



Canterbury Club Newsletter



The satisfying results of harvesting



Picking grapes in the sun

Canterbury Club October Grape Harvest Festival

Club President JB & VP David Present:
FINNEGANS IRISH PUB NIGHT
Friday November 11th, 9:45 pm
For Teachers, Students, Friends & Family

Where: Finnegans, Plaza de las Salesas 9, metro Alonso Martinez. The Canterbury Club will celebrate its first "Pub Night" of this new year of English teaching and classes, with a tradition that began in 1996. Pub Night (and all club events) is a great time to meet other Canterbury professors, friends and students, and it is at that early Autumn time of year where many new friendships are made. The cozy decoration of Finnegans, with its wooden chairs and tables will transport you back to a typical pub in Dublin. Its ambience, music and great variety of beers make Finnegans a great place to gather for a Canterbury Club event. Its long bar and the narrow spaces help you break the ice and talk to the person next to you, making new friends all the more easier! Special offer on drinks for professors, students and friends with Canterbury stickers, compliments of Canterbury & Finnegans.

Canterbury VP David & Stella Present:
THE CANTERBURY ENGLISH TERTULIA
Friday, November 25th, 6 P.M.
For Teachers, Students, Friends & Family

where: Café la Manuela, Calle San Vicente Ferrer 29. Founded in 1979 in an old carpenter's workshop, the Café Manuela is a classical turn of the last century café with iron columns, mirrors and high roofs in stuccowork. There is a great atmosphere and it's a perfect place for an English Tertulia.

Club VP's David & Stella Present:
CHRISTMAS PARTY
Friday, December 16th, 9:45 pm
For Teachers, Students, & Friends

The traditional Canterbury Christmas party usually takes place in a pub or a café where teachers and students can come and have a drink before the Christmas break. It's a good time to see friends and students before the holidays with lots of family get-togethers. Many Canterbury teachers leave to spend Christmas time with their family around the world and so it's the perfect time to say to students and friends, "See you next year!!"

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Canterbury teachers and students having fun!



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November Conversation Topic:
Anyone for a Glass of Delicious Spanish Wine ?

Aside from being known for Flamenco, the Costa del Sol and night life, Spain is known for its wine. Whether you enjoy red or white, sparkling or dry, there is a Spanish wine that will suit your taste. Though wine has been being made in Spain since the Phoenicians inhabited the Iberian Peninsula in 1100 B.C., only over the past century has Spanish wine become a fashion statement as well as a beverage.

The wine industry exists in all seventeen autonomous regions of Spain, and accounts for 15.5% of the world's vineyards, ranking it number one in the world in terms of area covered by vineyards. La Rioja is perhaps the best known wine region, located in north-central Spain and producing wine specifically meant to accompany food. However, regions from Penedes to Jerez produce numerous varieties of wine that have earned international recognition over the years.

Spanish winemaking is distinguished from that of other countries because of its longstanding adherence to tradition. Even in the face of criticism, Spanish wine makers have continuously aged wine in oak barrels for up to twenty years, giving all wine, including white varieties, a distinctively oak-y texture. Spanish winemakers also use earthenware jars for fermentation. Though it has been dubbed an "unscientific" process by some critics, anyone who has tried Spanish wine can verify that whatever scientific component is lacking in the fermentation process is overshadowed by the rich and, quite simply delicious flavour of the final product. Of course, the only way to find your 'perfect wine' is to keep tasting, so next time you indulge yourself in a luxurious "vaso de tinto" or "copa de vino," take the time to enjoy the history behind the winemaking industry in between sips.

November Conversation Topic:
Manuela de Malasaña

The Malasaña neighbourhood has for years been one of the most rebellious and emblematic areas of Madrid. It started already in 1880 when Daoiz and Velarde, two young army captains, led one of the most famous revolts in Madrid against the French occupation Madrid was enduring at the time, barricading themselves against the French on the plaza Dos de



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!

Mayo in Malasaña.

You can still find a statue of them in the middle of the Dos de Mayo square that is located in the centre of Malasaña. The young seamstress Manuela Malasaña also fought against the French in the same years, paying with her life when she was only 15 years old. She unfortunately was arrested and executed for carrying a pair of scissors by the French invaders. On the north side of Malasaña you can still find a street named after this heroic girl. Later in the ninety eighties, the neighbourhood was the epic centre of the new modern Spanish people who enjoyed their just attained democracy, living and breathing the "Movida madrileña". This revolutionary movement was characterized by its freedom of expression and bohemian people and had started in Spain after the country became a democracy in 1976, having suffered for decades under Franco's dictatorship. These days it is a lot quieter in the neighbourhood although you can still find a good party if you look for it in the right places.

how important they are to me while living in Spain as a child. I was learning at age 9 for the first time, and it definitely has helped me in my present job as a professor to give me a better understanding of what it's like to be the student learning a new language. I attended West Virginia University in the United States before I came back to Madrid. I learned about a Cambridge CELTA course at a language centre here in Madrid, which I successfully completed and then received my certificate to teach. Since then I have been teaching private lessons to many students of all ages. What I try to always do with my students is encourage them - one of the hardest things when learning a foreign language is the uncertainty and fears of making a mistake. I help them integrate English into their daily lives through music, film and art

Professor of the Month
Lauren Megahan

I was born in Anchorage, Alaska in the United States. My father is in the military and because of this I have been moving around the world since I was born. I realized how much I love languages and how

Student of the Month:
David Morilla Iglesias

David is 9 years old. He has been studying English since he began school. When we first began classes he already had a high level of English, and definitely had passion for the language as well. Since our first classes in 2014 he has become quite fluent and has gained a lot of vocabulary through his enthusiasm and drive to learn.

Canterbury Club Gran Fiesta: Gypsies & Bullfighters

