

Castilléjar

Newsletter

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Welcome to The Castilléjar Newsletter, the items that are published this month are slightly different to the normal format. This is due to the lack of information or events that are taking place. With this in mind we are looking to you our readers to send in more info to share with the rest of us please! Have you been to a really good restaurant or event? Do you know of some important information which would benefit all? Or do you know of some obscure fiesta taking place?

If so please send all info to the address below.

I am in the town hall every Wednesday from 9.30am – 10.30am. (Not 19th Nov) I am here to help with any questions or enquires that you would like me to assist you with which are related to the Ayuntamiento (town hall) or you can email me at castillejarnews@hotmail.com.

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Useful Spanish Words

As it is the time of the year when we all seem to be getting colds and flu, I thought these translations might be useful

La gripe	Flu
El resfriado	Cold
La fiebre	Temperature
Las tos	Cough
El dolor de cabeza	Headache
El dolor de garganta	Sore throat
Enfermar	To fall ill
Vomitir	To be sick
Infectar	To infect
Contagiar	To pass on
Padecer de	To suffer from
Como se encuentra?	How do you feel?
Sentirse bien/mal	To feel well/ill
Tener mala cara	To look ill
Ponerse enfermo	To fall ill
Tener dolor de cabeza	To have a headache
Tener fiebre	To have a temperature
Estar mareado/mareada	To feel sick

What's on in and around Castelléjar

If you know of an event taking place or a trip being organized, please contact castillejarnews@hotmail.com.

Shopping trip to Murcia

Saturday 13th Dec leaving Castelléjar 8am 20€ per person

For more details or to book your place e mail info@altiplanoexperience.com or call Yvonne 663624985

Quiz night

The next quiz will be on Wednesday 12th October, 7.30 for 8pm, at El Parador.

Dancing Lessons

Hall at Santa Cruz Castelléjar. Children Wed & Fri 7pm. Adults Tue & Thurs 8pm. 10€ per month.

Guitar Lessons

Thursdays 7pm in the Town Hall Castelléjar.

Pottery Castelléjar & Los Olivos - €5 per month.

Castilléjar: children Thurs 5-7pm, adults Fri 5-7pm.

Los Olivos: Fridays 4.30 for both adults & children

Wine tasting evening

In Castelléjar Thursday 13th Nov

For more details or to book your place e mail info@altiplanoexperience.com

Or call Yvonne on 663624985

Craft Fair

Town hall Galera Wednesday 19th Nov start time approx 10am

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Cine Castelléjar 6th 7th & 8th Dec

Painting Classes

Castilléjar Town Hall, 2nd Floor, Tuesdays 4.30 – 6.30pm

Spanish Cookery in Castelléjar

Classes are taught by a professional cookery teacher. November's class takes place on Thursday 20th cost of 20€ per person for more information or to book your class please e mail info@altiplanoexperience.com or call Yvonne on 663624985

Trip to Sevilla (Estepa)

Due to the success of our Almeria trip we are now planning a trip to Sevilla

To express an interest or for more information please contact Ailis on 697 90 82 01 or 958 73 95 58

Event review- Wine Tasting Evening In Castelléjar

Last week my husband, younger daughter (who was visiting from the UK) and myself had a delightful evening wine tasting in Castelléjar.

The evening was organised by Yvonne of Altiplano Experience and it was she who picked us up and took us to the home of Paul and Jemma which is situated on the edge of the village towards Los Olivos and set in the middle of the vineyard. We were met there by Paul and Jemma and, after being introduced to the others in the party, Paul took us inside for a guided tour of the bodega. This was truly fascinating as Paul explained step-by-step the process of producing their award winning wines. It is produced in much the same way as it has been for centuries and is totally organic. Paul's enthusiasm for his craft was contagious and it became obvious from his tales of the last 4 years that a lot of love, sweat and tears go into making each batch!

After we had finished the tour, we were shown into the very pretty corral which was lit with fairy lights and little log fires and looked just like a fairy grotto! Then for the best bit.....the tasting!! We were each given the chance to try both the white and red wine by Jemma who explained which types of grapes were used, and why. The wine was accompanied by some delicious tapas prepared by Jemma, using their own organic vegetables. The roasted butternut squash with Parmesan and toasted seeds and the stuffed vine leaves were to die for! The wines are, naturally, on sale, together with fabulous hand made chocolate truffles, once again made and beautifully presented by Jemma. Both the wines and the truffles would make wonderful Christmas presents!

We all had a really enjoyable night with Paul and Jemma who are a charming couple and the perfect hosts.

Post to be collected

As you may or may not know the local postman is not too familiar with the English speaking members of our community, listed below are names of people whose post is in the Town Hall Castelléjar awaiting collection.

David Thomas Maw

Tony James Collins

Andrew Paul Leech

Andrew Stuart Hunter

Sharon Hibbert

Michael Bell

Gillian Ann Holden

Restaurant Review

Looking For A Delicious Sunday Roast?

Recently we visited Cueva Pedro for a wonderful roast lunch. For those of you who do not know, Cueva Pedro is a local B&B establishment, in Castelléjar in Barrio Evangelista, run by Sally and Kate.

Their new venture is the introduction of Sunday lunch. There was a choice of a typical roast, or steak and kidney pie with fresh vegetables. Vegetarian options are also available by request.

The whole experience was highly enjoyable. The greeting, ambiance, service and of course the delicious food. On the table was a glass of cava and a dish of home made tapas for each person which you can enjoy whilst deciding which main course to have. The waitress (Kate) then takes your order from the menu which allows you a choice of 3 starters, 3 main dishes and 3 desserts. A carafe of wine is included in the price. This is followed by coffee and a chocolate. The overall experience left us fully satisfied with both the food and the service, all at extremely good value for 15€ per person.

Booking is essential – Sally or Kate 958 737230 or enquiries@cuevapedro.co.uk

More Driving Information – with thanks to Arthur

It is best to change to a Spanish licence immediately and not wait for your UK licence to expire for several reasons.

The writer said correctly that DVLA won't issue a UK licence to a non UK address. However failure to inform DVLA of change of address (even in UK) carries a 1000 pound fine because with an incorrect address the license is no longer valid.

Having a UK address doesn't really help (I still have an address in the UK) because the address has to be your usual place of residence.

Of even greater importance is the fact that some Spanish insurance companies will not recognise a British driving licence. There was a recent high profile case of an English person whose car was written off and the insurance company refused to pay because of 'incompatibility of paperwork' ie Spanish car, Spanish documentation, Spanish insurance but British driving licence.

Hope this is useful.

Important Information

Doctor – located across from the school. If you are living here permanently you must register with one of the doctors.

There doesn't seem to be an appointment system in place so this is how it works.....

Thirty tickets to see the doctor are handed out at 8am – then you just wait your turn! Be warned! People start queuing for the tickets very early!

Paediatrician – there is now one available in Benamurel

Pharmacy – located on Calle Huescar.

Open 9.30am – 2pm and then 5.30 – 8.30

Dentist – located across from the bank Caja Rural (661 35 34 36)

Gym – located next to the dentist.

Banks – both are open from 8.30 – 2.15

We hope you have enjoyed this month's newsletter; we look forward to hearing from you soon!

Kind regards

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