

THE PURE-ESSENCE PROJECT IN ASSOCIATION WITH ROUND TOWN NEWS

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Youth issues are important in both the present and the future of San Miguel de Salinas and that is why Round Town News is proud to be involved in the town's fantastic new project that is aiming to get the young people of the town actively involved in promoting the town's local musical groups.

We, along with Radio San Miguel and the San Miguel de Salinas website are teaming together to encourage local musical groups to get their music played live to audiences and on the local municipal radio station. We want to arrange concerts and competitions, support youngsters that want to start new groups and organise places for the young

people of the town to play their music. If there is anyone who wants to learn how to play music or need help in getting instruments with which to play music on, the Project - Pure Essence - Proyecto in association with Round Town News aims to help. David Hardy, who runs the San Miguel de Salinas website and is an integral part of the community in the town said of the project, "My view is that those in need of the greatest support, those especially in the outlying urbanizations who are the most disaffected of all, will not respond to organised activities in the pueblo. I have argued fervently that most will see is as more activities for the Spanish, with no thought to providing facilities where the problems exist." The idea for the project was inspired by Kevin Matthews, the bass guitarist of the Manchester based band, Pureessence. Kevin is the brother of San Miguel de Salinas' very own

radio DJ Caz, 'the Barber of Quesada' and he visited the town and was a guest on David and Caz's San Miguel de Salinas radio show on 28th May. He was asked to give ideas on how we could get the town's kids focused by the show's presenters and he answered "There is only one way, my way, which is music!" San Miguel has a rich heritage of music with the internationally acclaimed Musical Union and The Centuria Romana Band of Drums and Cornets. Because music is so deeply rooted in Spanish culture, there are also many offshoot bands in the town, punk bands mainly, that 'jam' in the casitas of the pueblo, like Serion, Katastrofe, Sin Tregua, insurrekzion armada and ungovernable. These are ex-establishment, 'off the wall', even slightly anarchistic 'groupos de musica' who are very into their music. The Spanish cherish music in any



RTN's very own Louise Clarke with David Hardy and Caz "the Barber from Quesada" who both present radio shows for San Miguel de Salinas Radio

form, and we think that is something that we ex-pats should get our heads around. The pureessence project in association with Round Town News hopes to encourage music that is good for the soul and make it a constructive pastime for young people from all over

the town. The project officially launched last Friday on Caz's Friday Fever Show on Radio San Miguel so if you are interested in being involved or know of any young person who wants to set up a band and get recognised you can contact me, Louise Clarke at Round Town News or speak

to David Hardy, Steve "DJ Chenery" or CAS "The Barber of Quesada" at Radio San Miguel. If you are working with young people, tell them about the project, encourage them to get involved and that if they want help, we are all here to help them.

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