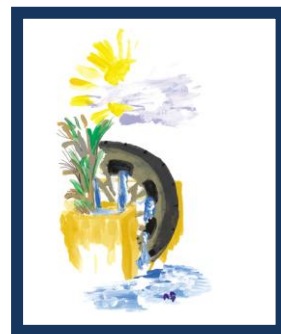




Benijófar's Municipal News Bulletin



Ayuntamiento de Benijófar

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I FOOTBALL 8 GINES MELÉNDEZ TOURNAMENT

The Town Hall's Sports Council, represented by Juan Carlos Ros, together with the director of the municipal football school, organised last December the 1st football Gines Melendez tournament.

It was presented last year on the 21st of November in the Town hall's Board Room by Mr. Ginés Meléndez (coordinator of the National Selection of the Royal Spanish Football Federation), Mr. Damián Iopez (President of Alicante's Delegation of the Valencian Football Federation), Mrs. Pilar Yagües (Councillor of the Town hall), Mr. Francisco Grau (Director of the Municipal Football School) and the Mayor, Mr. Luis Rodriguez Perez. Many were invited to this presentation, such as Enrique Ortolá, Migueli, Valentín Botella, Cayetano, Luis de la Fuente, Albert Celades, Santi Denia, Samuel, Sanchiz Llópis, Antonio Egea, members of Benijófar's Football Directive, press and neighbours of the vicinity.

Characteristics and conditions of the tournament were presented and also the web page for this event (www.torneofutbol8ginesmelendez.com) where anybody interested could seek information and follow the results.

The tournament was celebrated on the 27th of December at the Sports centre, 15 teams participated from various places in Spain:

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| *E.M.F.C.D. Benijófar | *Atco. Madrid Sad. | *Valencia F.C. |
| *Hércules C.F. | *C.D. Alcoyano | *Real Murcia C.D. |
| *Benferri C.F. | *Atco. Benejúzar | *Villareal C.F. |
| *Levante U.D. | *Albacete Balompié | *Elche C.F. |
| *Ranero C.F. | *Albatera C.F. | *Kelme C.F. |

It started at nine in the morning with the reception of the teams and procession through the streets together with Benijófar's Musical Union Society and Akuna Batukada. From ten in the morning to half eight in the afternoon all the eliminator matches were played and at quarter to nine in the evening the final match started, Atlético de Madrid vs. Ranero C.F., winning Atlético de Madrid with a result of 2-1.

This tournament brought a lot of people to our municipality, roughly 1500 benijóferos and foreigners visited our football field on this day. Various establishments from our town were present at Benijófar's stand, such as Herbolario Laura, Fútbol Jobs, Mayma y Tonerline.

The Sports Council would like to thank all the volunteers who helped prepare this tournament, without them it would not have been such a success.



THE FOOTBALL SCHOOL VISITS THE HÉRCULES C.F. "JOSÉ RICO PÉREZ" STADIUM



The Hércules C.F. invited children from Benijófar's Football school, together with coaches and parents to visit the stadium and watch a match between Hércules C.F. vs. Olímpic de Xàtiva.

The children were able to walk on the stadium's grass during the interval and have their photos taken with players from the Hércules.

The Town Hall paid for two buses to transport around 60 children from the Football School, with their parents and coaches. The team from Alicante presented the entrances to the children who were able to enjoy the match with their parents on a 1st class terrace.

Pedro Inglés, a player from the Hércules, born in Benijófar, was a perfect host accompanying the children at all times, whom had prepared a dedicated banner.



IV POPULAR RACE BENIJÓFAR

The "IV Popular Race, 7'5Km. Premio Casas Manuel", was celebrated on the 8th of March, organised by the athletes Club of Benijófar.

This year the participation was limited to 650 adults and 350 children.

A novelty in this edition was the participation of Eliseo Martín, who also gave a Master-Class for the first 50 inscriptions who marked this option.

As usual, the race was a success and from the Town Hall we would like to congratulate the Athletes Club and volunteers.



FIESTAS IMMACULATE AND CHRISTMAS

The Council for Fiestas organised commemorative acts in honour of our Patron Saint, Immaculate Conception, and Christmas activities for all ages. Here are a few images.



BURIAL OF THE BOQUERÓN 2015

PROGRAMME

Thursday 9th april:

20'00h. **Fiestas opening speech**, by the elder boqueroneros.

20'30h. **Nights of Bandoneón**, reliving Tango. Cultural centre.

Friday 10th april:

20'30h. **Jota Aragonesa show**, by the group Centro Aragonés. Cultural centre.

Saturday 11th april:

18'00h. **Recorrido de las amarguras**, accompanied by the committee. Leaving: Plaza Dr. Hernández.

On arrival at the park "Soto", **Reading of the Boquerón's will**.

