I can just about stumble onto a dance floor! Yet we are all invited to this mysterious expanding and evolving choreography. Amazing. Take His hand and get onto this dance floor!

'Bye for now Rev Andrew

#### CHARITY



# MAMAS

- Mazarrón Animal Medi-Aid

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This will find you in January. We got in a right muddle in November and our ad got completely forgotten. Jean couldn't decide on a week in the Maldives or a weekend in a B and B in Benidorm. Richard put the two names in a hat (both the same btw - Jean doesn't know to this day!) and the decision for Benidorm won. As a consequence all the staff were confused and staged a walk out, all 2 of us.

Anyway, that's shop trivia, we all wish you a Happy, Healthy and Tranquil 2024.

Unfortunately, our pets still get poorly and this was no exception for little **Luna** who had a tumour on her spleen. An emergency operation was carried out and we're awaiting news of her recovery.

As expected **Luna's** bill was high, and the family were panicking. We

gave as much as we could, with along other many requests for assistance. We manage this by selling your donations, all gratefully received. The Spanish

people are starting to drop things off, and even though we maybe haven't helped them yet, they know why we are here and how we work. They were under the impression we're paid workers! Crikey - that would mean Jean and Richard would be earning a kings ransom every week, the hours they put in!!

Anything you have that you no longer need, we can sell (believe me) we were just given an electric



brandy dispenser pump.....the Moroccans were hysterical with laughter when we explained it to them!! Same as me, I didn't have a clue either. It would look smashing on an outdoor bar!!

Clothes, bedding, books, jigsaws, furniture, shoes, rugs, lamps, electric items....only functioning por favor! We can sell....better still come in and buy, buy, buy!

#### **January Sale**

We need to clear some of our furniture selection to make way for new stock coming in so now is the time to buy. If you're looking for items such as beds, cabinets, tables and chairs call in and talk us, there are good discounts on offer.

You know where we are.....back of Consum, Pto de Mazarrón, third on the left, Calle San Juan.





#### GROUPS

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#### A Great Time Was Had By All

The Adapt Theatre Group is very happy to announce that our pantomime "Ali Baba and the Four and a Half Thieves" was a great success and performed to four sell-out audiences in Casa de Cultura, San Pedro del Pinatar from 30<sup>th</sup> November to 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

As usual there was a great mix of both Spanish and English speaking audiences and we are now experts in appealing to both languages and senses of humour to make sure that everyone has a great time. Both adults and children clapped and sang along to the musical numbers and participated in the obligatory boos and aahhs.



And the best news, 2000€ was raised for the **AFEMAR** charity in San Pedro which works with young people with mental health problems. This **charity** does tremendous work with people from all over the Mar Menor and is always in need of extra help.

A big thank you to all readers of



The Chronicle who came along and supported us and if anyone is interested in getting involved next year, please contact Eric on: 656 361 098 or e-mail ericberg2@hotmail.com

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PATAS receives no statutory funding and relies heavily on the financial backbone supplied by their 4 outlets in Mojácar, Turre and Las Buganvillas plus people's generous donations and the aid of fundraising events.

The monthly outgoings at the shelter can amount to €14,000+ which includes vet bills, food, water, fuel, maintenance, etc. Thankfully, the recent installment of solar panels has reduced the electricity bill immensely.

The shelter is currently at bursting point with 30 kittens and cats, 137 puppies and dogs and a further 77 being fostered. Although they continue to have local people adopt and arrange several oversea transports to the UK, Holland, Germany, Belgium and Italy, they also desperately need more local fosterers - food, bedding and any necessary medication is supplied. If you wish to adopt, all the animals are vaccinated, neutered, micro chipped and have their passports.

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**PAWS-PATAS** can also help you with paperwork and possible transport if you live outside Spain.

PAWS-PATAS needs voluntary help in so many different areas and even if you can only help for a few hours a week, your time and physical limitations can be used. Dog walking and socialising with the cats, administration (which you can also do from home), fundraising, shelter shopping, driving dogs to the vets or oversea volunteers to Almeria airport or Vera bus station.

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# SALT CHURCH

### Salt Church Mar Menor @ THE HUB

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More questions than answers?

The beginning of a new calendar year encourages us to make our resolutions and look forward with optimism for the coming twelve months ahead.

However, as 2024 opens for business might we be excused for assuming we are in for nothing more than the 'same old, same old'? Are we expecting yet more conflicts between nations, concerns about the climate, financial woes and political skulduggery. But...could a seemingly dusty old tome called the Bible be an antidote to such difficult days?

Is it not just an ancient book of legends that has spawned competing religions each systematically knocking seven bells out of each other?

Reading its pages can be complicated but the essence of this is a 'Divine Love Story'. It reveals a Holy God who continues to love a world despite how its people disobey, disown or even deny its Creator. And yet He says, "I still love you...and some!"

The world viewed from a worldly perspective is depressing and offers no future. The world viewed through God's perspective offers us a real future, an eternal future beyond the grave where there are no more tears, there is no more disease and death is a long-abolished concept.

You might really like to have that assurance but it all seems too wacky to grasp hold of or don't feel worthy of such a future. You may not be convinced that this divine love story is addressed directly to you.

May I encourage you to view the Bible afresh, not as a dry dusty book containing ancient myths and legend. To see beyond a version of the Christian faith that is nothing more than a mere Victorian moral code or cold institutional religion of 'dos' and 'don't's'...

If you would value some time and space to chat these things through and chew the fat with others just like you who have more questions than answers, then please do get in touch as we have opportunities to do just that.

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Prioritise items like food and healthcare instead of or treats. Source the toys best affordable food, including online, choose cheaper alterna tives, ensuring that it contains all necessary nutrients. make the pet's favourite food go further by mixing it with a cheaper brand.

Make DIY tug toys with old t-shirts, games using toilet roll inners, search and find exercises. Many online websites (including Battersea DH) offer suggestions about making treats and games. Maintaining the dog's healthy weight with sufficient exercise and nutrients will lower the risk of chronic health issues like high blood pressure and arthritis. Set up a regular programme to clip claws, groom and trim the coat, clean teeth and ears, regularly deworm and apply anti-parasite treatments.

Don't delay necessary vet treatment as the condition may



become more acute, difficult expensive and cure. Provide the appropriate which medication prescribed may be available online at more affordable prices. Trying to selfmedicate by replacing prescribed medicines with human versions could lead to more costly and long-term health issues.

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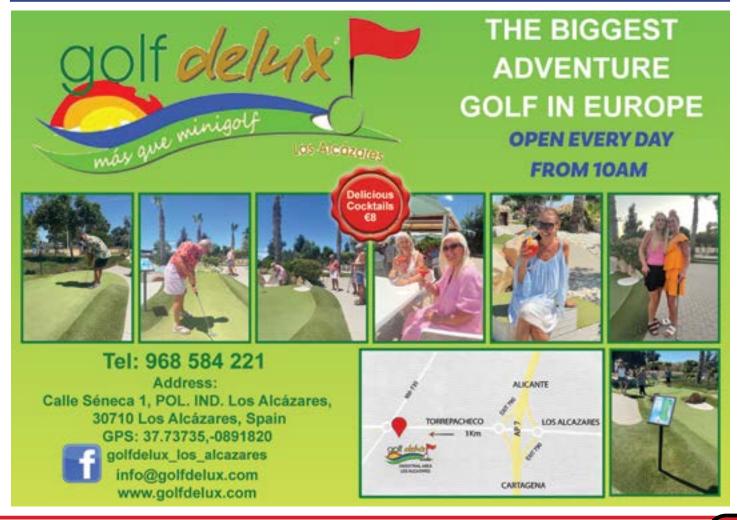






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#### RELIGION

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Welcome to 2024 as we bring in a new year, a new season, and a new beginning we would like to wish you all a very **Happy and Prosperous New Year.** 

The old has gone and the new has begun and for many of us that starts off with the year-round tradition of New Year's resolutions. Most of us start with good intentions but by mid-January it becomes an impossible ask on ourselves and we give up. When we change our thought pattern and begin to look to our





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saviour instead of looking at our reflection, we can start to make and maintain those changes to our life and begin a forward journey to our salvation. (Ephesians 2:8 NIV For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God).

We as humans are made with a purpose, and that purpose is to have a relationship with the one who created us. When we make the all-important decision to share our lives with Jesus the meaning of life takes on a whole new **beginning**. We change in the way we deal with situations and circumstances because we are no longer doing it alone and in our own strength, we have Jesus as our constant companion to share the load. (Matthew 11:28-30 NIV "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.")

