



Canterbury English Club Newsletter

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Canterbury English Adventure Club "On the Trail of Don Quixote"

Director Richard Clarke Presents:
Teachers of the Year 2018
Canterbury English Cup Awards
Thursday June 14th, 21:30

Where: La Fontana de Oro Irish Pub (downstairs in the wine cellars), C/ de la Victoria 1 (metro: Sol).

Schedule of Events:

Awards Ceremony: 22:15h. The Ceremony will include the presentation of trophies for teachers of the year 2017-2018.

Two for One Party. We would like to celebrate the Canterbury English awards ceremony with all our teachers from June 2017 to June 2018 with a big party. Special 2 for 1 offer for all teachers, students and friends, compliments of Canterbury & Fontana de Oro.

The Canterbury English Cup Winners will be awarded for Gold, Silver and Bronze Teachers for Excellence in Teaching this school year. The criteria is based on length of time with Canterbury, number of classes, excellence in teaching, student and staff recommendations.

This school year we have had a great team of teachers and we would

like to thank all of you for the big effort you have made with your students. We have had a very difficult task in narrowing the final selection down to seven bronze teachers, two silvers and one gold, as well as Mr. and Miss Canterbury!

Conversation Topic:

Madrid's May Festival, San Isidro

In the words of Goya about the Meadow of San Isidro, "On the same day of the Saint (May 15th), with all the commotion that this Court is used to having..."

According to legend, during the 17th century King Phillip III was miraculously saved from a serious illness using water from San Isidro's blessed fountain. Also, San Isidro miraculously saved his own son from drowning, when he fell into a well.

The hermitage of the Santo is the epicenter of the fiestas of San Isidro and "leiv motiv" of the celebrations. The first service begins at

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8 AM when many Madrileños visit the church to kiss the bones of Saint Isidore. The 18th century hermitage, dedicated to the cult of San Isidro, is one of the legendary places of Madrid.

The celebration consists in the ambience of the streets in front of the Hermitage and around the meadow (now called San Isidro Park), with its stalls of food, clothes, flowers, earthenware pitchers and much more. Entire families, from grandfathers to babies, dress up as chulapos and chulapas. There are men and women with carts who spin their roulette wheels and sell the characteristic rolled wafers known as barquilleros, while old men play their street organs and gypsies trail enormous clusters of bright balloons to sell. The meadow itself is full of red checkered picnic cloths and improvised groups of people dancing the chotis.



Canterbury English Adventure Club in La Mancha!

How to dress up and What to Eat

One of the best occasions to see the typical regional dress of Madrid is in the celebrations of San Isidro, where the young and old proudly get dressed up, she in her mantón de Manila (embroidered shawl), he with his carnation and vest. If you would prefer to dress in the "goyesco" style, just look at the paintings of Goya to see what to wear. There are two types of traditional Madrileño dress that are worn during the festival. Majos y majas wear the popular dress and can be seen in Goya's famous tapestries; whereas, the chulapos y chulapas wear a more proper dress characterized by white neck scarves, waistcoats (chalecos) and caps for the men, and frilly dresses and head scarves for the women.

For centuries, the meadow has been full of friends and family having a picnic with bottles of wine, potatoe tortillas, gallinejas & entresijos (fried pieces of lamb intestine) with pancetta (pig fat) for the brave, the famous Cocido Madrileño, finished up with rose flavoured donuts called rosquillas, as well as couples having an after lunch siesta on the grass. And, if you're still thirsty, you can drink the holy water from the fountain at the hermitage. It is custom to try at least one of the three types of delicious pastries that are sold in the stalls: the *Tontas*, with little oil, *Listas*, more tender and *Santa Clara* - with glazed sugar-. Many of these delicacies make up the typical dishes of Madrid and you can't leave without trying something.



Canterbury English Party Club

Enjoying another Pub Night!

Teacher of the Season Marihely Romero

I was really surprised when I found out I was being selected as Teacher of the season!

I have been teaching English for more than 16 years and it's very rewarding when your passion and way of living (because for me teaching is not a job) is recognized. I studied Modern Languages and Education because I wanted to do something important in people's lives. I just love teaching.

When I arrived to Spain 7 months ago I didn't imagine I was going to be part of the Canterbury English Academy. I am very thankful for the opportunity they have given to me. I feel very comfortable working with them.

Student of the Season Marta Diez

Martha is a cheerful and intelligent girl. For me as her teacher it is always a pleasure to go to her house and talk to her and practice and improve her English.

Since I started teaching her, she has improved significantly. She has been doing a great work!

The Canterbury English Adventue Club in the Celebration of San Isidro