24'00h. **Burning of the Boquerón and Mobile-Disco**

Sunday 12th april:

11'00h. **Traditional Sardine brunch**.

14'00h. **Championships: Best vegetable paella, best home grown salad and best home made pudding.**

17'00h. **Chinchón Boqueronero championship.**

On finalising, **handing out of prizes to the winners of the championships.**



CARNIVAL

On the 17th of February, last Tuesday of carnival, our little ones enjoyed a fancy dress party organised by the Infante school "Las Cinco Cuevas".

Dancing along to the music the children attired in their fancy dress costumes formed a procession through the streets together with their teachers, ending at the Cultural centres youth club that had been decorated as a circus.

There was hot chocolate, dancing and posing in the photocall.

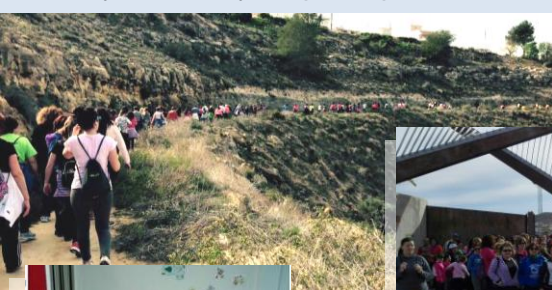


INTERNATIONAL WOMANS DAY

Every year more women take part in the activities programmed by the Council for Women, organised by Patricia Cases.

In 2015 we have had theatres, walks, speeches for woman, cupcake workshop, chocolate cinema and the traditional lunch, with more than 160 women from our town.

Thank you all for your participation.



TAPAS ROUTE "I ♥ BERENJENA"

This year we're starting a new Tapas Route, apart from the already traditional Route which is celebrated in October each year. This new tapas route is called "I ♥ BERENJENA" and will be celebrated on the 25th y 26th of April, the star product being the aubergine.

The Council for Promotion, with this new edition, aims to boost bars and restaurants in our locality.

The difference from the original Tapas route where each establishment can create their own tapa, "I ♥ BERENJENA" route must offer tapas made with aubergines, a typical product from our fields.

This route will be accompanied by Hakuna Batukada and the Musical Union Society of Benijófar, a pop rock concert on the Sunday in the park Cañada Marsa, and also the train to take you to the establishments.



EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION 2015

The Councillor for Promotion, Pilar Yagües, together with the local employment agency from the Town Hall continue their efforts to create employment for the locality, via the local employment scheme that is divided into two blocks: TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT.

EMPLOYMENT PLAN:

HIRING THAT IS IN PROCESS:

- EZONAI- Hiring **4 people** for 2 months for clearing and maintenance of green areas to prevent fires.
- ECONOMIC PROMOTION- hiring **1 SOCIAL-CULTURAL TEACHER** for 5 months to create work shops for children (theatre, arts and crafts, cooking, table games and reading).
- MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING EMPLOYMENT SCHEME: Hiring 2 people every three months for maintenance and cleaning. This scheme started in 2014 and will be renewed in April this year with the same criterion as last year so that new candidates can put their name down on the list and then another **8 GENERAL MAINTENANCE PEOPLE** will be chosen to work from October 2015 to September 2016.
- MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME: The Town hall has schemes running for ACCESS SWIMMING POOL CONTROLLER, CARETAKER FOR SCHOOL AND CULTURAL CENTRE, and HOME HELP (SAD) that are on a rotary system, **HIRING 3 PEOPLE** each year.

FUTURE HIRINGS

- SALARIO JOVEN- Applied for to hire **2 AUXILIAR ADMINISTRATIVES** for 6 months, 75% working day. Requirements: Qualifications, maximum age 30, must be registered in the unemployment office (Servef).
- LOCAL CORPORATIONS: Applied for to hire **9 AGRICULTURAL WORKERS** for 3 months for maintenance of green areas.
- NEW SCHEME TO EMPLOY LIFE GUARDS: Inscription for this scheme will be open as of the 1st of May to hire **2 LIFE GUARDS** for the three summer months.
- **HIRING BUILDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS:** To promote employment the Town Hall, on putting public works out to tender, have included clauses in the criterion on hiring workers which has meant, for an example, that **3 BUILDERS**, were hired when the construction of the Padel Courts was put out to tender or future works between urbanisation Benijófar and the park Cañada Marsa(UE 2), which will create jobs for **6 BUILDERS**.