With that freedom and knowledge, we can once again experience the excitement and brightness of the world that we knew as children.

You see there are miracles all around us every day, but we just stop seeing them! The world has a way of distorting our vision. Only when we stop seeing the world through its eyes can we then open our godly eyes to a wonderful world of beauty and goodness. When we are confident knowing that we can share our burdens and share our troubles with Him we experience a new hope. The fact that you open your eyes and wake up every morning itself is a miracle. Only when we learn to be thankful for every situation and circumstance, we will see true goodness. Every cloud as they say has a silver lining and we know that **God** uses everything for good and for His glory.

We were truly blessed to see so many people come along and share in our **Christmas Carol Concerts** and outreach events. We worked together with The English Funeral Director and **St Nicolas Church** bringing a variety of different outreaches into the local communities.

Our prayer is to continue the spirit of joy and unity into this next season.

Come and join us!







# FORGET ME NOT Community Respite Care for the Mazarrón Area Dee: 603 121 416

Wishing you a Happy New Year.

On December 21st we held a very special celebration at The Social Centre for **Doll**, one of our wonderful **Forget Me Not** clients to celebrate her 100th birthday. What a milestone, so we celebrated in style with **entertainment** provided by the wonderful Alun Jay, had a lovely **buffet lunch** and sang happy birthday as **Doll** blew out the candles on her birthday cake. A truly memorable day for all involved to celebrate such a milestone.

So let me tell you a little bit about our wonderful centenarian **Doll.** Christina (who likes to be known as Doll or Doris), was born in Killester, Dublin on December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1923, to William and Julia Mcgrane. **Doll** had five sisters and one brother, from eldest they were: Annie, Sheila, Margaret, then Christina (**Doll**), Eileen, Billy and Claire. All of which remained in Ireland but have all now sadly passed away.

**Doll** met her future husband Frederick whilst he was in the army and stationed in Ireland. They married in 1956 at St Bridget's in Killester, Dublin. Frederick left the army and the couple moved to the United Kingdom. Frederick worked for the Police Force for several years, then in later year's Frederick and **Doll** both worked for Taylor's and prior to retirement Frederick worked for Ford.

**Doll** and Frederick were blessed



with a daughter Gemma, who has four children Ash, Melisha, Zara and Yvonne (who lives in Spain). There are seven great grandchildren Bobby, Harry, Teddy, Travis and Frazer who live in the UK and Macie and Heidi who live in Spain.

**Doll** and Frederick moved to Spain in September 2020 but Frederick sadly passed away in March 2021. **Doll** still resides in Spain and lives with her daughter Gemma and is a very popular client at **Forget Me Not,** keeping us entertained with her wonderful Irish wit and banter.

Throughout the month of January we have lots of events planned for our clients including visiting entertainers and rock and roll bingo.

A date for your diary - our next



fundraiser quiz is at The Diner on Wednesday January 31st.







# Health and Beauty Section



#### HEALTH AND BEAUTY

# 4 New Year's resolutions

A **New Year** often signifies a fresh start for many people. For some, this means setting health goals, such as losing weight, following a healthier diet and starting an exercise routine.

However, more often than not, the health and wellness resolutions chosen are highly restrictive and unsustainable, leading most people to break their resolutions within a few weeks. This is why many people make the same resolutions year after year.

To break that cycle, it's important to make resolutions that can not only improve health but also be followed for life.

Here are 4 **New Year's** resolutions you can actually keep.

#### 1.Eat more whole foods



One of the easiest and most sustainable ways to improve overall health is to eat more **whole foods**.

Whole foods, including vegetables, fruits, nuts, seeds, whole grains and fish contain a plethora of nutrients that your body needs to function at an optimal level. Research shows that following a whole-foods-based diet may significantly reduce heart disease risk factors, body weight

and blood sugar levels, as well as decrease your risk of certain diseases, such as type 2 diabetes.

Also adding more **whole foods** to your diet can be done slowly and consistently. For example, if you're not used to eating vegetables, start by adding one serving of your favourite veggie to your diet every day.

#### 2. Sit less and move more



Whether it's due to having a sedentary job or simply being inactive, many people sit more than they should. Sitting too much can have negative effects on health. In fact, it may be linked to an increased risk of overall mortality.

Making a resolution to **sit less** is an easy and attainable resolution that can be tailored to fit your lifestyle. For example, if you have a desk job that requires long periods of sitting, make a resolution to go for a 15-minute walk at lunch or to get up and walk for 5 minutes every hour.

#### 3. Get more quality sleep

**Sleep** is an essential part of overall health and **sleep** deprivation can lead to serious consequences. For instance, lack of **sleep** may

increase your risk of weight gain, heart disease and depression.

There are many reasons why people don't get enough **sleep**, so it's important to focus on your schedule and lifestyle to determine the best ways to improve **sleep** quantity and quality.

Decreasing screen time before bed, reducing light pollution in your bedroom, cutting back on caffeine and getting to bed at a reasonable hour are some simple ways to improve **sleep** hygiene.

# 4. Find a physical activity that you enjoy

Every **New Year**, people purchase expensive memberships to gyms, workout studios and online fitness programmes in hopes of shedding excess body fat in the year to come. Though most people start strong, the majority don't make their new routine into a lasting habit.

Still, you can increase the chances of making your fitness resolutions stick. To get started, choose an activity based on enjoyment and whether it fits into your schedule.

For example, taking a half-hour walk, jog or bike ride before work, or swimming at a gymthat's on your way home, are simple and sustainable exercise resolutions. Then, set an attainable goal, such as planning to walk a few specific days per week instead of aiming for every day.

Making a more realistic goal can enhance the chances of making your new routine last, especially if you're new to working out.



#### HEALTH AND BEAUTY

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#### Shed the weight of 2023!

5 tips on how to stick to your **New Year's** resolutions.

Are you one of those rare people that actually achieve your New Year's resolutions? WELL DONE! You're in a tiny percentile of people who stay the course.

where's problem? So, the Obviously there's nothing wrong with us, rather the tradition itself. We tend to set unrealistic goals, thinking we can make immediate wholesale changes, then fail spectacularly! Then most of us put the resolutions aside and our behaviour remains the same as pre-resolution.

Contrary to popular belief, there are ways to achieve your News Years Resolutions.

Let's look at the word RESOLUTION. It's a demanding word, screaming "I MUST!" with no room for failure, yet it's probable that we will fail. We don't really respond well to imperatives.

We are simply being unrealistic about our resolutions.

Think about some of your possible past resolutions e.g. "I'm going to lose 25 kilos in 6 weeks" or "I'm going to stop smoking and drinking alcohol". Are you seeing a pattern here? These are quite frankly unrealistic, which is why we fail.

Successful behavioural change

comes only in stages. your Understanding behavioural own change is critical to the success of vour mission. If you are someone who is an 'all or nothing' person, determination will see you through, but if you're like most of us, then we need to do this one step at a time.

Here are 5 tips to keep you on track.

Be **realistic** – set achievable goals, e.g. don't deny or deprive yourself by saying "I'm never going to eat chocolate again", rather say "I'm only going to eat chocolate once a week". That's do-able.

Forward *planning* – I always say to my clients, if a weight loss programme is required, the key to success lies in the planning of menus, and planning the shopping. Also mentally preparing for the changes ahead and making sure you are ready for this.

**Reward** yourself - e.g. if you're stopping smoking then milestones such as first day, first week, first month etc. A good idea would be to save every cent you would otherwise have spent on cigarettes. Do this for a minimum of a year and you'll be amazed at how much you will have saved.

**Monitor** your progress. Little short term goals are waaaaaaay easier to achieve than HUGE unattainable goals. e.g. weight loss; instead of focusing on losing

losing 1 kilo at a time, using a journal to keep on track.

Perseverance you're implementing a HUGE behavioural change and persistence pays off. Experts say about 21 days are required to make a new behaviour to become a habit and about 6 months to make it stick and become a normal part of the NEW you.

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Hello Ladies

A very **Happy New Year** to you all. I hope you all had a lovely **Christmas** enjoying the festivities and welcomed in the **New Year** in style. We look forward to seeing everyone in February at our welcome back meeting.

On 19th November we welcomed Sue and Sarah Fashions from Zoco market. There was a great variety of clothing and lots of sparkly dresses and tops. They donated to our raffle and the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by us all, and we hope they return in the **New Year** with their Spring Fashions.

