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Welcome to the February edition of The New Angel Monthly Magazine 2008

Don't forget St. Valentine's Day on 14th ... Our new look for 2008 has been well received in our extended circulation area, which now includes Orihueela Costa, Cabo Roig, Los Montesinos, Torremendo, Algorfa and Quesada and more - thanks for the feedback and thanks for the emails from those that 'picked up' the magazine via the internet - www.san-miguel-de-salinas.com.

In this issue, we feature 'El Galán' as part of our 2008 pledge to promote all the urbanizations within the municipality and you'll find our collectable map on the centre page together with businesses in that area. All businesses that advertise are also automatically included in the website trade directory.

Readers will also find the second part of Councillor Sergio Correas Ferrer's article on Building Licences - 'Obras mayor' as well as a contribution from María José Costa Medrano, local solicitor and presidenta del colectivo de la Asociación de Vecinos por San Miguel de Salinas on 'domestic violence'. Capt. Pratt searches for real ale after discovering that the water isn't all it's cracked up to be and finally, Katy Parteger writes about the exciting February activities for the San Miguel Operatic & Choral Group - Vivace.

The New Angel team is constantly striving to make business advertising rates as competitive as possible and, to you the readers, they ask that you make sure to tell those that offer their services in the magazine where you found them.

The 'What's on Guide', published from the official guide website, is also used by The Radio San Miguel 107.4fm Global Team to let listeners know what's happening in the pueblo. See page 22 to find out how to advertise or contribute to The New Angel Magazine.

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*Councillor
Sergio Correas Ferrer*

In this second article on BUILDING LICENCES we feature -

LICENCIA DE OBRA MAYOR
(Major Works Licence)

Any home improvements, particularly extensions, which result in the augmentation of the useful volume of the house or its surface area, will require a "major works licence". Regardless of what the local builder might tell you, that is the law! An extra bedroom, storeroom, garage, another bathroom or toilet, and even a swimming pool will require such a licence. Recently, there have been several cases where the homeowner has been assured by the builder, often unscrupulous, unqualified and operating illegally, that such a licence is not necessary. Do not be fooled, the consequences of carrying out such unauthorized works can prove to be extremely expensive and could, in some cases, result in the property becoming "unsaleable" at a later date; in others the property could be made subject of a demolition order at the expense of the homeowner or at least a heavy fine could be imposed before the building work is legalized.

In order to solicit a "licencia de obra mayor" the relevant application form should be completed. This can be obtained from The Urbanismo Department on the first floor of the Town Hall of San Miguel de Salinas. This should be submitted together with details of the project and proper plans, which must be submitted by a qualified Spanish architect. If the project relates to premises within the province of Alicante – such as one in San Miguel de Salinas, it should have the seal of approval from the recognized college of architects for the Alicante province. In some cases the issue of a major works licence could well be refused by the local authority because the original builder/developer of the property within an urbanization, for example, has already used up all the available area permitted for construction according to the local authority's limits. Advice should therefore be sought from the municipal architect or an architect of the Province College. The Urbanismo Department maintains a list of local architects, some of whom have English speaking staff.

Councillor Sergio Correas Ferrer urges residents to seek proper advice before embarking on any form of building work - advice from The Town Hall is free. Doing things legally could save many future problems.

Next Month's New Angel Magazine will feature an article from Jeanette Lopez of The San Miguel Salud on the new rules and updated procedures for obtaining local Healthcare.

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**Casa de Cultura - San Miguel de Salinas
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After the success of last year's Viva Verdi, the response to this year's Opera Workshop has been even greater. 36 singers are expected take to the stage in the Casa de Cultura during the last week of February 2008, 24 singers from UK will join 12 from the Costa Blanca area for the week's workshop where they will learn and perform fully costumed extracts from some of the best known and dramatic of the Grand Operas. Music is in the soul of San Miguel de Salinas, which is now really on the map in the UK musical world.

In 2007, Verdi operas were the theme and this year, The Group moves to the characterisation of Women in Opera - are they victims, heroines or villains?

In Turandot, Puccini's powerful music tells the tale of the ice cold Chinese Princess whose heart melts as she learns to love her Prince. What woman would not on hearing the famous aria "Nessun Dorma".

Cavalleria Rusticana by Mascagni presents a total contrast in musical style, but none the less dramatic. Set on Easter Sunday in rural Sicily, we learn of love, jealousy and infidelity, and the tragic consequences that result - but can we apportion blame - and to whom? Included in the extract is the glorious Easter Hymn.

There will also be solos, duets and ensemble numbers from Mozart's *Così fan Tutti*, Verdi's operas *Rigoletto* and *Aida*, and the beautiful duet from Bizet's *The Pearl Fishers*. All these varied items reflect different aspects of the feminine influence in the various opera plots.