TRAINING:

- **COURSE ON FOOD MANIPULATION:** In collaboration with Convega, it was celebrated on the 27th of January at the Cultural Centre with the participation of 18 pupils. Free.
- **SEMINAR ON PERSONAL GROWTH FOR SEEKING EMPLOYMENT:** This work shop will continue this year for all whom seek employment or wish to improve professionally. One Saturday a month at the Cultural Centre. Limited places.
- **BASIC MANIPULATOR OF PESTICIDES (25h):** Will take place in April. Inscriptions will be open soon. Free with limited places.
- **FORK LIFT TRUCK COURSE:** Will take place in April. Inscriptions will be open soon. Free with limited places.
- **ENGLISH LESSONS- LEVEL A2 y B1:** The lessons given by the University Miguel Hernández in the Cultural Centre will continue this year.
- **OFFICIAL ROOMS FOR COURSES:** The installations of the computer science room will be officially adapted to be able to impart course from the Education Agency for professional training. Courses applied for are related to administration and management, computer science and communication, cultural activities, languages...



DONATIONS TO THE FOOD BANK

ANNA'S HAIRDRESSER

Clients from Anna's hairdresser donated a lot of products to the food bank of the Social Services department, 200 Kg. of non perishable food that the Social Worker distributed to the families in need.



BARS & RESTAURANTS

Yet another year several bars in the village and in Benimar have continued to support the food bank, making daily life easier for the needy, via solidarity fiestas, making daily life easier for the needy, via solidarity fiestas where neighbours bring non perishable food that are then donated to the Social Services department. Thank you so much.



SMILE CHARITY GROUP

Proceedings from shows by the Theatre group "Smile Charity Group", 544'83€ have been donated to the Social Welfare agency of the Town Hall, destined to the Town Hall's food bank.

The Council for Welfare wishes to thank them for this donation.