We had a talk from Christine from the local children's charity, who came along to collect the gifts and sweets the ladies had kindly donated. She has 70 needy children on her books and the **charity** try to make sure that each child has a good **Christmas**.

Our trip this month is to **Mojácar**. We visited **Carboneras** market



and then drive to **Mojácar** where many of us went shopping to Oasis Fashions. Following our spell of retail therapy we went our separate ways to one of the many restaurants for lunch. It was a very enjoyable day and hopefully will be repeated in the **New Year.** 

On 7<sup>th</sup> December we had our Christmas **Fayre** at Playa Grande Hotel, where numerous people,

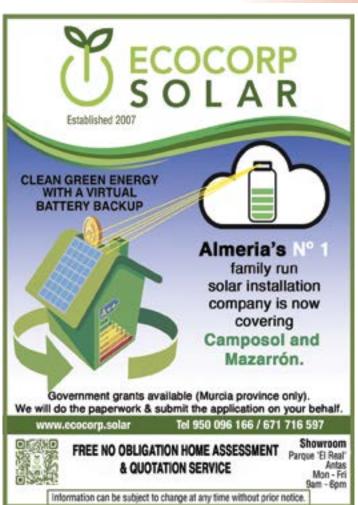
some from **charities** and some individuals came along to sell a various array of items.

Take care all and see you all on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 with the **AGM**, drinks and nibbles. On the 15<sup>th</sup> payment of membership monies is due.

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# Campose Explorers

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On our December outing there were 20 of us with 3 dogs and 7 cars. This time we went to the north of Murcia to visit the towns of Blanca, Abarán and Cieza. Our first location was just under an hours drive from Camposol to the observation deck at Blanca, built in 2004 and overlooking the River Segura. It has been said, one of the most beautiful view points in the Murcia region. There was plenty of free parking. We had a group photograph and then moved on to our next location, the water wheels of Abarán which was about a 10 minute drive away.



Noria Grande (water wheel) is located in the Parque de las Norias (the park), near the centre of Abarán. It dates from 1805, was rebuilt in 1951 and is reputed to be Europe's largest working waterwheel. It draws water from



the main acequia, on the left bank of the Segura. Interesting to see how it lifts the water up to a higher level. We then walked along the bank of the River Segura to see two further water wheels, a lot smaller but interesting to see still working. Some of us brought our dogs with us and they too enjoyed the walk.

Our third and last location was a view point that looks over the town of Cieza. There is a small chapel that has the 'Virgen del Buen Sucesco' behind locked doors. There is also a 14th century ruined castle high on the mountain but too steep for us to view. Huge wooden cross with amazing views.

Plenty of parking and a lot of steps to reach the view point, but so worth the climb to see the views. Also a good picnic area with tables and seating. We then all had our picnic before returning home.

Next month **Camposol Explorers** are going to explore another working water wheel, a view point looking over the city of Murcia and a Monastery.

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Welcome to 2024

Happy New Year to residents on sector D. Typically at this time of year we look back at the previous year and look forward to 2024. So here goes.

#### 2023 **AGM**

The **D** group Annual General Meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> December at the Golf Club. Minutes of the meeting are available on request but a summary of the outcomes are as follows. Carol Tanton-Pike was appointed as Secretary and Alan Fleming, Vice President; The Treasurer presented the positive financial position for the Group with a healthy bank balance, despite the impact on residents from the poor economic climate. Events ran in 2023 proved very successful, so much so that the Summer Ball will be repeated. The Gardening Team go from strength to strength with 3 operational teams. A fourth team is being considered to litter pick once a month. Camposol



**Free Community Sports** has again had a successful year with over 100 sports users each week.

The President and committee are to be congratulated on another successful year despite all the obstacles.

Thank you - gracias

The Committee wishes to thank the following people and organisations that made 2023 so successful. So a big thanks to:

Santa and his snowmen family for visiting sector D just before **Christmas.** Thank you.

Mark from CM Construction for sponsoring the concrete plinth for the bin storage area refurbishment on Calle Babinas. Thank you.

Night Hawk Couriers for transporting various items from the UK to sector D. Thank you

All of the hard working volunteers who give their time and effort to make sector D a better place.

Laurie and the events team who run so many quality events. Thank you.

Finally all residents on D who support us financially and through events. Without you D Group could not carry out the improvement works or run events such as the annual Carol Service.

#### 2024 Events

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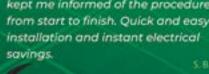
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#### **Fund Raising:**

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On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> at Camposol Golf Club we have the fabulously entertaining **Bella Luna.** This is another act that sells quickly so

book early! We will also be having our usual **pop up markets** on Camposol and in Isla Plana so keep following our page for information on these activities and any others that may get added.

Finally we would like to thank everyone for their support in 2023 and we hope you will continue to showyourkindness and generosity towards us in 2024. Without you we couldn't do what we do. Thank you.

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The recent **Sparkle Fayre** at Mariano's raised an awesome 641€, plus a further 223.54€ from the craft stall.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> November **The Harlequin Rock Choir** raised 157€ at the Condado Club. A big thanks to all who took part.

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# Spain's Events Calendar

In Spain, February is another quieter month. However things are starting to hot up a little with the 14th February becoming a more important day with young lovers across the country.

Carnival (Carnaval): Celebrated throughout Spain, Carnival is a lively and colourful festival featuring parades, costumes, music, and dance. The dates can vary, as it is often tied to the Christian calendar and the timing of Easter.

Valentine's Day, celebrated on February 14th, is an annual occasion dedicated to expressing love and affection between romantic partners. Originating from the commemoration of Saint Valentine, a Christian martyr, the day has evolved into a global celebration of love. Typically marked by the exchange of cards, flowers, and gifts, it is an opportunity for couples to express their feelings and strengthen their bonds. While some choose to celebrate with romantic dinners, others may opt for more personalized gestures, making it a day that transcends cultural boundaries and celebrates the universal theme of love in its various forms

Dia de Andalucia: Celebrated on February 28th, this is the regional day for the autonomous community of Andalusia. It commemorates the approval of the Andalusian Statute

in 1980.

Fiesta de la Candelaria: Celebrated on February 2nd, this festival is dedicated to the Virgin of Candelaria and is particularly significant in Tenerife, Canary Islands.

Festival de Jerez: This flamenco festival usually takes place in late February or early March in Jerez de la Frontera. It's a major event for flamenco enthusiasts, featuring performances, workshops, and exhibitions.

Madrid Carnival: Madrid hosts a vibrant carnival celebration with parades, street performances, and parties. The dates can vary, so it's advisable to check the specific year's schedule.

Keep in mind that specific events and dates can change from year to year, so it's recommended to check local event calendars or official tourism websites for the most up-to-date information on events happening in Spain during February 2024.





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## 12 new 'most beautiful' towns in Spain

Alcudia, Mallorca

There is nothing better than finding a hidden gem that transports you to 'the real Spain.

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Situated in the north of Mallorca, Alcudia has a rich history, having been inhabited by the Phoenicians, Greeks and Romans, which all left behind clues of their civilisations, some of which remain on view in the stunning old town.

The town has been praised for its period homes, ancient walls and two huge historic gates at the entrance of the city.

The area where Alcúdia is located has been inhabited since the Bronze Age, but it is with the arrival of the Romans that the city makes its entry in the history books. The Romans used the beaches of Alcúdia bay when they captured the island in 123 B.C. Shortly after this the capital Palma was founded and then the city of Pollentia. From Pollentia it was possible to view both the bay of Pollenca and the bay of Alcúdia. Pollentia served as a guard for other invaders. The city was also mentioned in Rome since they here produced excellent fabrics that were used in the most exclusive togas.

After Rome lost its position as the dominant power in the western Mediterranean, Pollentia was attacked by pirates and several times by the Vandals. Finally, the city was abandoned, and the remaining population left to create a new town at a more protected location. This town became Pollenca and the area where Pollentia stood was left to ruins.

During the rule of the Moors, a farmstead was created very close to where the ancient village of Pollentia had been. The farm was called Alcúdia, which is Arabic for "on the hill". In 1229, the Moors were attacked by the bloody

King James I of Aragon, who occupied the area. In 1298, King James II of Aragon bought the farmstead Alcúdia and founded the new town. A church, a graveyard, a house for priests, and a square were created in the same year. The construction of the walls was also initiated at the same time and finished in 1362.

The city plan that was made at the time remains the same for Alcúdia today. During the Renaissance, walls were reconstructed, and a second wall was constructed outside the first one. This wall has since been torn down and only details show where it once was.

