

Spanish - U3A West – Wolds



Welcome to the October Newsletter

This month we'll be welcoming several friends back to our groups who've managed to plan a holiday somewhere in the Spanish speaking world during the late summer. Destinations have included Gran Canaria and Madrid. One or two of our members have also planned an early autumn break but we manage to stay in touch to share language tips and comments even when travelling by using social media. Read on in this issue to find out how some of our group members have been using their Spanish on their travels. There's also more information about our new Spanish groups so take a look at these if you fancy joining one of them this autumn.

Holiday Spanish for the Autumn



Greetings from sunny Madrid, the Spanish capital where I'm able to report that I recently enjoyed the warm arrival of autumn that Spain offers in September. It was also a great

opportunity to use my Spanish. While I was away our language groups continued to meet regularly, such is the strength of our u3a network. Look out for a short report in Spanish for everyone in our groups to try out on page 2. If you can't speak Spanish, take a look anyway and if you'd like to try a little bit for yourself why not consider joining our Holiday Spanish group. It's a short course, only 8 sessions, and will give you some basics that you can try on your holidays.

Visiting Toledo and Segovia

Both of these cities have plenty of history and are well worth a visit on any trip to Central Spain. Travel by train, bus or as a guided visit is easily available from Madrid. If you're travelling independently, here are some useful phrases to help you out.

1. A qué hora sale el tren hacia Toledo y a qué hora vuelve? **What time does the train for Toledo leave?**
2. Puedo comprar un billete de vuelta? **Can I buy a return ticket?**



3. Es reducido para jubilados? Cuánto cuesta? **Is it reduced for retired (people)? How much is it?**

Above. Walled city of Toledo.

Left. The Alcazar in Segovia, which inspired Walt Disney's Sleeping Beauty.



Mi viaje a Madrid



Mi reciente viaje a Madrid fue un gran éxito. Tony y yo nos fuimos a mediados de septiembre por un par de semanas. El clima estuvo brillante con mucho sol cálido. Nuestro hotel estaba en el centro, a unos cinco minutos a pie de la Plaza Mayor. Pasamos cada día

visitando lugares de interés, museos y hermosos parques. Fuimos de compras a la Gran Vía. También tuvimos la suerte de ver la etapa final de La Vuelta.

Madrid's El Rastro Flea Market

El Rastro is the largest Flea Market located in the historic centre of Madrid in the popular neighbourhood of La Latina. With over 1,300 stalls you are almost certain to find whatever you are looking for.



12th December - An early date for your diary.

Tapas at Ole Ole.

Try out your Spanish.

Enjoy a relaxed occasion at lunchtime in Lincoln

La Vuelta



We were in Madrid on 17th September, the final day of La Vuelta 2023. The 101 mile stage race ends with several fast laps of the city centre, taking in some of the most famous streets and landmarks. This year's overall winner was the American, Sepp Kuss (Jumbo-Visma team).

The day started wet with frequent heavy rain showers. After a stroll around La Latina market we headed up to Plaza Major where we paused to take photographs. At lunchtime we arrived at the Navel Museum as we'd planned to have a look around while the rain fell. On emerging from the glories of the Spanish navy we headed off to select a good spot to watch the race. By this time the roads were closing and final preparations were being made. We were fortunate to get a spot quite close to the finish and

we spent several hours in the company of a group of spectators from Venezuela, Columbia and Florida. As all were Spanish speakers I put my knowledge to good use.

The race itself was very exciting and I'm pleased to say that I got several opportunities to see the race as the riders were to pass by eight times before the race was over. It was a long day but memorable in every sense of the word.

The Month Ahead

NEW for October

Holiday Spanish (Primeros Pasos)

Oct 6th Ludford @ 1pm

Oct 13th Ludford @ 1pm

Oct 20th Ludford @ 1pm

Oct 27th Ludford @ 1pm

Spanish Scrabble and Conversation (Vamos a Juntarnos)

Oct 6th Ludford @ 2:00pm

Oct 20th Ludford @ 2:00pm

DIARY for October

Beginners (Próximos Pasos)

Oct 9th Faldingworth @ 1:30pm

Oct 23rd Faldingworth @ 1:30pm

Intermediate Spanish (Hablemos Español)

Oct 3rd Binbrook @ 2:30pm

Oct 10th Hemswell @ 2:30pm

Oct 17th TBA @ 2:30pm

Oct 24th TBA @ 2:30pm

Oct 31st TBA @ 2:30pm