

SANT MARTÍ FIESTAS

Es Mercadal prepares for the festival of its patron saint

C.M.W. Maó

The next town to celebrate the feast of its patron saint is Es Mercadal. Events are held in the days leading up to the central part of the fiestas but the main activities start on Saturday:

Saturday 19th

1700 hrs. A peal of bells will sound and the first notes will be played on the flute by the 'fabioler' who will go to the Town Hall to ask permission to start the fiesta. The cavalcade will gradually be formed whilst the bands, giants and carnival figures tour the town.

1900 hrs. Traditional 'jaleo' (the riders make the horses rear and walk on their hind legs) in the Plaça Constitució, followed by a 'caragol' (tour by the horses and

riders) around the central streets of the town.

2345 hrs. Compline in the Sant Martí Church.

0030 hrs. Open-air dance with the Dúo Melody in Plaça Constitució.

0100 hrs. Performance by The Temptations in the Plaça Pare Camps.

Sunday 20th

0830 hrs. Reveille by the bands.

0900 hrs. The 'fabioler' again gathers the riders together to form the cavalcade.

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

2000 hrs. Acrobatic display from African Footprint in Plaça Pare Camps.

2130 hrs. Music from Dos Pam-

pas in the Plaça Pare Camps.

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

Monday 21st

1000 hrs. Open day at the municipal swimming pool.

1100 hrs. Mass in memory of townsfolk who have died during the year.

1830 hrs. Games and entertainment for all ages with the group Sa Xaranga, followed by children's entertainment from Cucorba, finishing with children's fireworks and a string of firecrackers.

1930 hrs. Horse races in the Recinto Ferial grounds.

2230 hrs. Open-air dance with Huracán in the Pista de Verano, followed by Black Pearl.

2400 hrs. Firework display in the public area of Ses Alzines.



JALEO. One of the highlights of the festivities

DIARY

Tuesday 15th

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

1230 hrs. Juggling show by Les Exquizes Marquizes on the beach at Son Xoriguer;

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

2000 hrs. Concert by the Da Janela Duo in Sa Costa Marina, Ciutadella;

2030 hrs. Juggling show by Les Exquizes Marquizes on the beach at Cala en Blanes;

2030 hrs. Charity auction of antiques, curios and collectors' items with 10% of sales going to the Friends of the Saharan People Association;

2100 hrs. Concert by Streetnoise in Es Pla de Mar, Fornells;

2130 hrs. Jazz Club at Es Casino, Sant Climent. Visiting musicians welcome;

2130 hrs. Concert by Laboratorio de Samba in the Plaça de la Catedral, Ciutadella;

2400 hrs. Live Flamenco concert in the café of the Museu de Ciutadella.

Wednesday 16th

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

0900-1400 hrs. Craft Market in the Plaza del Carme, Maó with stalls selling pottery, jewellery, musical instruments etc.;

1000 hrs. The Menorca Bowls Club meets at the bowls green opposite the San Luis Hotel, S'Algar. Everybody welcome. Contact the Captain, John Smith, on 971 939 045 or the Vice Captain, Geraldine Doggett, on 971 188 210;

1030 hrs. Open cricket for visitors at the MCC ground in Biniparrell. Player registration 30 minutes earlier. Spectators most welcome.

Refreshments available from bar; 1300 for 1330 hrs. Probus Club lunch meeting at the Restaurant San José. Members and male guests welcome. Bookings through Arthur Quayle on 971 151 094;

1900-2300 hrs. Mercat de Nit, Alaior (craft market);

1915 hrs. The Menorca Bridge Club meets at the Hotel Port Mahón, Maó. Visitors most welcome. Further information from Club Director Peter Barlow (971 188 559) or Janet Brown (971 188 856);

1930 hrs. Free guided visit of Maó, starting at Town Hall;

2000 hrs. Flamenco show in Sa Costa Marina, Ciutadella;

2100 hrs. Festival Rec Play, to select the winners of the Art Jove 2008 music contest in the Claustre del Carme, Maó;

2130 hrs. Concert by the Es Migjorn Gran Band in Cala Corb, Es Castell;

2230 hrs. Concert by Johnny Price in Sa Sinia, Es Castell;

Thursday 17th

a.m. Open-air markets in Alaior and Fornells;

1800-2130 hrs. Craft market in the Pla de Sa Creu, Sant Lluís;

1900-2200 hrs. Craft market in Plaza Pare Camps, Es Mercadal, with musical entertainment;

1900-2300 hrs. Market in the Plaça de Mevis, Cala en Porter;

2130 hrs. Organ concert by Olivier Vernet in the Santa Maria Church, Maó;

2130 hrs. Tangos and popular music from the Argentinian Association in Menorca in the Plaça des Recor, Sant Lluís;

2130 hrs. Jazz concert by Carla & Icar in the Plaça de la Libertat, Ciutadella;

2130 hrs. Concert by El Laboratorio de Samba in the Plaça de la Catedral, Ciutadella;

2130 hrs. Concert by the Es Migjorn

Gran Band in Calle Veterinaria Gomila, Es Mercadal;

2200 hrs. Concert by the Menorca Swing Band in the Pati de sa Lluna, Alaior;

2200 hrs. Concert by Fràgil in Costa de Baixamar, Ciutadella;

2230 hrs. The Lou Deach Quintet Jam Session at the Akelarre Jazz Club, Moll de Ponent, Maó. Entrance 10 euros, includes drink;

2330 hrs. Concert by Johnny Price in the Jazzbah, Ciutadella.