During the 16th century pirates attacked the city several times. The population shrank, and there was from time to time a risk that the city would be abandoned totally. In 1779 a decision was taken to support the city by constructing a harbour. This really improved the economy of Alcúdia and the village was saved. But it remained a rather small and poor village.

Taking place every three years is the Triennial of Sant Crist, a religious procession where the population slowly walks barefoot through the town in silence, for several hours. The origin of this procession dates back to 1507. According to tradition, the image of Sant Crist sweated blood and water, thus putting an end to a drought. Alcúdia is home to UD Alcúdia who play at Els Arcs, which has a capacity of 1,750.

Alcúdia is home to one of Europe's largest hotel complexes, Bellevue. With 8 swimming pools and 17 apartment blocks the complex is set in 150,000 square meters of gardens.



In the 1920s the first tourists began to visit Mallorca and also Alcúdia. This was in a very limited scale and the economy of the village stayed weak. In the early '70s it started to be clear that the future of Alcúdia would be in tourism. 15 years later the old harbour of Puerto de Alcúdia had developed into a major resort for European tourism. In the '90s the construction boom calmed down and several regulations were put in place to secure the quality of the resort. The focus is on visitors searching for both relaxation and activity. A golf course has been constructed and both bicycle and hiking trips are commonplace. The old town has been preserved and pedestrianised. It has now become one of the most visited villages in Majorca.

The old town has a 14th-century wall and it is possible to step up on the wall and follow it almost all around the village. There are remains of a Roman town just outside the medieval town walls, in front of the Church of St. Jaume, belonging to the ancient city of Pollentia (see also the Italian Pollentia). There is also a small Roman theatre. North of the town is a bull ring from the 19th century.

The old town also hosts a market both on Sundays and Tuesdays all year round. Inside the walls there are several popular restaurants and bistros famous for good home-cooked food in small settings. In Port d'Alcúdia most of the restaurants are located around the marina. Most of these restaurants are only open in the tourist season. Further north and west are some coves and

beaches ideal for sunbathing, swimming or snorkelling. The beach at Alcúdia is 14 km long and stretches as far as C'an Picafort. Alcúdia joins onto Playa de Muro which is home to S'Albufera; a natural park that is very popular with birders.

Alcúdia celebrates the festival of St. Jaume every summer. It goes on for nine days at the beginning of July. Before the festival starts the town is decorated and each street picks out a theme for that year's look. During the festival several traditional evening festivities are arranged in the old town such as the Night of the Romans where the streets are full of locals dressed in traditional ancient Roman dresses. There are also outdoor theatres, sport tournaments, exhibitions and the traditional bullfight. The fiesta is finished with La Noche de Sant Jaume, a fireworks display and philharmonic concert by the old walls.

Alcúdia hosts also many other fairs and festivals throughout the year. During the summer, there are plenty of al fresco events, with dramatised tours of the old town, and theatre productions in the old Roman amphitheatre. The Alcúdia Jazz Festival starts at the end of August and runs for a month. International sporting events are held down the road at the port, with an Ironman Triathlon twice a year, beach volleyball and beach rugby... There is an agricultural fair in the Autumn at the beginning of October and a nautical fair in April, which features the cuttlefish.



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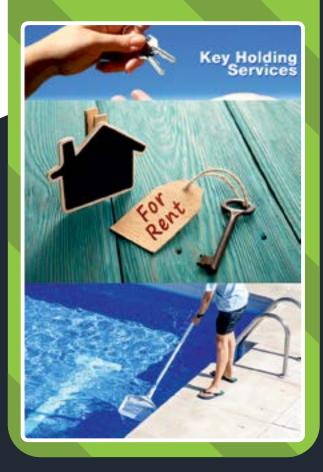




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Girona and Dali Museum





The city of Girona is Just 100 km (60 miles) from Barcelona, Girona is filled with medieval architecture. A few miles further away is Figueres, home to the iconic painted Salvador Dali.

As you approach the banks of the Onyar River, you'll see the medieval walled city of Girona ahead.

As you follow your guide along cobblestone streets, don't forget to snap plenty of pictures of the Jewish Quarter, which has been in place since the Middle Ages, the incredible facade of the 11th century Girona Cathedral or the panoramic views over the colourful houses on the Onyar.

Why not drive to Figueres. Once you arrive, prepare to see the breathtaking collection of modern works at the Dali Theatre Museum. As you browse through the countless pieces by Dali, you'll gain insight into his creative genius and cultural influences. End the day with a walk through Figueres, and admire the charming city and take some photos to remember the trip.

#### **History**

The first historical inhabitants in the region were Iberians; Girona is the ancient Gerunda, a city of the Ausetani. Later, the Romans built a citadel there, which was given the name of Gerunda. The Visigoths ruled in Girona until it was conquered by the Moors in 715. Finally, Charlemagne reconquered it in 785 and made it one of the fourteen original counties of Catalonia. It was taken temporarily from the Moors, who recaptured it in 793. From this time until the Moors were finally driven out in 1015, the city repeatedly changed hands. It was sacked by the Moors in 827, 842, 845, 935, and 982. Wilfred the Hairy incorporated Girona into the County of Barcelona in 878.

In the 11th century, Alfonso I of Aragon declared Girona a city. The ancient county became a duchy in 1351 when

King Peter III of Aragon gave the title of Duke to his firstborn son, John. In 1414, King Ferdinand I in turn gave the title of Prince of Girona to his first-born son, Alfonso. The title is currently carried by Princess Leonor of Asturias, the second since the 16th century to do so.

A lane in the Jewish Quarter. Girona's Jewish community was lost as a result of the Expulsion.

The 12th century saw the Jewish community of Girona flourish, having one of the most important Kabbalistic schools in Europe. The Rabbi of Girona, Moshe ben Nahman Gerondi (better known as Nahmanides or Ramban) was appointed Great Rabbi of Catalonia. The presence of the Jewish community of Girona came to an end in 1492, when the Catholic Monarchs outlawed Judaism throughout Spain and Jews were given the choice of conversion or exile. Today, the Jewish quarter or Call is one of the best preserved in Europe and is a major tourist attraction. Just north of the old city is Montjuïc, or hill of the Jews in medieval Catalan, where the Jewish cemetery was located.

Girona has undergone twenty five sieges and been captured seven times. It was besieged by the French royal armies under Charles de Monchy d'Hocquincourt in 1653, under Bernardin Gigault de Bellefonds in 1684, and twice in 1694 under Anne Jules de Noailles. In May 1809, it was besieged by 35,000 French Napoleonic troops under Vergier, Augereau and St. Cyr, and held out obstinately under the leadership of Alvarez until disease and famine compelled it to capitulate on 12 December. Finally, the French conquered the city in 1809, after seven months of siege. Girona was the centre of the Ter department during the French rule, which lasted from 1809 to 1813. The defensive city walls of the western side were demolished at the end of the 19th century to allow for the expansion of the city, while the walls of the eastern side remained untouched but abandoned.



This city at the base of the Sierra Nevada Mountains was founded as a Celtic settlement and has been inhabited for over 2500 years. Its breathtaking location near mountains is one of the loveliest in Andalusia. Granada's most famous attraction is the fortress/palace complex known as Alhambra, which was a Moorish palace for the emirs when the city was under Islamic rule. The adjacent Muslim neighborhood and many other cathedrals and castles are also worth the trip while here. Tapas and flamenco lovers will find that both are easy to find and quite excellent.

At the foot of the Sierra Nevada mountains, between the rivers Darro and Genil, lies one of the most interesting cities in eastern Andalusia. As well as its impressive Al-Andalus heritage, there are Renaissance architectural gems and the most modern facilities, fit for the 21st century.

Granada has an unmistakably Moorish flavour, as it was the last city to be reconquered by the Catholic Monarchs in 1492. The gastronomy, craftwork and urban planning are influenced by its glorious past.

Fountains, viewpoints and "Cármenes", houses surrounded by typical gardens of this city, create unforgettable corners in the city. It is no surprise that one of its historic districts, Albaicín, is a World Heritage Site, together with the Alhambra and Generalife. It was an important cultural centre for many centuries, under both Islamic and Christian rulers, and still boasts an admirable array of culture and leisure activities. Film, music or theatre festivals are complemented with permanent or travelling exhibitions on all fields of knowledge. Renaissance palaces are home to seminars, conferences and lectures, while the most innovative infrastructure is ready for larger-scale events.

