

# Spanish - u3a West - Wolds



## Welcome to the November edition of our newsletter

**October was a busy month that saw several members return to our groups after a brief time away visiting family or taking an autumn break.** I had a busy time at the October monthly meeting chatting to potential new members. I'd like to offer a very warm welcome to Jan who recently joined u3a and who joined our Beginners Group in October. Our new Friday group for advanced learners started in October and this has given those who have been learning Spanish for some time a further opportunity to challenge their own learning by speaking for the whole session in Spanish.

Don't forget that these groups are for everybody and if you can think of a way to improve and develop things then do please say. We're always happy to keep things fresh and to move with the times.

If you've not already noticed the mention of a tapas meal at Olé Olé in Lincoln (October newsletter) then do give this your consideration. The restaurant in Lincoln always makes us very welcome and it's a great opportunity to practice your Spanish. The date has been arranged for the Tuesday of the week when all three groups usually meet. Don't be put off if you've just joined one of the Spanish groups – you'll certainly enjoy the experience and you'll be made most welcome.

## Gran Canaria – Late Summer Break

*Here is an article in English and Spanish for you to enjoy.*

**One of our Spanish group has recently visited Gran Canaria in the Atlantic ocean off the North West coast of Africa.** This was the last place that Christopher Columbus stopped to pick up supplies on his voyage to discover the Americas in 1492. These days the main supplies on the Islands are bananas of which they export over 40 thousand tonnes a year.

Uno de nosotros grupo he visitado recientemente Gran Canaria que esta situado en el oceano Atantico en el noroeste de Africa. Este fue el último lugar donde Cristóbal Colón se detuvo para abastecerse en su viaje para descubrir América en mil cuatrocientos noventa y dos. Estos dias el suministros pricipales en estas islas son platinos de las que exportan



**Tapas and Talk in Time for Christmas**

Book now to secure a place at our table

**Olé Olé**

The Lawn - 3 Ingleman Place – Lincoln - LN1 3BU



Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
12.30 for 1pm

To book your place contact:

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**Spanish Scrabble**

The first fortnightly session of our Advanced Group (Vamos a Juntarnos) met a couple of times in October to play Scrabble (in Spanish of course!) and to chat for an hour completely in Spanish. We've got four regular members in this group which is enough to play a challenging game on a Friday afternoon. It also gave us opportunities to explore the need to develop one or two additional conversational phrases to help the conversation flow better in future weeks.



**Too Busy to Get to a Spanish Group?**

or

**Can't Find One at a Time you Like?**

Try u3a Interest Groups Online

Your membership of u3a entitles you to take part in lots of things that you'll find on the national u3a website.

Take a look under the learn tab and you'll find Interest Groups Online, known as IGO.

For a small additional cost you can join this online forum and take part in as many groups as you wish. There are currently four groups for absolute beginners in Spanish.

And, a final word, if you find something that we don't offer in our u3a, mention this to the Groups Convener who will be pleased to try and incorporate this locally.

**Save the Date**

u3a National Event at York University 18 – 20 July, 2024.

**Did you know?**

There are five US States with names that come directly from Spanish.

Nevada – meaning snow covered

Colorado – meaning red coloured

Montana – from montaña, meaning mountain

Florida – meaning covered in flowers

California - from the fictional island California that appears in a 16<sup>th</sup> century Spanish book on chivalry entitled, Las Sergas de Esplandián (The Great Deeds of Esplandián).

**The Month Ahead**

**Holiday Spanish**

Every Friday at 1.00pm, Ludford

**Beginners Spanish**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 1.30pm, Faldingworth

**Advanced Spanish**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at 2pm

**DIARY for November**

**Intermediate Spanish**

Jan 3rd - Binbrook @ 2:00pm

Nov 7th - Hemswell @ 2:00pm

Nov 14th - Binbrook @ 2:00pm

Nov 21st - Wickenby @ 2:00pm

Nov 28th - Normanby le Wold @ 2:00pm