

Spanish - U3A West - Wolds



Welcome to February

Welcome to the February edition of our newsletter. As a short month February always seems to speed by and of course we have the lengthening days to look forward to. In this edition we'll share some of the events that take place through February across the Spanish speaking world at this time of year. We've also got events closer to home to look forward to.

The new Beginners Group will be meeting for the first time early in the month. Full details will be given in this edition of our newsletter.

Festivals

February is a time of festivals all across Spain as we move through the month. Apart from Pancake Day when Spanish people make tortilla, here are a few others.

February 2: La Candelaria (Candlemas), across Spain but particularly big in Madrid (processions, pageantry, mock bull fights).

February 14: Celebrated all over the Spanish speaking World and is known as: El Día de San Valentín.

February 16: Fat Thursday (Jueves Lardero).

February 19: Seville Marathon. This has taken place since 1985 with the number of participants increasing every year.

February 21: Fat Tuesday, equivalent of our Shrove Tuesday.

Depending on the region there may be some variation. Carnival celebrations take place across Spain during February and are particularly big in Cádiz, Sitges, Madrid, Barcelona, and Santa Cruz de Tenerife. Each may have its own particular focus depending on the date.

February 28: Day of Andalucía. This is a day of celebration in this region of Spain and is marked by both private and public parties with traditional music, food and drink.



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For 2023

Spanish for non Spanish Speakers.
Come along and learn the basics of this wonderful language.

Further details can be found in this Newsletter.

Find out at the Monthly Meeting or on the West Wolds website.

DIARY for January

Intermediate Spanish

Feb 7th - Tealby @ 2:00pm

Feb 14th - Tealby @ 2:00pm

Feb 21st - Binbrook @ 2:00pm

Feb 28th - Caistor @ 2:00pm

Beginners Spanish

Feb 9th - A short meeting after the Monthly Meeting at the Festival Hall.

Feb 27th - Faldingworth.

Mar 13th - Faldingworth.

Mar 27th - Faldingworth.

Beginners Group



Our brand new Beginners Spanish group will be starting in February (second and fourth Monday of each month). The first full session will be on 27th February at 1.30pm. Each session will last for an hour and a half. Our very first session will take place in Market Rasen right after the Monthly Meeting on 9th February. Please note that this will be a very brief affair. You'll be able to meet others who are interested in joining this new group.

Arrangements for future sessions will be shared when you join the group.

Please be aware that no prior knowledge of Spanish is needed so if you're looking for a new challenge, why not get in touch.

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Spain comes to Hull

On Saturday afternoon 28th January some of our Spanish Group arrived to a full house at Hull Truck Theatre. It was buzzing in anticipation. The show was called 'Art of Believing' by the Daniel Martinez Flamenco Company who are based in Edinburgh. The show started in the dark with Daniel Martinez playing single notes on his guitar



which grew in sound and complexity. He was joined by a percussionist playing a cajun (a

wooden box which he sat on), cymbal and chime bars, for the next number. A male and female singer, another guitarist and a violinist joined the stage. The singers adding to the percussion by clapping. It was mesmerising to watch as they made different sounds by changing the position and shape of their hands. To complete the group, the dancer joined in using her feet, also as an instrument with strong controlled movements to convey the emotions. What a spectacle! They held us spellbound for the entire performance with a rich variety of flamenco styles, from the intense emotion of a Seguirya, to the joyful sounds of an Alegria. We cannot wait for their return.

You can find more details about them at www.danielmartinezflamenco.com and learn more about flamenco.

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Spanish Events in our Local Area

Members of the Intermediate Group have recently enjoyed chatting about their Spanish Experiences when travelling abroad on their holidays. Trip to Tunisia and Spain were among the topics of these discussions. Over the coming weeks we are going to continue chatting about holiday topics. All such conversations are, of course, conducted in Spanish.

Spanish culture has recently been experienced at the Hull Truck Theatre. By all account it was a very enjoyable and successful event.

The Louth and District Concert Society are welcoming Carlos Bonell to the Louth Riverhead Theatre on the 26th March for a superb afternoon of Spanish guitar music. Carlos will be playing some of his own compositions including classic pieces from Spain and Latin America. Carlos was born in London to Spanish parents and studied with John Williams at the RMC (Royal College of Music). He was the youngest appointed Guitar Professor at the age of 22 at the RMC. For tickets contact the box office on (01507) 600350.