The main attraction has to be the Alhambra Palace

The splendour of the Nasrid era, The Alhambra is a beautiful complex of buildings and gardens. Its leafy tree-lined walkways provide pleasant shade and coolness, enhanced by the abundance of water that flows in its streams.

It was the largest political and aristocratic centre of the Moslem West. The Palace premises comprise beautiful rectangular courtyards and numerous fountains, as well as the Nasrid buildings that served as living quarters for the monarchs and their servants. The oldest building is the Alcazaba citadel. One of the most important structures is the La Vela tower, which offers one of the loveliest views of the Alhambra. The courtyard of the Lions with its fountains is one of the most beautiful in the compound.

What to visit:

The Alhambra Museum
The Alhambra
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**TV NEWS** – Probably a bit controversial to some but we are going to talk about Firesticks and Android type boxes for watching live TV. We at Rainbow get daily calls from individuals asking us to sort these devices out for them which we refuse telling them they need to contact the provider which often we are told is now unavailable / contactable. Apart from the technical issues, everyone must be aware that to deal with an unregistered trader in Spain is illegal for both the provider AND the client. If an individual trades (money passing hands) with another unregistered individual then BOTH are at risk of prosecution. This applies to painters, handymen, pet sitters or TV service providers. So before you engage in that "mega deal" from a "Facebook page" or the "market stall" please really consider the legality of the "deal"- this really is not sour grapes but the law of the land. Rainbow **Satellites** and our fair competitors are legal Spanish traders often established for years. Please don't use illegal traders, ask for business registration papers before you trade.

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That's all the space gone for this month – more TV news in February.

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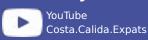
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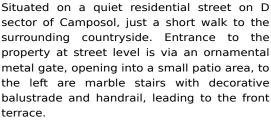
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# Why Spain! BY

"My contribution to A Life In Spain aims to share my personal experiences in deciding, planning, moving and now living in Spain. My hope is that someone finds it useful, helpful, insightful or helps anyone considering moving to Spain (or another country), the courage to follow that dream."

Welcome to the Happy (Lecrin) Valley!

Months before arriving in Spain, I became more and more captivated by the Granada province, specifically the Sierra Nevada Mountain range, the villages surrounding it, and, in particular, the Moorish history from the 8th to the 15th century of Granada city, the Lecrin Valley, and the Alpujarra.

The Lecrin Valley is an area of outstanding natural beauty. Agricultural activities underpin the region economically, as has been the case since the 8th Century. It was once the food bowl of the Alhambra. It's mostly about the almonds and olives but also, grapes, pomegranates, oranges, lemons, patatas, and more. It's where the Moors initially retreated to in 1492 after surrendering Granada and effectively ending their 711 years of rule. After the Lecrin Valley, the Moors retreated to the Alpujarrah and after that, most were eventually forced to return to Morrocco.

You will find lots of quintessentially Spanish villages dotted every couple of kilometers around the Valley. Walking from village to village is a very cool experience. Each village has something slightly different on offer. Some villages are perched high on hills and mountains while others can be found deep in the valleys. There are no traffic lights. No traffic jams. The freeway to Granada and Malaga is excellent.

It's on the cusp of the Sierra Nevada Mountain range, just 25 minutes south of Granada and only thirty minutes to Costa Tropical. A one-hour drive to the Sierra Nevada ski resort, important given my penchant for the snow and skiing. The acequia (irrigation system designed and built during Moorish rule) keeps the valleys and orchards lush and green all year round with its delicious clean, cold Sierra Nevada Mountain water. Mondujar and Talara villages combined are considered the center hub of the Lecrin Valley and are often referred to as Lecrin.

Only two and a bit weeks into my planned Andalucian-wide traveling roadshow to find, buy and establish a guesthouse business I am quickly learning that (a) I've bitten off way more than I am comfortable chewing in terms of traveling and living in a classic camper and (b) the availability, suitability, and affordability of properties appears far more robust from afar on social media and the internet than it does on the ground. A harsh realisation for me and my plans. I have no doubt now that I won't have my guesthouse business up and running this year. At best, I can hope to open around February or March 2024.

I have four nights left in the valley. I love it. I've already met some awesome people. People here are kind, welcoming and helpful. I've only seen one of the eight properties I shortlisted. It's taking much longer to organise property viewings, each of





them with a different agent of course.

I am not ready to leave the Valley on Friday. There's more for me to do and see here.

And suddenly it struck me like a lightning bolt. Why am I so beholden to this plan I conceived on paper from far away? I don't have to leave the Valley on Friday. Even the best well-thought-out plans need to evolve as circumstances on the ground do.

So that's that, we're staying in the Lecrin Valley for the next couple of months or so. Why not. Let's throw the plan out and see what happens. Vex (my dog) and I are done with trying to find joy in traveling and living in Vera, our classic camper. It's not for us. Time to accept this and move on. We need a place we can call home, even if it's only for the short

term. Much respect for all the solo ladies out there who do have the courage, tenacity, and persistence to embrace the challenges inherent to enjoying this kind of lifestyle. Too scary for me. It's also much easier to navigate all the bureaucratic steps necessary when moving countries to have fixed place of residence.

Time to find affordable pet-friendly accommodation in the Lecrin Valley. Establishing my life legally in Spain and here in the beautiful Lecrin Valley, even for the short term, is my next priority. I only have 67 days left to complete my EU Registration in Spain and a host of other bureaucratic requirements.

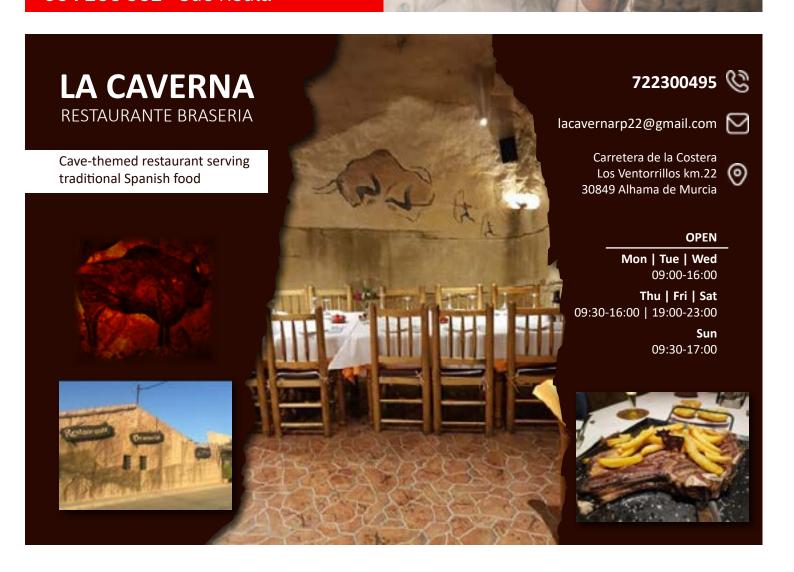
This decision feels right on all levels.

Onwards and upwards. H

Happy to be staying in the Happy Valley, for now anyway.









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Breakfast @ The Old Market Tavern, Pto de Mazarrón (closed Mon) Menu del Dia @ The Old Market Tavern, Pto de Mazarrón 14€ inc drink/14.50€ 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)

Mon Market @ Alhama, San Pedro del Pinatar, Caravaca & Huercal 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

Tues Market @ Alhama, La Union, Los Alcazares, 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

FAST Responder Training @ The Social Centre, Camposol B 10am-12pm GoMad available for collections @ Camposol A Car Park 10.30am-12pm

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

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



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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 Multiples, 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)



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 (call first 646 290 420)

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 Camposol Free Community Sports Petanque @ D26 1pm

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

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 @ Totana 10am 2€ (children free)

Archaeological See of Begastri @ Cehegin 10am-2pm

Mass in English @ St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, El Saladillo 4.30pm

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

Sun Market @ Cabo de Palos Antique and Second Hand Market @ Cañadas del Romero 8am-1pm Dog Club Meeting @ Bolnuevo Beach 9am















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Free Guided Tour of Murcia City 11am
Open Door Worship Service @ Los Almagros 11am
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Sunday Lunch @ The Old Market Tavern, Pto de Mazarrón

#### **JANUARY**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monthly 'B' Clean Meeting @ Camposol B 4pm

Royal Household of The Three Kings visit various districts in Lorca from 10am. More info at Tourist Info Office (until 4<sup>th</sup>)

