



Canterbury Club Newsletter



The satisfying results of grape harvesting



Harvesting grapes by hand

Canterbury Club September Grape Harvest Festival

Canterbury Director Richard Presents:
THE GRAPE HARVEST FESTIVAL
Saturday, September 29th, 8 am
For Teachers, Students, Friends & Family

TSchedule of Events: 1) Arrival at Manolo's Vineyards. Grape picking orientation at 10 am. 2) Picking grapes in teams 3) Tour Don Alvaro de Luna Cooperativo de Vinos and learn how wine is made in Spain. 4) Wine Tasting 5) Lunch on Willy's ranch. 6) Music Festival and dancing 7) 7:30 Farewell.

Club President JB Presents:
FINNEGANS PUB NIGHT
Friday October 19th, 10:30 pm
For Teachers, Students, Friends & Family

Where: Finnegans Irish Pub, Plaza de las Salesas 9, on the corner of (esquina) C/ Santo Tomás, metro Alonso Martínez, Colon, Banco España, Chueca. The Canterbury Club will celebrate its first "Pub Night" of this new year of English teaching and classes, with a tradition that began (empezó) in Finnegans in 1996. Pub Night (and all club events) is a great time (*momento estupendo*) to meet other Canterbury professors, friends and students, and it

is at that early Autumn (*Otoño*) time of year where many new friendships begin. Special offer on drinks for professors, students and friends with Canterbury stickers (*pegatinas*), compliments (*gentileza*) of Canterbury & Finnegans.

Club President JB Presents:
THANKSGIVING POTLUCK PARTY
Thursday, November 22nd, 9:45 PM.
For Teachers, Students, Friends & Family

Where: El Leon de Oro (downstairs in the wine cellars, C/ Leon, 10 (metro: Antón Martín). This is how a traditional American & British Potluck party works: Each person brings a dish. It can be anything you want. However, if you are English, Shepherd's Pie (tarta de pastor) would be appropriate. American: Turkey (pavo). Scottish: Haggis (como morcilla). Irish: Stew (estofado). Spanish: Tortilla. Australian: Kangaroo!! But somebody... anybody, please don't forget dessert! This is a great chance to get together, make friends, eat, drink and enjoy international company. And remember, come with a healthy appetite! Two drinks for the price of one (tap beer only) for professors, students and friends with Canterbury Club

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Club President JB Presents:
CHRISTMAS PUB NIGHT PARTY
Friday, November 30th, 9:45

There is a cool, cozy little Irish pub called Murphy's where we are going to have our early Canterbury Club Christmas party. It's owned by an Irishman called Paul who's lived in California for many years before coming to Madrid, Murphy's has a downstairs as well as an upstairs and there's a special 2 for 1 offer on drinks for the Canterbury Christmas Bash!



The September Grape Harvest Festival



To stay up to date on events & view photos, "like" us on Facebook and "follow" us on Twitter! (search term: Canterbury English)

Fall Mushroom Hunting

Here I'll show you how you can road trip like a Madrileño and hunt for mushrooms in the fall. The city of Madrid was built on a hot plain, but the northern part of Madrid province is all hills, mountains, and forests dotted with small, picturesque towns.

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Two of the most popular edible varieties of mushrooms to hunt in Madrid province are the *Lactarius deliciosus* (saffron milk cap / *níscalo*) and the *Boletus edulis* (penny bun / *hongo comestible*). At the same time, there are many varieties that should not be eaten! Some Madrileños do gather mushrooms to be chopped up later and added to a dish of Spanish scrambled eggs (*revuelto de setas*) and you can opt to bring the mushrooms you gathered to be examined by the Madrid Mycological Society, but even so, I would not recommend you eat any mushrooms you gathered in the wild.

Mushrooms were well-known by the Ancient Greeks, Romans and Celts who used them as food and for medicinal purposes. Controlled cultivation began in the 17th century in France, as previously they had just been gathered from the woods.

The recommended items for a mushroom hunting excursion include: a wooden basket, a knife, a mushroom book, and a bottle of water. Every mushroom-hunting Madrileño has his or her own preferred stomping ground, but one good one is the forest near San Martín de Valdeiglesias. So, why not head for the forest on the Canterbury Club's Cabin Hike and hunt for mushrooms!

Second Conversation Topic:

Learning Spanish in the US & GB

There is no debate over the fact that the ability to speak more than one language is advantageous in numerous ways. In Spain, there is clearly a large effort



Canterbury Club members enjoying a night out meeting colleagues and making new friends at the event "Gypsies and Bullfighters," with a beer or glass of wine in hand!

made to learn English, which is often considered the language to learn. Here, children begin to learn English as soon as they enter school, and classes are offered for people of all ages and professions throughout the country. But, the situation proves to be quite different in the United States and Britain. That is to say, British and Americans don't view the ability to speak multiple languages as necessary as many Spaniards do. To be sure, there are many Brits and Americans who can speak Spanish and other languages and know and emphasize the importance of being bi or multi lingual. What is most interesting is that children in the United States and Great Britain are not exposed to languages as early as children in other countries.

For example, in the United States, language classes usually begin in middle school, around age 11. This is if a school's language program hasn't been cut due to budget constraints, which happens quite frequently. The classes themselves also differ. Whereas children in Spain practice speaking constantly, American and British children focus on learning what they need to in order to get a good grade. If American and British schools incorporate more conversation learning tools into their curriculum to encourage young learners to converse in Spanish and not just to pass tests, more people will actually be able to speak Spanish in Britain and America. This will make it easier for someone to go on to University and study abroad in a Spanish speaking country.

Professor of the Month:

Tom Hopkins

I'm from Bury St. Edmunds, a small town in Suffolk, in the east of England. I studied French and sociology at the University of Warwick. I've been teaching for nearly five years now, before coming to Spain I was working in Taiwan. I originally came to Madrid for a month to do the course, but I loved the city so much I ended up staying. I travelled a lot in South East Asia while living in Taiwan and hope to visit South America at some point in the next couple of years. At the moment though I'm very happy to be in Madrid and consider myself lucky to have such eager and friendly students in all my classes.

Student of the Month: Noelia Mata & Julia Garcia (Irias Gonzalez Abogados)

Tom Hopkins says of his choice of students of the month, "Noelia and Julia are always cheerful and ready to learn. They both always put a lot of effort into their work and their English has improved noticeably in the last few months as a result. Every class is enjoyable because of their pleasant attitudes and willingness to make an effort."

Canterbury Club Gran Fiesta: Gypsies & Bullfighters

