



Canterbury Club Newsletter



Canterbury Club On the Trail of Don Quixote

Club President JB Presents:
SCRUFFY MURPHY'S PUB NIGHT
Friday, April 13th, 10:00 pm
For Teachers, Students, Friends & Family

Directors Richard & James with the Canterbury Discovering Spanish Culture Club Present:
ON THE TRAIL OF DON QUIXOTE
Sunday, May 6th, 8:00 am

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You may have heard a rumor of an upcoming pub night; I'm writing this to formally announce what has so far only been gossip. **Friday, April 13th** Canterbury Clubbers are invited to come to **Murphy's Irish Pub at 10 p.m.** to indulge in an exclusive CC deal two-for-one drinks. I have personally checked it out and can vouch that the place emits good vibes, from dim lights, to the Irish paraphernalia, to the expatriot next to you at the bar downing his second ale. Talk for a while with Paul your friendly neighborhood pub owner and bartender and see what kind of creations he can come up with. And even if you just want a coke, there is nothing better than sipping for half the price. Check out for yourself, Scruffy Murphy's, where everyone knows your name. *C/ de la Palma 47, <m> Tribunal.*

Club Motto: "A Sunday You Will Never Forget"

Trip Itinerary: As we pass by the seven lakes of Ruidera that Don Quijote compared to the tears of Dulcinea, we will reach, enter and explore the famous Montesinos Cave where Don Quixote had a mystic adventure. At the next stop, we will read the Quixote in a Chapel in Peñarroya Lake Castle. After lunch in a windmill, we will visit the Medrano dungeon where Miguel de Cervantes started Don Quixote, followed by the Dulcinea museum in Toboso. Finally, we'll end up the day watching the sunset under the windmills of Campo de Criptana. Meeting Place: 8 A.M., Canterbury Alonso Martinez (C/ Covarubias 22, Metro Alonso Martinez) Transportation: Cars, travel time: 2 hours Transportation Cost: 9 € Lunch: Menu del Día: About 10€. Limited Spaces: There are only 16 spaces available. Teachers Online Sign Ups (No Show Cancellation Fee 25 €): Sign up on your office's web page: <http://www.canterburyenglish.com/>, <http://www.canterburyconsultingspain.com/> (portal de) profesores, login w/ your password (email

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Directors Richard, James, JB Present:
TEFL Graduation Party & Canterbury Cup Awards 2012
Thursday May 31st, 21:30 am

Where: El Leon de Oro Irish Pub (downstairs in the wine cellars), C/ Leon 10 (metro: Antón Martín).

Schedule of Events:

Awards Ceremony: 22:15h. The Ceremony will include the presentation of trophies for teachers of the year 2011.

Two for One Party. 23:00 h. Description: We would like to celebrate graduation from the TEFL program with all our teachers from June 2011 to May 2012 with a big party. Special 2 for 1 offer for all teachers, students and friends, compliments of Canterbury & Leon de Oro.

The Canterbury Cup Winners will be awarded at the TEFL Graduation Party. Gold, Silver and Bronze all Bronze Cups for Excellence



Canterbury Club in La Mancha!

in Teaching, will be awarded to Teachers of the Year for the school year 2011-2012.

The criteria is based on TEFL instructor, student and staff recommendations. This school year we have had an excellent team of teachers and we would like to thank all of you for the great effort you have made with your students. We have had a very difficult task in narrowing the final selection down to twelve bronze teachers, four silvers and two golds.

Conversation Topic:

Madrid's May Festival, San Isidro

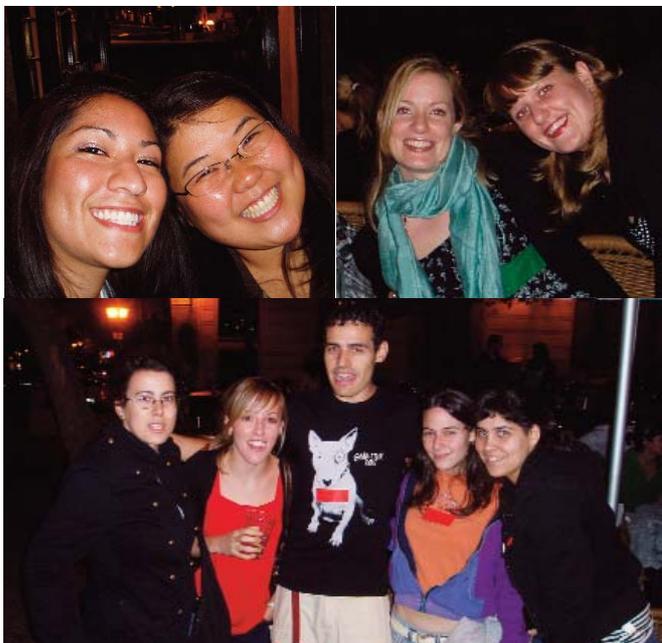
In the words of Goya, about the Meadow of San Isidro, "On the same day of the Saint (May 15th), with all the commotion that this Court is used to having..."

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 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 mythical places of Madrid. There are few corners of the capital as typically castizo (Castilian) as this one.

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 Clubbers enjoying another Pub Night

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 were the popular dress and can be seen in Goya's famous tapestries; whereas, the chulapos y chulapas are 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.

The Magic of the Festival

But more than the cuisine, it is the ambience which makes this day so fascinating and memorable. The festival also marks the beginning of an important season in the world of bullfighting, the most important bullfighting festival in the world, which runs the entire month of May. So, in the evening, it's off to the bullfight, she with the mantilla (shawl), and he with the hat and cigar.

And after the bullfight, at night, it's time to dance chotis and the pasadoble in the Vistillas park that overlooks the aqueduct, the royal palace, the Almudena Cathedral (where Prince Felipe and Letizia got married) and the whole city!

If there is one day in which to celebrate the plurality of Madrid, the 15th of May is the one. The sky of Madrid is made of many colors, and that is what makes it so blue, so special. If you are lucky enough to be in Madrid on the 15th of May, this is the day of La Pradera de San Isidro, that you should not miss.

Celebration of San Isidro

