

Welcome

Special from Home Kare



It seems as though September has come and gone this year in the blink of an eye, don't tell me I know it will soon be Christmas! The Resort has settled back down into its normal rhythm, STV our general garden maintenance company are still busy as usual making sure that the public garden areas are clean and tidy and that the many palms, trees and shrubs are cut into shape. Drain cover clearing in anticipation of the 'gota fría' has also taken place which is quite fortunate as we saw some

heavy rain over the first weekend in September, unusually early this year:

'Gota fría' is the name given to the storms that most commonly take place after the summer months when the sea temperature is still high, but the temperature in upper airstreams suddenly drops. The warm air, saturated with water vapor, rises and cools too quickly when meeting the upper airstreams. The result is extremely intense rainfall, accompanied by high winds (up to 140 km/h), hail and thunderstorms.

The Championship Golf course here at HDA has definitely appreciated the early rain and is looking very green and lush, and I am told is in very good shape, ambient temperatures are still quite high with a current night time minimum of around 17 degrees, whilst during the day we can hit the early 30's! Great golfing weather and ideal for playing paddle or tennis.

And finally on the weather front, it was confirmed this week that the summer was exceptionally hot, the third hottest on record according to the state meteorological agency, temperatures topped 45 degrees in Lorca on the 8th July and in July the hottest 'average' temperatures were the highest ever recorded.



SOME NEWS



As part of the treat to The Girls in the office and our exceptional housekeeping team, we managed to book places on one of the final trips of the year on 'The Catamaran Ole' which in September leaves from the port of Cartagena and takes a round trip to the bay of 'El Portus'! We have mentioned 'Catamaran Ole' before and we know that many of our renters and owners have enjoyed the scheduled trips on the Mar Menor over the month of August aboard 'Ole'. If not, add it to your bucket list for next year!

I mentioned in last month's Newsletter the possibility that the 'IT Sweet and Spicy' Bar and Restaurant maybe opening again, unfortunately it seems that this statement was a bit premature as plans for this have been shelved for the moment, however said Entrepreneurs are currently looking at a more favorable site in the Village of Fuente Alamo, close to the Church and I look forward to updating you with

more positive results in the near future!

'As long as the price is right there is always a buyer for a seller' and it seems that for most the price is right, there is a steady stream of many new owners wandering around the Resort, it's always great to see new faces and for those of you who maybe do not know, Home Kare's core business is the Management and Rental of properties here at HDA, we are glad to offer advice and guidance, to supply free quotes, without obligation for anything you may wish to do to your new or established home. We also have a steady stream of potential purchasers coming through the office, for many having looked around the various Resort's within the Region, HDA still offers exceptional value for money but has by far the greatest potential for the largest growth within the near future.

*And remember, from a single olive stone grows the mighty **Olea Europea** (European olive) and an interesting fact, more olive oil is produced in Spain than any other country and in recent years Spanish olive producers have been focusing on quality, not just quantity, at 2015 NYIOOC Spain took home more awards than Italy, earning the distinction as the reigning champion of the olive oil world. Although the Murcia region is not one of the larger producers of olives within Spain, there is an olive press just a five minute drive away from the Resort entrance, even if you do not have your own olives to press, it is possible to buy extra virgin olive oil there that you know has been produced and picked locally without the addition of chemicals in the final oil, I would have also thought that olive trees are not sprayed with chemicals during the course of the year so therefore it could probably be labeled as organic!*

HOME KARE team relax

We have not had the opportunity to try out any new restaurants this month, fortunately Karine and I managed to grab a few days away with the children before they started back to school after their three month holiday, yes you read that right, three months! We visited The North of Spain this year and would highly recommend Bilbao, Santander and San Sebastian plus many of the surrounding towns and villages, there are many fantastic 'pintxo' bars, whilst the countryside is lush plus for us, decidedly more agreeable temperatures after a hot few months here in Murcia. If you ever think of taking the Portsmouth Santander ferry route, always factor in a couple of days to visit this part of Spain, you will not be disappointed.

And finally for those that only visit during the Summer Holidays, Hacienda del Alamo is a year round Resort, the comparatively cooler months are ideal for Golf and Tennis and visiting the many different places within The Region.

We have been working hard to provide information and guidance to our many guests and owners on the 'things to do' during their break and would appreciate any feedback on things that you have may done whilst you were here this summer so we can start to organize ourselves a little bit better for next year!

Local feast coming soon.

We are in autumn and most of the festivals and local feasts are over.

However, we still have some traditional festivals, as you will find in our [calendar of events](#). Below we have listed some below. Also we're still not without a place to visit like museums, nature, and enjoy the restaurants where you can enjoy our cuisine Mediterranean.

01/10/15	10/10/15	46 FESTIVAL INTERNACIONAL DE TEATRO	Spectacle	Molina de Segura
04/10/15		Virgen del Rosario en Bullas	Patronal feast	Bullas
07/10/15		Virgen del Rosario en Puerto Lumbreras	Fiesta	Puerto Lumbreras
10/10/15	18/10/15	Fiestas de Octubre in Los Alcazares - The 12th Day del Caldero	Popular traditions	Los Alcazares
11/10/15		Ocean Lava Murcia Triathlon long distance	Sport - Triathlon	Murcia
15/10/15	18/10/15	Fericab2015 - Concurso Morfológico Internacional - Caballos y Yeguas	Nature	Lorca
31/10/15		HALLOWEEN	Fiesta	Everywhere

If you have missed the fiestas in Murcia and Cartagena, please find some pictures of these events.

MURCIA – Moors and Christians



CARTAGENA - Carthaginians and Romans



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