Music/Fireworks over River Segura @ Murcia City 7pm

- 3rd Childrens Theatre @ Plaza de España, Lorca 5.30pm Music/Fireworks over River Segura @ Murcia City 7pm
- 4th Face Painting for Children @ Alhama (various places/times check with Tourist Info)
  Children's Workshop @ Caravaca 11am
  Painting/Games for Children @ Aguilas 5-9pm

Christmas Jazz @ Murcia City 8.15pm

5th Children's Games with Snowmen/Snowballs @ Los Alcazares 12pm

Three Kings meet and greet children @ Plaza de España,

Lorca/Plaza del Belluga, Murcia 12pm

Three Kings Parade @ Mazarrón/Pto de Mazarrón 4.30pm

Three Kings Parade @ Balsicas/Murcia City/Los Alcazares/Jumilla 5pm

Three Kings Parade @ Santiago de Ribera 5.30pm to San Javier

Three Kings Parade @ Lorca, Caravaca and Torre Pacheco 6pm

Three Kings Parade @ Roldan, El Jimenado, Cartagena 6.30pm

Three Kings Parade @ Aguilas/Alhama 7pm

Three Kings Parade @ Dolores de Pacheco 8.30pm

Three Kings Party @ Balsicas 11.30pm

- 6th Three Kings Day Cycle Ride @ Plaza de España, Aguilas 10.30am Three Kings Day Party @ Roldan 3.30pm/Balsicas 4.30pm DJ Cano @ Plaza de España, Lorca 6pm Concert @ La Glorieta Market, Murcia City 9.30pm
- 7th Artisan Market @ Bullas 9am-2pm & Santiago de la Ribera 10am-2pm St Nicholas Church Songs of Praise @ Camposol D20 11am Mazarrón FC v Calasparra (Away)
- **9**th **Paws y Patas Book Sale** @ Mojácar Playa 10.30am-1pm
- 10th St Nicholas Church Community Coffee Morning @ Camposol D20 9.30am-12.30pm
- 13th Friends of Mazarrón Animals 'All Skas' @ Pto de Mazarrón
- 14th Artisan Market @ Mula & Santiago de la Ribera 10am-2pm St Nicholas Church Holy Communion @ Camposol D20 11am Mazarrón FC v Algezares (Home)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mini Market @ La Zona Bar, Los Narejos 10am-1pm
- 17th SWARM Walk Isla Plana





- Caravan/Motorhome/Camping Exhibition @ IFEPA, 18th Torre Pacheco 10.30am-8pm
- 19th Caravan/Motorhome/Camping Exhibition @ IFEPA, Torre Pacheco 10.30am-8.30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Artisan Market @ Paseo de las Comunidades, Pto de Mazarrón 10am-2pm WARM Walk - Cehegín Caravan/Motorhome/Camping Exhibition @ IFEPA, Torre Pacheco 10.30am-8.30pm

PAWS-PATAS Variety Show @ Los Gallardos 7.30pm

- 21st Artisan Market @ Caravaca & Santuario de la Esperanza, Calasparra 10am-6pm St Nicholas Church Morning Prayer @ Camposol D20 11am **Mazarrón FC v Churra (Away)**
- 24th St Nicholas Church Community Coffee Morning @ Camposol D20 9.30am-12.30pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Cloud Nine Drama "Jack & The Beanstalk" @ La Molata Social Centre 7€ 7pm **Fuente Old Guards Golf Society Competition**

Country & Western Night @ Camposol A

- 26th Cloud Nine Drama "Jack & The Beanstalk" @ La Molata Social Centre 7€ 7pm
- 27th **WARM Walk - Los Grandicos** Cloud Nine Drama "Jack & The Beanstalk" @ La Molata Social Centre 7€ 7pm

Friends of Mazarrón Animals 'Bella Luna' @ Camposol C

- 28th Artisan Market @ Cehegin 15km Cross Country Run/11km Hike - starts at Bolnuevo 10am/ 10.15am 20€ St Nicholas Church Holy Communion @ Camposol D20 11am Mazarrón FC v El Raal (Home) Cloud Nine Drama "Jack & The Beanstalk" @ La Molata Social Centre 7€ 3pm
- 31st Forget me not Fundraiser Quiz @ The Diner











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## Food and Drink

# Recipes

## Comforting Food Recipes For January

## Chickpea & Roasted Parsnip Curry

4 large parsnips, cut into batons (about 500g)

2 tbsp vegetable oil or sunflower oil

2 tsp cumin seeds

1 onion, chopped

Bunch coriander, leaves picked and stalks very finely chopped

3 tbsp curry paste (we used balti) 2 x 400g cans chickpeas, drained 400ml coconut milk

2 limes, 1 juiced and 1 cut into wedges

Yogurt, rice or naan bread, to serve

H e a t oven to 200C/180C f a n / g a s 6. Put the parsnips in a roasting tin and toss with



half the oil, cumin seeds and seasoning. Roast for 25-30 mins until softened.

Heat the remaining oil in a pan. Cook the onion and coriander stalks for 15 mins, or until really soft and caramelising. Stir in the curry paste and cook for 1 min, then add the chickpeas and coconut milk. Simmer for 10 mins until the sauce reduces and clings to the chickpeas. Add the lime juice and season again to taste, if necessary.

Top with the parsnips, coriander leaves and lime wedges and serve with yogurt, rice or naan bread.

## Smoked Haddock & Artichoke Gratin

800g artichoke Squeeze lemon juice 25g unsalted butter, plus extra for dotting 5 shallots, finely sliced

5 shallots, finely sliced 2 bay leaves

1 large thyme sprig, leaves picked 250ml double cream 350g smoked haddock, skinned and cut into 2cm cubes

25g white breadcrumbs

Peel the artichokes carefully with a sharp knife or peeler, cut them into 2cm chunks, then place into a bowl of cold water with the lemon juice to prevent discolouring.

Place a large saucepan over a medium heat and add the butter. When it begins to sizzle,



add the shallots and a pinch of salt. Stir the shallots to coat them with the butter and cook for 5 mins until they begin to soften. Add the bay and thyme leaves and drained artichokes, then stir to mix them all together.

Add 200ml water to the pan, bring the mixture to a simmer, then reduce the heat and cover so that the artichokes cook gently for about 10-12 mins. When they are beginning to soften, add the cream, bring to a simmer again and cook until the sauce is reduced slightly and the artichokes are tender. Season the mixture with a little pepper, then remove from the heat and discard the bay leaves. At this point, you can chill the mixture, and finish the dish when you are ready. It will keep happily in the fridge for a few hours.

Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Place the smoked haddock cubes in a gratin dish big enough to hold them in a single layer. Pour over the artichokes and sauce, spreading the mixture out evenly. Top with breadcrumbs and a few small dots of butter. Place the gratin dish on a baking sheet and bake for 30 mins, until the top is

golden brown and bubbling.



#### **Cauliflower Soup**

1 large cauliflower (1.5kg), cut into florets

½ tbsp ground cumin

2 tbsp olive oil, plus extra for drizzling

4 thyme sprigs

1 onion, finely chopped

1 celery stick, finely chopped

1 garlic clove, crushed

750-850ml veg or chicken stock 100ml single cream

16 cmall bunch of

½ small bunch of parsley, finely chopped

Heat the oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Toss the cauliflower florets in a roasting tin with 1 tbsp olive oil, cumin and thyme. Roast for 15 mins or until golden and tender. Discard the thyme.

Heat the remaining oil in a saucepan with the onion and celery and fry over a medium heat for 10 mins or until softened. Add the garlic and cook for 1 min. Stir through most of the cauliflower, reserving some to top the soup with later. Add 750ml of the stock to the pan and bring to a simmer. Cook for 10 mins.

Blitz the soup until smooth using a hand blender or food processor. Stir through the cream and season to taste. Add extra stock if you like your soup a little thinner. Ladle into bowls and top with the parsley, reserved cauliflower and an extra drizzle of olive oil.



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26th November saw us holding our **Christmas Fayre** at the shop in Punta Prima. The day was a huge success, raising €1060. A huge thank you to all our loyal customers and to all the volunteers that made this day possible.

At the **Fayre**, the Levante Veterans and Friends Association presented our Vice President, Les Holloway, with a donation of €500 which was raised during a collection at the recent Remembrance Service in Mil Palmeras. The photograph shows a Certificate of Appreciation being presented Les by to members of the Association.



November was the second busiest month of 2023 for our Listeners, taking over 230 calls during the calendar month, an increase on last year of over 20 calls. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Listeners and all our

shop volunteers, as without you work the we do and the people we help just would not be possible.

