



# Newsletter Canterbury English

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Canterbury Club President JB & VP Maureen

Present

### Scruffy Murphy's Irish Pub Night

Friday, July 31, 9:45 pm

For Teachers, Students, Friends & Family

Where: Metro: Noviciado C/ de la Palma 47 From Noviciado walk up San Bernardo and turn right on C/ de la Palma. Scruffy's will be on your right. Scruffy Murphy's is a good time to be had all around. When you walk in the first thing you notice is the classic Irish green and hundreds of photos covering the walls. The bar is laid out on the left hand side where Paul, the bar's owner, greets you with a smile. The atmosphere of Scruffy's is fun and relaxed; everyone seems to know everyone else. Paul has been running his bar for almost two years (big two year anniversary to come in November) and said Scruffy's has become its own community for travellers around the world and people who live in Madrid. It's especially a fun place to hang out for students, with darts upstairs and a pool lounge down a level. Paul is always hosting drink specials, game nights, and parties. Starting in August, he is firing up the kitchen and going to start serving food. Scruffy's is a fun, friendly atmosphere where the good times roll. Special Canterbury Club offer, 2 for 1, on Drinks for Canterbury professors, students and friends, compliments of Canterbury & Scruffy Murphy's.

Canterbury Club President JB Present

### Mountain Swimming Pool Hike

SATURDAY, August 8<sup>th</sup> Time: 9:55am

For Teachers, Students, Friends & Family

A Canterbury VP will lead the trip

Meeting Time: 9:55 am (Train leaves at 10:16). Where: Train station Chamartin. Take the Metro to Chamartin, meet at the gates to enter the train platforms, next to the machines to buy tickets and the metro turnstiles. Hours: 10:00-18:00 Pool Price: 5,62€ Return Ticket: 8,10€ Description: You can get to this paradise by walking from the train station in Cercedilla towards the Calzada Romana (you'll pass an Info desk), also known as "Las Dehesas", making your way to the natural pool.

Canterbury Club President JB & VP Akeem Present

### La Tomatina

#### World Famous Tomato Fight

Wednesday, August 26

For Teachers, Students, Friends & Family

Meeting Time & Place: 6:20 am at Canterbury (take the first metro at 6 am to get to Canterbury), C/ Gran Via 54, 7th Floor. Bus & Events & Sign Up: Bus to Buñol (about 3.5 hours by bus), near the city of Valencia. After the Tomatina, we will go to the coast for lunch and spend an afternoon on the beach. We will arrive back in Madrid around 23:00 h. Bus Cost: 30 €. Sign up ASAP and pay in the library to reserve your spot. Limited spaces (we can only reserve your place after you pay the bus cost). Description: "La Tomatina" is a world famous event. Google even makes tomatoes its logo for the day on its website. For one hour, the otherwise sober citizenry happily pelt each other with ripe, red fruit and the streets turn into rivers of tomato juice. After much laughter, spirited mischief and camaraderie, friends and neighbours gather in the town square for the food and wine festivities. Experienced tomato fighters mash their tomatoes first, then throw them (makes for a better splatter effect); many people also wear goggles for protection from flying, tomato mash.

Canterbury Club President JB & VP Soro Present

### Canterbury Gran Fiesta:

#### Gypsies & Bullfights

Friday, September 18th, 9:45 pm

For Teachers, Students, Friends & Family

Where: Burladero, Calle Echegaray 19. Near Plaza Santa Ana, Metro Sevilla or Antón Martín. Description: The Canterbury Club will kick off the new school year with a magnificent fiesta in one of the bullfighters and gypsies favorite bars of Madrid. Inside the Burladero (or *bullfighters hideout*), you'll be welcomed by the enormous head of a black bull above the bar with two long, sharp horns that was immortalized in Las Ventas bullring not so many years ago. Baudi, our bartender, will be *toreado* behind the bar, underneath the black snout of his favorite animal. He will



TEFL Prof having fun at Terraza Night



Soccer Victors



The gallantly defeated



Enjoying the night



Cheering the teams!



A Good Game



Terraza Fun!



Canterbury Picnic



Smile!

be serving up mixed drinks like a storm with the skillful work of the cape and sword, topped off by ice and a lemon twist. This is the last Friday of summer, so it's time to show off your tans and get to know everybody on a warm and sultry night in the perfect place to meet new classmates, new friends and ... who knows...!

**July Conversation Topic  
Adventure in the mountains**

It was only 9:30 in the morning but I could already tell it was going to be a hot day, as I waited at the train station for my friends. We were meeting at Chamartin to take the Cercanías to Cercedilla. It would be a hour train ride but I didn't mind, we were going to the mountains, best of all our destination was an open air pool.

When my friends finally showed up at the station we bought our tickets and made it to the train. We munched on candy from the Haribo store as the tracks took us farther from Madrid and into the country side. In the distance I could see the cross built by Franco's prisoners of war and what Spain looks like outside of the city. Up and away the train climbed until we were in the mountains, where it stopped at Cercedilla.

We hopped off the train and began our walk to the trailhead that would lead us to the pool. It took us about 20 minutes before we reached the trail. The trail we took was part of the Calzada Romana, which is a part of road from Roman times. It was really cool to see because I learned about how the Roman's made their roads and invented cement to make them sturdier. I was amazed to see what good of condition it was in. After about an hour and a half we finally reached our destination, it was now noon and the sun was out in full force.

The pool beckoned us towards it like a bear to honey. The water sparkled in the sun and the pool seemed to fall away to the mountains behind it. We tore off our hiking clothes, and dove into the water. After our hike the water was perfect, just the right amount of cool.

After a couple hours of playing and swimming in the water we decided it was time to eat. We headed over to the restaurant and ordered lunch; the food was very good. For the next couple of hours we jumped in and out of the pool, ordered a drink or two, and let the water take all our worries away. Too soon it was time to go, because we had a train to

catch. We put our hiking boots back on as we longingly looked at the poolside where we spent the afternoon, then headed back down the trail into town. I'll always know where paradise lies and feel relief in knowing that I can one day return.

**Professor of the Month: Suzanne Morris**

Suzanne is originally from London, England. She attended a university at Wolverhampton, receiving a degree in 3D design. Suzanne worked in the 3D Design industry and in an investment firm. Suzanne came to Madrid when her friend was coming to Spain to work. Her friend convinced Suzanne that she should come along, so she packed a bag and headed to Madrid.



When Suzanne arrived in Madrid she didn't know any Spanish but she jumped into Canterbury's TEFL course without any worries. In October she began her first courses teaching English. She enjoyed seeing how her student's progressed, from not knowing any English, to being able to talk with her. Suzanne remembers one time when she was talking about bears but her student thought she was talking about beers, and began to list off her favourite types. Comical misunderstandings and the joy of seeing the passion in her student's eyes when she teaches has made Madrid an awesome experience for Suzanne.

**Students of the Month: Pilar Poves Martinez**

Pilar Poves Martinez has only been studying English for five months but she has come a long way. As the director of her company it was necessary that she learn English. When she first started she knew some English but she couldn't understand when people spoke it. Even when it was difficult for her to grasp a new concept or understand what Suzanne was saying she did not give up. Her enthusiastic energy and funny sense of humor not only made her a joy to teach but showed her drive to succeed. Five, short months later she can now understand English and easily talk with Suzanne.

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The Ball just couldn't take it and popped



Teaming up



Nothing beats good company



Goal by Founder, Richard Clarke!



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