The climax of the programme will be an extract from *Carmen*. Set in and around Seville, Bizet's score offers the extremes of emotion, ending with *Carmen*'s death at the hands of her discarded lover Don José. What was *Carmen*? Was she villain or victim? You are invited to come along during the week, and make up your own mind!

Anyone who is interested in watching the work in progress will be welcome to come to the Casa de Cultura anytime during the week. Morning sessions are 10.00 - 13.00 and afternoon sessions 15.00 - 18.15. The workshop runs from the afternoon of Sunday 24th February until the performance on Friday 29th February at 8.00. If you can't make it to any of the workshop sessions, the final performance will be well worth watching, if last year's was anything to go by.

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Maria José Costa Medrano is the Group President of La Asociación de Vecinos por San Miguel de Salinas, and with her sister Cristina, are local solicitors who founded their practice in 1996. They are qualified specialists in domestic violence -

M^a José tells The New Angel Magazine there is no need to suffer.

Domestic violence, both of the physical and mental type, can create desperate situations within the family environment.

Victims of such violence should neither endure in silence nor tolerate continued aggression, they should remain calm and seek medical assistance in the case of physical abuse if required, making sure to preserve any medical reports for any future legal proceedings.

There is a common misapprehension that exposing the facts to the authorities is ineffective and unlikely to be taken seriously, but the victim's accusation protects them and others. Locally, there are now specialist Policewomen trained to deal with these problems and victims should call the Policía Local or Guardia Civil on the 24/7 telephone lines 112 or 062 and they will respond. There is also a dedicated Domestic violence line 016.

For urgent situations there is a women's refuge in Alicante and The Social Services of San Miguel de Salinas can offer emergency assistance. The courts have all the expected powers to order protection for the victims, and their children, from domestic violence. The importance of experienced legal representation is crucial in such situations and the local and confidential services of Cristina and Maria José Costa Medrano can be relied upon under any circumstances.

