



EXCITEMENT. Enjoying the special fiesta atmosphere ARCHIVES

THIS WEEKEND

Es Mercadal prepares for the town's fiestas of Sant Martí

C.M.W.

Maó

This weekend sees the townsfolk of Es Mercadal celebrating the feast day of their patron saint, Sant Martí.

Although sporting and cultural events are held earlier (some of which are listed in the "Diary" opposite), the main activities commence on Saturday:

Saturday 14th

1700 hrs. A peal of bells marks the start of the festivities and the 'fabioler' (flute player) goes to the Town Hall to request permission to begin the fiesta, after which he will gather the members of the cavalcade together; whilst the Inquera band and carnival figures tour the streets of the town.

1800 hrs. The final members of the cavalcade are collected and the group heads for the Town Hall before parading through the town.

1900 hrs. The traditional 'jaleo' takes place in Plaça Constitució, followed by a parade through the streets.

2345 hrs. Compline in the Sant Martí Church.

0030 hrs. Dance to the Duo Melody in Plaça Constitució.

0100 hrs. Performance by the Four Tops in Plaça Pare Camps.

0230 hrs. Dance to the band Sarau in the Plaça Pare Camps.

Sunday 15th

0830 hrs. Reveille with the Inquera Band.

0900 hrs. The 'fabioler' sets out, following the previous day's route and starts the tour of the town's streets.

1100 hrs. 'Jaleo' in the Plaça Constitució, followed by Mass in the Sant Martí Church.

2000 hrs. Trapeze and juggling show by the Beiling Acrobats in the Plaça Pare Camps.

2100 hrs. Music from Roxana Río and her band in the Plaça Pare Camps.

2330 hrs. Open-air dance to the band Huracán in the Plaça Pare Camps.

Monday 16th

From 1000 hrs. Open day at the municipal swimming pool.

1100 hrs. Mass in memory of Es Mercadal citizens who have died during the past year.

1830 hrs. Games and entertainment for the young and old in the schoolyard.

1930 hrs. Horse racing in the Exhibition Centre's square.

2230 hrs. Open-air dance in the Pista de Verano with the band Huracán.

2400 hrs. Firework display bringing the fiestas to a close for another year.

BLESSING OF THE BOATS

Virgen del Carmen fiestas

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Held on different days around the island, the fiesta marks the feast day of the patron saint of fishermen and sees the blessing of the boats.

Maó - Saturday 14th

Boats will gather on the north shore of the harbour near the Naval Base. Shortly before 2000 hrs. the statue of the Virgen del Carmen will be carried down to the shore to be blessed before boarding a boat to lead the procession of craft to the mouth of

the harbour where a wreath will be thrown into the sea. The flotilla will then return to the Naval Base and the statue will be returned to the chapel. Music and dancing on the quay until the early hours.

Fornells - Monday 16th

At approximately 1930 hrs. a wreath is blessed before being put on board one of the boats which leads the procession to the harbour mouth. After the wreath has been put overboard the procession returns to the harbour for festivities which continue until late at night.

DIARY

Tuesday 10th

a.m. Open-air markets: Maó, Ferreries;

0800-1400 hrs. Craft Market in Calle ses Roques, Fornells;

1345 for 1400 hrs. The Rotary Club meets for lunch at the Restaurante Minerva, in the port of Maó. Visiting Rotarians and companions welcome;

1930-2330 hrs. Craft Market in Es Migjorn Gran with live music;

2130 Jazz Club at Es Casino, Sant Climent;

2130 hrs. Concert by the Ferreries Band in the schoolyard of the Verge del Toro school, Es Mercadal.

Wednesday 11th

a.m. Open-air markets: Es Migjorn, Es Castell;

0900-1500 hrs. Itinerant market in Punta Prima;

1000 hrs. The Menorca Bowls Club meets at the bowls green opposite the Sant Lluís Hotel, S'Algar. Everybody welcome. Further information from Gerry Doggett on 971 188 210 or the captain, Brian Fellows, on 686 348 805;

1030 hrs. Cricket game cancelled due to illness;

1900-2300 hrs. Mercat de Nit in Alaior - craft market with musical entertainment;

1915 hrs. The Menorca Bridge Club meets at the Hotel Port Mahón, Maó. Visitors welcome. Further information from Paloma on tel. 971 360 676;

1930 hrs. Concert with the Duo de Saxos (Rodrigo Vila and Litus Arguimbau) in the Sala Multifuncional, Es Mercadal;

2100 hrs. Night of Poetry and Music at La Mola (part of guided tour). Poems read by 17 people in 7 languages (English, Spanish, Catalan, French, German, Italian and Portuguese);

2130 hrs. Concert by Es Migjorn Gran Band in the municipal sports ground, Es Migjorn Gran;

2330 hrs. Concert - Beth presenting her new disc "My Own Way Home" in the Jazzbah, Ciutadella.