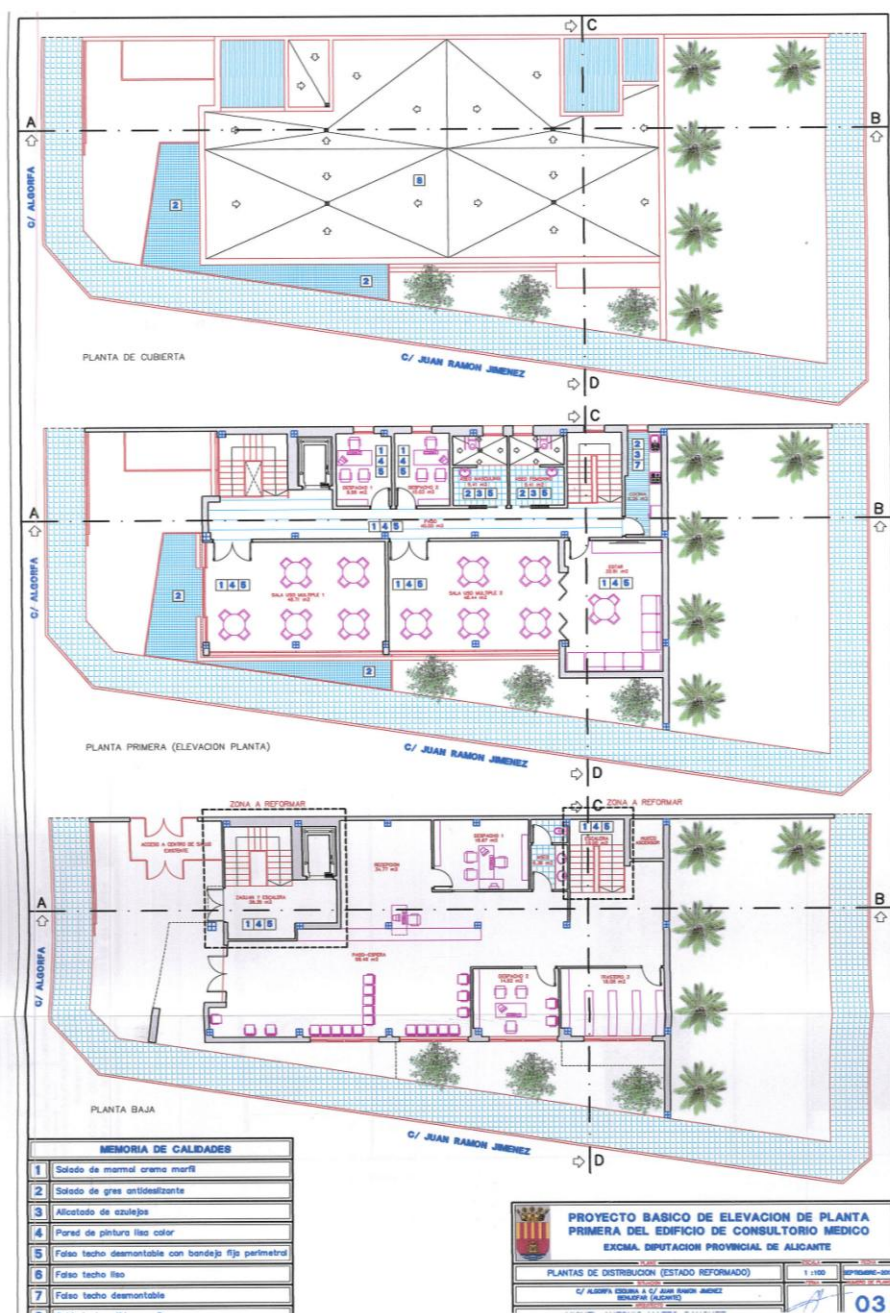


CLAUDIA FRANK AND BRIAN HELLIWELL

With their generous solidarity initiatives Claudia and Brian have collected 4.841,05€ that have been used to buy non perishable food, toys that were given to children in need at Christmas and cleaning and hygiene products. All of this to be distributed to the families in need that come to de Social Service agency at the Town Hall seeking help.

WORKS

ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE



The Works on the first floor of the medical centre have started and will be used for an assistance and welfare centre.

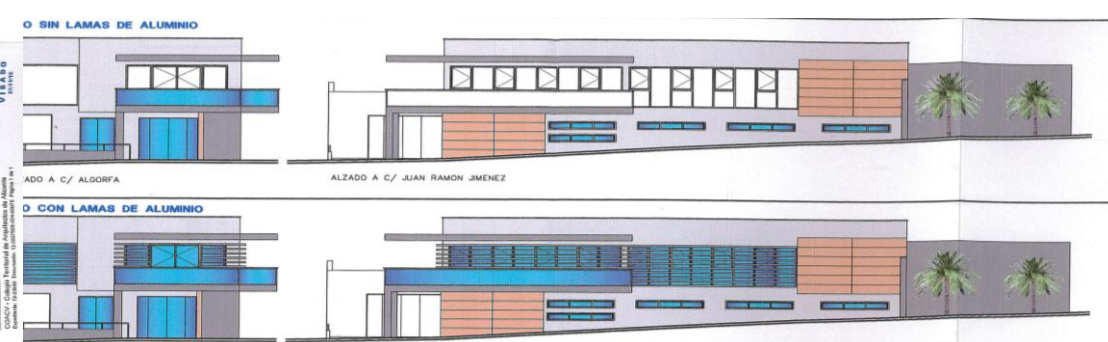
The first floor being built will have a total area of 269 m² and the rehab of the lower floor 46, 60 m².

With this construction the building will house two multiuse rooms, two offices, a man's and woman's toilette, a waiting area, a kitchen, hall, two staircases, one with a lift, and a large terrace which will be accessed via one of the multiuse rooms. The building is designed to not alter physical environment and it will have energy efficiency due to the chosen materials for the work.

The aim of the Councillor for Welfare, Pilar Yagües, is to be able to offer a space for people in need of assistance, where their necessities will be met, and also to give the families a bit of breathing space knowing that their family will be well looked after.

At the same time, this building will serve to create employment and training for people of our locality.

The total estimate for these works after a reduction of 15'25%, is 299.995,30€, of which 80% is financed by the City Council under Works plans for (239.996,24€) and the remaining amount by the Town hall.



INAUGURATION OF THE PÁDEL COURTS

The inauguration of the Pádel Courts in the Sports Centre will take place on the 27th of March. It will start off with a tournament of pádel and assisting will be the local authorities, queen's court, all neighbours who wish to join us and the President of the City Council of Alicante, Dña. Luisa Pastor who will preside the inauguration and will hand out the trophies for the tournament.

Two pádel courts have been built on one of the old deteriorated tennis courts in the sports centre and at the same time both swimming pools have had new stone borders and the rehab of the remaining tennis court. With these Works we now have more services in our municipal sports centre and a safer swimming pool for the neighbours. These Works have cost 125.753, 21€, of which the City Council finances 96.000€ and the Town Hall the remaining 29.753, 21€.



WORKS STARTED

ELIMINATION OF ARCHITECTONICAL BARRIERS

Improvement on various pavements in town by lowering corners and finishing off other pavements. This will improve life for people with reduced mobility and parents with prams. The cost for these Works is 38.783, 68€, of which the City Council finances 17.764€ and the remaining amount by the Town Hall.

PATHS IN THE PARK CAÑADA MARSÁ

A 3 metre wide path is being made of compacted sand to connect the south side of the park to the north. At the same time works are in place to collect rain water to fill the lake, by adapting the reservoir and connecting it to the channels running along the side of the path. Also lighting will be installed.

The estimate for this job is 89.987, 99€ financed a 100% by the City Council of Alicante.

REHAB OF GARDENS IN ATALAYA PARK

Rehab of gardens has started in the urbanisation Atalaya Park, large planting areas have been built and olive trees and native plants to the area have been planted in them. Also, cement paths are being put in.

Red Eléctrica Española has cut the pine trees down as they were considered dangerous due to them attracting lightning.