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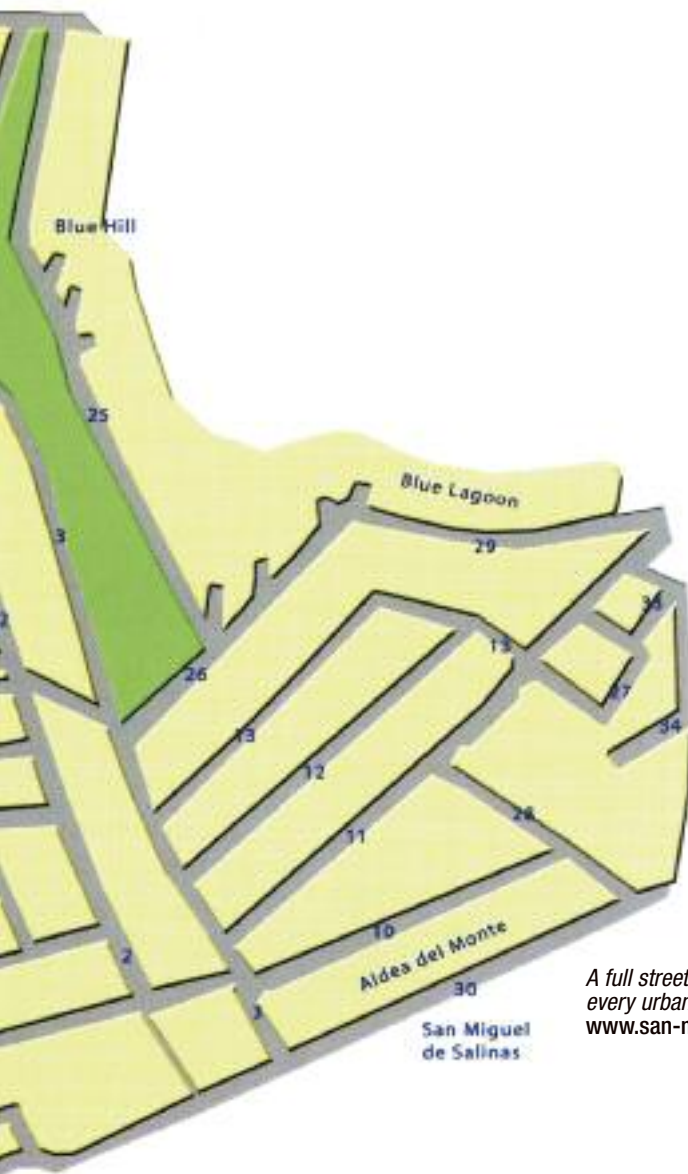
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- Thursday 7** Cheers Bar Eagles Nest - 11am Ladies Coffee Mornings
Chimes Bar - Salsa Night from 8pm
- Friday 8** MANOS UNIDAS CAMPAÑA 2008 - Market & Activities at Instituto 2pm + Supper at Centro Social 9pm
Chimes Bar - Line Dancing at 1pm + Quiz Night at 9pm
La Oficina - "Gemini" Karaoke
Cheers Bar Eagles Nest 9pm - "Protocol", The best duo on the Costa Blanca (Ex BC Sweet & "The Firm")
- Saturday 9** MANOS UNIDAS CAMPAÑA 2008 - Market in Church Square 6pm
Cheers Bar Eagles Nest - James Goulding Karaoke + SIX NATIONS Wales v Scotland 3pm & France v Ireland 5pm
La Oficina - "Mr. Keith Lennard" Guitarist
- Sunday 10** MANOS UNIDAS CAMPAÑA 2008 - Market & Breakfast in Church Square 9.30pm + Children's Workshop 12 noon
Cheers Bar Eagles Nest - SIX NATIONS Italy v England 3.30pm
Chimes Bar - Interactive Race Night + Karaoke
Cheers Bar Eagles Nest - 11am Weight Watchers - 8.00 BINGO in the Restaurant Room
- Monday 11** Bar Rufe - Fun Darts Evening
- Tuesday 12** Chimes Bar - Texas Holdem Poker Night
- Wednesday 13** Bar Rufe - Heat 2 of TV SOL Productions Spain's Next Star Chimes Bar - 1pm Bring & Buy Auction
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- Thursday 14** La Oficina - Valentines "LOVE" menu 24?
Cheers Bar Eagles Nest - 11am Ladies Coffee Mornings
Chimes Bar - St Valentine's Dinner with Entertainment 8[1]
- Friday 15** La Oficina - "Marcias" Quiz Karaoke
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Cheers Bar Eagles Nest - Pete John Brilliant Entertainer with Guitar & Vocals
- Saturday 16** La Oficina - Miss Dynamite "Suzy G"
- Sunday 17** Chimes Bar - Regular Sunday Lunches from 3.30- 7pm + Interactive Race Night + Karaoke
- Monday 18** Cheers Bar Eagles Nest - 11am Weight Watchers - 8.00 BINGO in the Restaurant Room
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- Tuesday 19** Chimes Bar - Texas Holdem Poker Night
- Wednesday 20** Chimes Bar - 1pm Bring & Buy Auction
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- Saturday 23** Cheers Bar Eagles Nest - SIX NATIONS Wales v Italy 4pm, Ireland v Scotland 6pm & France v England 9pm
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Cheers Bar Eagles Nest - 11am Weight Watchers - 8.00 BINGO in the Restaurant Room
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Chimes Bar - 1pm Bring & Buy Auction
Cheers Bar Eagles Nest - Quiz Night - Come Early for a Seat
- Thursday 28** Opera San Miguel
Cheers Bar Eagles Nest - 11am Ladies Coffee Mornings
Chimes Bar - Salsa Night from 8pm
- Friday 29** Opera San Miguel, culmination of the week's events The Group presents Women in Opera at The Casa Cultura 8pm (strongly advised to get there early for a seat)
Chimes Bar - Line Dancing at 1pm + Quiz Night at 9pm
Cheers Bar Eagles Nest 9pm - "Protocol", The best duo on the Costa Blanca (Ex BC Sweet & "The Firm")
La Oficina - "Marcias" Quiz Karaoke

February New Angel Quiz

1. What is the capital of the Federation of Malaysia?
2. Of which European country is Bilbao a port?
3. Is Provence in the north or south of France?
4. The name of which North African city literally means Whitehouse?
5. Stonehenge is in which English county?
6. What is the capital of South Korea?
7. Annapurna is a mountain in which mountain range?
8. In which country was King Juan Carlos of Spain born?
9. In which US state is the city of San Diego?
10. Which channel separates the Orkney Islands from the mainland of Scotland?

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The Costa Blanca Riders

The Costa Blanca Riders is a group of multi-national Harley Davidson motorcycle owners based in and around San Miguel de Salinas and Playa Flamenca and they ride all year round. The regular Sunday "ride-out" meets at 11.00 at the café next to The Harley Bar in Cabo Roig on the southbound side of the N332 and often finishes the day at La Oficina on CV 951 Torremendo Road. They also enjoy a Wednesday night social at La Luna Bar situated in Los Mimosas near La Florida on Orihuela Costa (+34) 650 049 726). Bar owners Rune and Irene are Harley riders too and have recently taken over the old Iron Horse motorcycle shop in Torrevieja, re-named as Iron Boyzz (+34) 966 702 359.

They are a very welcoming group to all serious bikers, so why not join them for one of their weekly rides or socials? The Costa Blanca Riders organize rides to local rallies and often travel to more exotic locations - this year runs to Barcelona, St Tropez and Italy or Austria are planned.

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