Thursday 12th

a.m. Open-air markets: Alaior, Fornells;

0800-1400 hrs. Craft market in Calle ses Roques, Fornells;

0900-1500 hrs. Itinerant market in Punta Prima;

1900-2200 hrs. Craft market in the Plaça Pare Camps, Es Mercadal;

1930 for 2000 hrs. Ladies' Probus Club Evening Barbecue at Scandals Restaurant (fully booked);

2030 hrs. CA/AA 12-step meeting (bilingual). Further information from Lucy on tel. 676 558 028;

2030 hrs. Folk dancing from Es Rebost in the Claustre del Carme, Maó;

2100 hrs. Concert of Spanish music and dance with Carlos Llabrés Carreras, tenor, accompanied by Beatriz Jiménez Marconi, soprano, and Aida Gil, Ballerina, in the Teatre Principal, Maó;

2130 hrs. Neocantes with German Torrellas, conductor, and Ingartzte Astuy, soprano - music and poetry - in the Santa Maria Church, Maó;

2130 hrs. Concert with the Es Migjorn Gran Band, conducted by Isaac Mascaró, in the Plaça Constitució, Es Mercadal;

2330 hrs. Concert - Beth presenting her new disc "My Own Way Home" in the Jazzbah, Ciutadella.

Friday 13th

a.m. Open-air markets: Ciutadella, Ferreries;

1000-1400 hrs. and 1800-2300 hrs. Craft market in the Plaça del Carme, Maó;

2130 hrs. Jazz with the group Latin Confusion in the Pla des Rector, Sant Lluís;

2130 hrs. Concert by Es Migjorn Gran Band in La Salle School, Alaior;

2200 hrs. Habanera concert with Port Bo in the Claustre del Carme, Maó;

2200 hrs. Concert with the musical group Inquera, conducted by Miquel Genestra Alomar, in the Plaça Constitució, Es Mercadal;

2400 hrs. "Pastisset Ball" with the band Oasis in the Pista de Verano, Es Mercadal.

Saturday 14th

a.m. Open-air markets: Maó, Ciutadella;

0900-1300 hrs. Handicraft Market in Plaça Espanya, Ferreries;

1330 hrs. Open cricket game at the MCC ground in Biniparrrell for members and visitors. Registration 30 minutes earlier;

1800 hrs. Trotting races at the Maó hippodrome.

Sunday 15th

0900-1300 hrs. Sunday market at the Parque de Es Freginal, Maó;

0900-1500 hrs. Itinerant market in Punta Prima;

1000-1300 hrs. Free visit to the Teatre Principal, Maó;

1000-1300 hrs. Free visit to the Hernández Mora-Hernández Sant Museum, Maó;

1030 hrs. Jars of Clay Church Family Celebration and Sunday School in the Centre Cultural, Sant Lluís. Transport available. Further information from 659 320 015;

1000-1330 hrs. Greetings cards, gifts and second hand books on sale at Noria Riera 16, Es Castell. All proceeds go to neutering and caring for the island's stray cats. Telephone 610 012 628 for more information;

1800 hrs. Trotting races at the Torre del Ram hippodrome, Ciutadella;

2030 hrs. Concert by Mexican singer Roxana Río in Plaça Pare Camps, Es Mercadal;

2130 hrs. Concert by the Capilla Renacentista, conducted by M^a Pilar Alvira Martín, in the Santa Maria Church, Maó.

Monday 16th

a.m. Open-air markets: Es Castell, Sant Lluís;

0900-1500 hrs. Itinerant market in Punta Prima;

1000 hrs. The Menorca Bowls Club meets at the bowls green opposite the Sant Lluís Hotel, S'Algar. Everybody welcome. Further information from Gerry Doggett on 971 188 210 or the captain, Brian Fellows, on 686 348 805;

1900-2300 hrs. Mercat des Rodol - craft market - in the centre of Ciutadella.

Morning Organ Concerts

Maó: Held in the Santa Maria Church daily, except Sundays, from 1130-1200 hrs. Organist Bartomeu Olives.

Ciutadella: Held in El Socors Church Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays - 1130-1200 hrs.

Anglican Church

Anglican Church services are held in English in the Santa Margarita Church, Calle Stuart, 20, Es Castell, as follows:

Wednesday

1100 hrs. Holy Communion

Friday

1100 hrs. Healing Service

Sunday

0900 hrs. Holy Communion

1100 hrs. Family Communion and Junior Church.

The Reverend Dr. Michael Bunce, can be contacted on 971 352 378 or 617 222 382.

EXHIBITIONS

Until 31st July, Ismael Berkané's paintings and sculptures can be seen at the Galeria Encant, Maó between 1100 and 1400 hrs. and 1830 and 2130 hrs.

Until 22nd July, La Caixa's Exhibiton Hall in Maó has an exhibition of Ana Jordà's work.

Until 27th July, the Galeria Retxa in Ciutadella is showing

paintings by the Argentinian artist Marianela Gallardo. Open Mondays to Fridays 0930-1330 hrs. and 1730-2030 hrs., Saturdays 1000-1330 hrs.

The Ciutadella gallery Art i Joc is currently displaying the work of Ivan Jordà.

The work of a group of students on the subject of sea and boats can be seen during July

and August at the Cafè Balear in Ciutadella and other paintings with the Menorcan countryside as the theme are on display in La Roma.

The Municipal Exhibition Hall in Ferreries has an exhibition entitled "Next stop: Honduras" which can be seen Friday, Saturday and Sunday 2000-2200 hrs.