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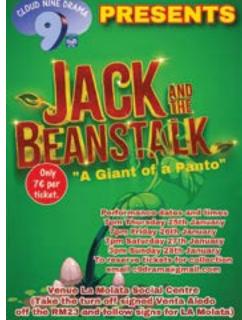
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# SPORTS & LEISURE SECTION





#### SPORTS

## Fuente Old Guard Golf Society

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Our game for November was on the 30<sup>th</sup> and was a return trip to Altorreal Golf in Murcia which was still in good condition although very wet underfoot in some places. It was as if the sprinklers had been left on all night and the effect on ball distances was remarkable.

That is our excuse anyway for some of the very low scores achieved by even some of the best players, but not so for IAN BETHAL coming with 34 points to win overall and top division one just ahead of MICK DALY with 29 points. In division two PHIL LEEMING was ahead of the



rest with 32 points with **PAUL LIVINGSTONE** in second place with 28 points. In division three **LAURENCE WILLEY** took the top prize on countback with 29 points closely followed by **DES LOCKE** also with 29 points.

All of the prizes were sponsored by our new vice captain **RICHARD DIXON** celebrating his 78<sup>th</sup> birthday who had a great day and won nothing.

Nearest the pin winners were ANDY, PAUL, STUART and BRIAN who also won the  $40\varepsilon$  twos pot.

Our next game is to Condado de Alhama on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

If you wish to know more about **FOGGS** please contact us by email

**DAVE MAY** 

#### SPORTS

#### Drone Seekers International

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26<sup>th</sup> November took us to **Mazarrón Mines** and whilst the **Mines** have been flown at before, it is a popular place to fly as it has nice open spaces with amazing views and buildings to fly around and through!

8 flyers and a dog sitter were joined by 2 UK visitors, Caroline and Steve. Caroline builds & fly's her own Drones. This is a link to her channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3gM\_F1fbOc

Steve hosts the **DSI** Sunday night YT show. A spectator for most of the morning, Bo from Germany emerged from his camper van and loved the Drones. He didn't realise their capabilities or speed and was in awe of the flyers to keep them in the air. The weather was with us all the way with sunshine and hardly any wind. Following a good morning flying, Harvey took us to one of his 'Coffee and Tostada'



bike stop offs for lunch where paella, burger, seafood platter, ribs, chicken and beef were all sampled – the tortilla and alioli were especially tasty. Brasas Milán Magaña is where to go.

29<sup>th</sup> November flying day was at the **Black Caves** in Fortuna. Not an easy place to find, but a car park and picnic with a BBQ area are there to use. This day was the **DSI** Spain's **Christmas** picnic and as usual we had Terry on catering duties with Rick on mulled wine, mince pies and custard supplier.

We had some **Christmas songs** to make it feel **Christmassy**, whilst Linda provided the **Christmas**  headgear for the obligatory photo. The caves are set into the rock overlooking the flat lands around Fortuna and the views from there are stunning.

After the mornings flying we set the picnic area up to eat. We had bacon & t o m a t o



rolls and to follow the mince pies. Caroline was still with us on this fly day so in the mix of our **Christmas songs**, Sweet Caroline was played and we all did the usual arm waving thing. Another great day to end the year. See **Drone Seekers**International Facebook page for details and links to videos from around the world. Here's the link: https://www.youtube.com/@DroneSeekersInternational-



#### SPORTS

## Straight Down the Middle Golf Society

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Straight Down the Middle Golf **Society** set off equipped with blow up rubber rings, armbands and even the odd blow up flamingo for our November competition at La Serena, all of which were needed at some stage in the hours ahead. Mostly to enable ball retrieval from the plethora of water hazards, what the others were used for I will leave to your imagination.

However, we had a great days golf. The course was in great condition with the greens providing plenty of extra strokes due to the glass like tendencies and our thanks must go to all the staff at La Serena for making our visit so enjoyable.

December we held our year end competition at Marina Golf in Mojácar followed by prizeour giving dinner, а dav that always enjoyed by all who attend.

Results:



Section B

Section A Winner: Ian Stewart Runner Up: Ian Frost (on count back)

Section B Winner: R 0 У Alderslade Runner Up: Gary Greenfield (on count back)



#### SPORTS

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Final Day Disaster

The SAMM (Sailing Association Mar Menor) autumn 2023 racing season has been the worst on record for cancellations. Out of the planned 26 races only 9 actually went ahead, the remainder having to be cancelled for a variety of reasons.



Then, to cap it all, the final day,

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Dos	5	6	1	2	0.75	3	3	2	2	12.75	2	5		3
Ginetta	4	2	12	12	5	4	4	3	3	20	3	12	1 12	5
Tres	0.75	0.75	4	4	2	12	12	12	12	23.5	4	12	1 12	1 12
Radial Down	2	3	5	3	12	12	12	12	12	37	5	12	11	1 12
Vision	12	12	12	12	12	2	0.75	5	12	43.75	6	12	1 12	1 12
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December 3rd was a disaster because all the access roads in Los Narejos were closed to traffic for a cycle race and many of the organisers and competitors were unable to reach the **SAMM** base at CTD, some after driving for 80 kilometers. There appears to have been no prior notification and even the CTD management seemed not to have known as they had given the OK for the racing to go ahead. Of the nine races, the worst three results for each boat were discarded and although many of the individual races were very closely fought, the outright seasons winner had a big lead over the other boats.

Cuatro, a Gamba dinghy of the Shoestring Group and sailed by a number of different crews, scored five firsts and a second in the six counting races to finish, with

just 5.75 points on the low score system. A fantastic performance by all the crews. The second place boat, Shoestring Dos,a Laser 2000, mainly sailed by the same crew, was 7 points behind but still did extremely well with one first, three second and two third places. The full results were as per the table. A score of 12 indicates that a boat didn't race.

We all hope for a better 2024 racing season.

For full information on **SAMM** and it's boat share groups visit www. sailingmarmenor.com





#### **SPORTS**

## Camposol Golf Association (C



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#### Camposol Golf Association Men's Wednesday Group

Wednesday 29th November

24 **C.G.A.** Players took to the course in chilly conditions. The format was 3 Stableford scores to count off yellow tees.

#### Results:

1st A. Rae, D. Deegan, J. Layland and E. Toye 117 points 2nd D. Watts, R. Lawrenson, D. Bunn and T. Andrew 115 3rd K. Halliwell, B. McClusky, D. Jones 110

There was only one 2 A. Rae Thanks to Derek and Alastair for the presentation

## C.G.A. Christmas Competition 13<sup>th</sup> December

The **C.G.A.** played its **Christmas** Competition. The weather was overcast but conditions were perfect for scoring. A few players wore their **Christmas** sweaters which looked very smart. After the competition, it was down to Trevi Bar for an enjoyable **Christmas Buffet Lunch** organised by John Layland with Eugene organising the golf as usual, resulting in a fantastic day which was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Sue and her staff at Trevi.

#### Results:

$1^{st}$	H. Pearson	40 points.
$2^{\text{nd}}$	P. Coulstock	38
$3^{\text{rd}}$	D. Jones	37
	E. Toye	35
5 <sup>th</sup>	T. Andrew	35
6 <sup>th</sup>	K. Halliwell	34

Thanks to D. Freer, R. Lawrenson & J. Layland for checking the results and raffle prizes.

Eugene Toye C.G.A.





**Competition Secretary** 

## The C.G.A. Ladies Tuesday Group

On the 12<sup>th</sup> December the Lady Golfers held their **Christmas** competition. It was a sunny and warm day, the game was a Texas Scramble. Many thanks to our sponsors, **The C.G.A.**, The Golf Club, **The Salon, Quicksave Supermarket**, Maura Parsons, Bernie & Irene and Steve & Chris Parsons.

The winning team with a great score of 66.85 was Debbie Murray, Sue Brew, Vron Porter and Maura Parsons. This team scored a 3 on the 17<sup>th</sup>, a terrific feat not often achieved!!

Afterwards, we had a truly fantastic **Christmas Dinner** at Black Bull and sincerely thank Aaron and Michelle for their

service and hospitality

## **Camposol Golf Association Christmas Dinner Dance**

This was held at Spice Villa with Piccolo's Mediterranean Menu, the food and service were excellent and thoroughly enjoyed by the 88 people who attended. Carla was in great voice entertaining us and keeping the dance floor busy. It was a super night with great vibes and not one complaint!!

#### **Club de Golf Champions**

Martyn Lewis is the 2023 Men's Club Champion with an overall score of 78 points.

