

# Spanish - U3A West - Wolds



**Welcome to the June edition of the newsletter.** May was a very busy month as we prepared for the Wolds Outdoor Festival. Members of the Spanish Intermediate Group were happy to support West Wolds U3A on the day with an activity to try out and of course we were also there to chat to visitors to the event. Our Spanish Treasure Hunt was well received by young and old alike. We had a lot of interest shown in this activity including many who spoke no Spanish at all. It just shows that the international language of friendship in general can get one by in any language. Why not try the phrases quiz in this month's edition yourself? You'll be surprised just how many of these you can actually work out.

Now we're into June and the final weeks of our regular weekly or fortnightly meetings in both Beginners and Intermediate Groups as we all get ready for a short break in August. A timetable of dates is set out on page 2 of this newsletter. All that remains for me to say is enjoy the summer now that it has finally arrived.

## It's Surprising Who You Bump into on Your Travels

**This month we welcomed back Chris**, one of our Intermediate group, following her extended travels in Spain. Chris has been keeping in touch with us during her time there through our weekly emails and WhatsApp group. Imagine how surprised we all were when she shared one of her holiday photos with us.

Can you name the well known television celebrity in the centre of the picture?

The photo is taken in Denia, a lovely coastal town about 95km from Valencia. Denia is famous for a great deal more than its sandy beaches and great seafood. The town boasts a castle and battlements dating from Moorish times. You get a great view from the battlements of the surrounding countryside.

Denia also has a large modern marina and a ferry that can connect with the Balearic Islands.

The old town has a Moorish flavour and is a great place to spend a few hours away from the beach.

You'll also find a toy museum (Museo del Juguete) housed in the old train station. The museum celebrates the toy production that took place from the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century due to the failure of the grape harvest.



### A Little Walking and an Apostle

The summer in Spain can be very hot and not to the liking of many travellers from Northern Europe such as ourselves. Northern Spain has many cultures from Galicia, the Asturias and the Basque country. It also boasts a cooler climate than southern Spain. The cities of Bilbao, Santander and Santiago de Compostela each have a great deal to attract the visitor including language, culture, history and food. The cities are linked by one of the routes taken by the pilgrims to visit the cathedral in Santiago de Compostela, famous for the shrine of St James, an Apostle of Jesús Christ.



Bilbao, in the Basque region, is a famous port with an Old Town that's worth exploring. Famous for the Guggenheim Museum there's also plenty of art to look at.

Santander, the capital of the Cantabria region also has an old town. In modern times it is famous as the headquarters of the bank that bears its name.

All three cities formed part of the most northerly route taken by pilgrims on their way along the Camino de Santiago. Modern travellers can pick and choose to do sections of the route or the whole thing!

#### Are you thinking of Learning a New Language?

Both of our groups are happy to welcome new members at any time of year but with September fast approaching it might be a good time to consider how to spend the winter months indoors.

Last year we ran a Holiday Spanish course which was very popular for anybody who wanted just a little "holiday Spanish." Running for just 6 weeks it gave a basic introduction to the language and culture of Spain. We'd consider doing this again if there was sufficient interest. A group could be viable with up to six people. Time and venue to be agreed by the group members.

Get in touch with me [smobrien1@gmail.com](mailto:smobrien1@gmail.com) if this appeals to you.

#### Can you pair up these Spanish phrases with the English equivalent?

There are 6 to try.

La hora feliz	The beautiful view
El chile picante	The busy town
La vista hermosa	The happy hour
El día frío	The obedient dog
El perro obediente	The cold day
La ciudad ocupada	The hot chilli

### The Month Ahead

#### DIARY for June

##### Beginners Spanish

June 12<sup>th</sup> - Faldingworth @ 1:30pm

June 26<sup>th</sup> - Faldingworth @ 1:30pm

**Note:** There will be 2 dates for July, none for August and we start on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### DIARY for June

##### Intermediate Spanish

June 6<sup>th</sup> - Hemswell @ 2:30pm

June 13<sup>th</sup> - Normanby Le Wold @ 2:30pm

June 20<sup>th</sup> - Binbrook @ 2:30pm

June 27<sup>th</sup> - Caister @ 2:30pm