Friday 18th

a.m. Open-air markets in Ciutadella and Ferreries;

0900-1400 hrs. Craft Market in the Plaza del Carme, Maó with stalls selling pottery, jewellery, musical instruments etc.;

1230 hrs. Age Concern Lunch at El Picadero. Bookings through Betty Wilkinson on 971 377 427;

1930 hrs. Free guided visit of Maó, starting at Town Hall;

2130 hrs. Ballroom dancing with the Dúo Calypso in the Plaça de Espanya, Ferreries;

2130 hrs. Concert by the Ciutadella Municipal Band, with soloist trumpeter Rubén Marqués, in the Plaça de la Catedral, Ciutadella;

2130 hrs. Concert by Kuarni Mensah in Claustre del Carme, Maó;

2130 hrs. Concert by the Es Migjorn Gran Municipal Band in the Sant Lluís football ground. Entrance 5 euros;

2130 hrs. Performance by the Habaneras group Arrels de Menorca in the Plaça Constitució, Es Mercadal;

2330 hrs. Jam session by Jazz Do It Ars Band and soul-funk from "Menorca es un país moderno" in the Ars Café, Maó;

2300 hrs. Dance with the groups Oasis and Sarau in the Pista de Verano, Es Mercadal.

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Ciutadella;

1330 hrs. Open cricket for visitors at the MCC ground in Biniparrell. Player registration 30 minutes earlier. Spectators most welcome. Refreshments available from bar;

1730 hrs. Trotting races at the Maó Hipódromo (just off the Maó-Sant Lluís road);

1800-2000 hrs. Collectors' market in the Claustre del Carme market place, Maó;

1930 hrs. Fusion music with Marina Andreu on the stage in the Explanada, Es Castell;

2000 hrs. Concert by singer-songwriter Dani in Sa Costa Marina, Ciutadella;

2000 hrs. Auction of collectors' items, art and antiques in Pla de sa Creu, Sant Lluís (viewing from 1900 hrs.);

2200 hrs. Marine fiesta and Habaneras concert with Sa Rosa des Vents in the Pla de Sant Joan, Ciutadella;

2330 hrs. Concert by The Coming Sound Band in the Ars Café, Maó.

Sunday 20th

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

1000-1330 hrs. Fund-raising for neutering, caring-for and feeding Menorca's stray cats. New stock (including cards, kitchenware, china mugs, notelets, jams etc.) in new-look shop at Noria Riera 16, Es Castell. Tel. 610 012 628 (0930-1400 hrs.);

1730 hrs. Trotting races at the Torre del Ram Hipódromo, Ciutadella;

2130 hrs. Popular Menorcan music concert by the group Bastió de S'Illa in the Plaça Espanya, Ferreries;

2130 hrs. Andalucian Night with the Amor Dance Corps from the Casa de Andalucía in Menorca in the Plaça Explanada, Es Castell;

2400 hrs. Bossanova concert by Meduza in the café of the Museu de Ciutadella;

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1000 hrs. The Menorca Bowls Club meets at the bowls green opposite the San Luis Hotel, S'Algar. Everybody welcome. Contact the Captain, John Smith, on 971 939 045 or the Vice Captain, Geraldine Doggett, on 971 188 210 for further information;

1900-2300 hrs. Market in the Plaça de Mevis, Cala en Porter;

2100 hrs. Street party in the Placeta Sant Jaume, Ciutadella with folk dancing from Sant Isidre;

2130 hrs. Concert by the Cuarteto Aguinaga in El Socors Auditorium, Ciutadella;

2130 hrs. Varied music from the Tons y Sons Trio in the Plaça des Mercat, Es Castell.

Anglican Church Services

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 Michael Bunce can be contacted on either 971 352 378 or 617 222 382.

Organ recitals

Maó - Daily, except Sundays, at 1130 hrs. 30-minute organ recital in the Santa Maria Church. Organist Bartomeu Olives.

Ciutadella - Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 1130 hrs. Half-hour organ recital in the old Socors Church. Organist Luba Kletsova. Price 5 euros including entrance to the museum.

Es Mercadal - Sunday at 2115 hrs. in the Sant Martí Church. Organist Bartomeu Olives.