The 2023 Ladies Club Champion is Pam Andrew with a score of 60 points.

**Betty Roberts** 



#### SPORTS

## Los Amigos de Mazarrón FC

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Mazarrón continue to show good form in the league and stand 5 points ahead of the second placed team in the league and 9 points ahead of the third and fourth placed teams, only having dropped four points since the start of the season, all of them away from home with the latest coming at Pinatarense when they drew 1-1. This is the best start to a season that I can remember for many years and maybe the best start in all the 20 years I have been supporting the Club. There is a long way to go in the season, but provided the squad remain injury free and free from too many bookings, I am optimistic they can gain promotion back to the third tier of Spanish football where the Club belong in my opinion.

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It appears that the change in manager after the resignation of Juan Andreo to their credit has not affected the players at all with the new manager Roberto Carlos Lucas (aka Keny) settling into his role with a good deal of credit. This seems to have quietened any grumbles amongst supporters about the reason behind the change of manager for the present.

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

Forthcoming fixtures for January and early February 2024 are:

7<sup>th</sup> January Away Calasparra 14<sup>th</sup> January Home Algezares 21<sup>st</sup> January Away Churra 28<sup>th</sup> January Home El Raal



4<sup>th</sup> February Away Minerva

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 will be open an hour before each home game and at half time for the sale of tea, coffee and soft drinks and some snacks. Please keep using it, because unless it continues to be used, the Committee will consider closing it. I should also remind you that no alcohol is allowed at the ground at present.

It would be good to see more people using the coach to support the team at away matches. They deserve more support away from home because of the way they are playing at the moment. The charge for the coach to an away game is 12€ for members and 15€ for non members and on some visits we will be hoping to fill the match day by arranging a pre-match meal before the game. These occasions will be advertised beforehand on our Facebook page and at the Los

Amigos weekly meetings.

These weekly meetings are held each Thursday at 4pm at Mariano's, Camposol A. Member's business meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month, also at Mariano's, which only members are allowed to attend.

Please contact: **bill.camposol@ gmail.com** for more information.





#### GROUPS

#### Los Bandidos

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Los Bandidos runners travelled further afield recently to participate in the Benidorm Half Marathon and 10k on Saturday 25th November and the Lorca Half Marathon and 10k on Sunday 26th November. Reports from Benidorm say it was a very well organized event with a great goody bag, which included chocolate! In Lorca Jan and Paul won trophies and a box of vegetables!

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

#### **Benidorm**

Half Marathon Winner: 1:08:53 2260 Finishers

1291 David Looker 2:00:06

10k

Winner: 30:15 2384 Finishers

2022 John Davidge 1:30:182024 Lesley Davidge 1:30:19

Full results:\_\_https://www.chiplevante.com/es/prueba/media-maraton-y-10k-de-benidorm-673-2023

#### Lorca

Half Marathon Winner: 1:06:30 233 Finishers





116 David Jones 1:38:28

10k

Winner: 30:43 290 Finishers

152 Paul Darcy 48:00

(3rd M60M)

154 Jan Murton 48:01

(1st M60F)

198 Patrica Mulcahy 51:24 233 Jackie Darcy 53:21

Full results: \_https:// www.alcanzatumeta.es/ xxxv-medio-maratonciudad-de-lorca-y-xiiicarrera-saludable/ 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 and were recently collecting donations, toys, books and games for the **Red Cross Christmas** Toy Appeal.

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 upto-date with our latest activities (https://www.facebook.com/ groups/490933409244200). We look forward to seeing you soon.



#### RELIGION

## DID YOU KNOW?



Discovering Truth and Prayer (Part 3)

Did you know that discovering truth and prayer is crucial to all believers, they go hand in hand. In a world of uncertainty and chaos, prayer is a quiet relief to those who follow the words of Yehovah (Jehovah or God). The Scripture declares to the believer the beginning of all things and the end of all things. These words would be a comfort and give assurance that the 'God of Creation' is still in control of everything. In 2nd Corinthians chapter 1 and verses 3 and 4 it reminds the believer "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort. Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith

we ourselves are comforted of God". Let's now continue to look at the theme of prayer.

If prayer is so important to the believer, why are there unanswered prayers? Some have given up their faith because of this. It is true to say that when one becomes sick, whether a christian or a non-christian prayer becomes a necessity whatever the form. Prayer for the christian is a dialogue or conversation with the creator. It's a two way conversation. Through the holy spirit (or spirit of holiness) the believer is guided in prayer. Remember prayer is a gift from the Creator.

To fear (fear here means reverence or respect) Yehovah (Jehovah or God) is the beginning of wisdom. This can be found in Psalms chapter 111 and verse 10 "The fear of

the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, a good understanding have all they that do his commandments". Also in Proverbs chapter 1 and verse 7 it states "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge...". In Proverbs chapter 9 and verse 10 it talks about understanding "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the holy is understanding".

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#### Charity

#### Cruz Azul Murcia Para Mascotas





## CRUZ AZUL RECEIVES GENEROUS DONATION

Cruz Azul celebrates its 10th birthday in 2023. Founded by Lyn Baines and Sue Thomason during a 'crisis' in Spain. Pets were abandoned because people couldn't afford vet fees. Lyn and Sue

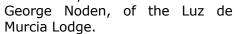
wanted to ensure no animal suffered because of lack of funds.

**Cruz Azul** assistance includes vaccination, microchipping and sterilisation. This helps responsible ownership and discourages unlicensed breeding.

**Cruz Azul** also promotes the management of cat colonies including advice and cat traps. Cats are territorial, won't allow other cats, keeps down the vermin and with sterilisation the colony naturally reduces.

President, Lyn Baines, was happy

when she spoke to us about a donation of 1,000€ f r o m Worshipful Brother,



"It means so much to us" said Lyn.
"The only way we raise money
for animals usually is through
our donation centre in San Javier.
Thank you George, and the Lodge,
for your generosity".

Luz de Murcia Lodge has existed for 28 years and has been based in Las Claras for the last 4 years. It's part of the Masonic Province of Murcia, comprising 6 Masonic Lodges who designate charities that they will support.

Recent donations have included **Afacmur**, (Asociación de

familiares de niños con cáncer de la Región de Murcia), AECC (Spanish Association Against Cancer), Los Arcos Hospital, MABS Respite Home, and recently Cruz Azul.

Cruz Azul Murcia is a registered c h a r i t y ( N o . 11.720/1 a) and exists to



provide veterinary care for the sick and injured pets of people in need and to promote responsible pet ownership.

If you or someone you know needs help, or you would like to volunteer, fundraise or donate, please call Lyn Baines on 693 017 616, email at info@cruzazulmurcia.com or visit their website: www.cruzazulmurcia.com

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#### Schedule of Masses:

St. Joseph's, El Saladillo, Mazarrón (Murcia) Saturday: Mass at 4:30 PM (in English).

<u>Schedule of Confessions</u>: One hour before Mass. Also on request.

Happy New Year! From Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (The Little Flower), a Carmelite sister: Miss no single

s i n g l e opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly

word; always doing the smallest

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right and doing it all for love. For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy. Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing. When one loves, one does not calculate.

A word or a smile is often enough to put fresh life in a despondent soul.

My whole strength lies in prayer and sacrifice, these are my invincible arms; they can move hearts far better than words, I know it by experience.



## Noah's A.R.C. Animal Rescue

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Email: info@noahsarcmurcia.com

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**MASON** was found alone and abandoned at 7 years old and is one of the nicest dogs you could wish to meet. He has recently been neutered and will now mix with the other dogs at the kennels. **Mason** is also fully vaccinated. Please consider this lovely boy because he really shouldn't be in kennels.

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All adoptions and fosters will be home checked. \* Part of the adoption agreement is that puppies will be spayed or neutered when they are old enough.

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** 

For donations our PayPal address is: NA1Treasurer@gmail.com



Please check out our Facebook page **NoahsArc Mazarron** to see more videos of our lovely dogs looking for their forever homes.

The **Christmas Fayre** was a great success. Thank you to everyone who attended, to Carolynn May for her donation, our bakers who



provided some beautiful cakes and Jay at the Diner for hosting a **quiz** for **NoahsArc.** Always gratefully received.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT, WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.





The pupples were born on 7th June 2023. Their Mum Coco is small to medium size, is very smart and full of energy. The puppies have had all their vaccinations. They have not yet been chipped as they are waiting for their new Mummy/Daddy. They are all very loving and easy going. They enjoy all foods, including pasta, rice, potatoes and even like a bowl of porridge.

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