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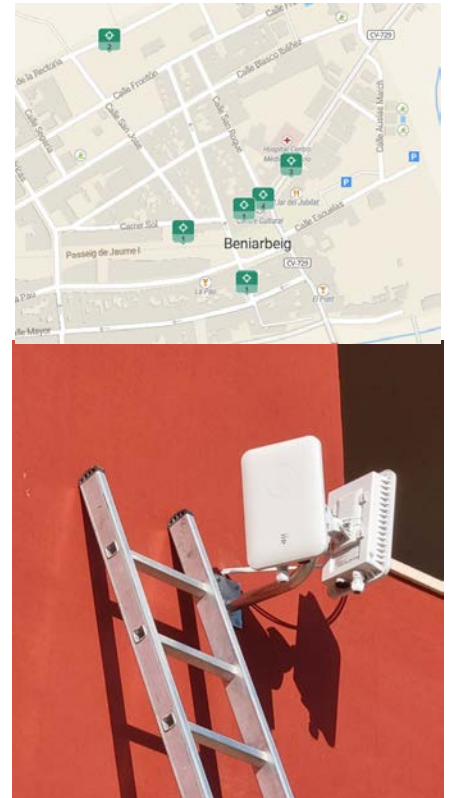
## WiFi4EU provides Beniarbeig with a public internet service for the public

From now, some of the public buildings and spaces are connected to the internet thanks to the WiFi4EU initiative from the European Union. According to those responsible, «the objective is to provide the EU, residents and visitors, with access to high quality internet through free wifi access points situated in public spaces like parks, squares, administrative buildings, libraries and health centres».

In total, 30 countries have participated and a total of 29,000 towns will benefit from the 134 million euros invested in the necessary equipment. Beniarbeig has received 15,000€ and the money has been used to set up connections in the town hall, the library, the centro cultural, the pensioners' club, the health

centre and the theatre/auditorium. The outside spaces where the wifi is accesible are the plaza del 9 d'Octubre, plaza del Ajuntament y plaza del Canonge José Gomar (the park on C/ Escoles ), the area where the fair is held (car park C/ Escoles), el paseo Jaume I and the Espai Cultural (the old CEIP Benicadim).

Connecting to the system is very simple, as it doesn't require a user name or password. You only need to search for the signal with the name WiFi4EU and then accept the conditions of use which it asks us for. So that the network is efficient, the connection lasts for 8 hours. Once this time has lapsed you need to repeat the connection process to continue browsing.



## NOTIFICATIONS FROM THE LOCAL POLICE

In recent weeks we have issued four denuncias of 100€ each for failure to pick up dog excrement in the street. The Town Hall has placed more waste paper bins and rubbish containers around the village and we remind you that we are continuously watching the places where most problems arise. Once again, we remind you that the Town Hall has free bags and dispensers, you only need to call at the Town Hall to pick them up.

In the same vein, two denuncias of 700€ each have also been issued for leaving rubbish outside the rubbish bins.

From the Town Hall and the Local Police, everything possible is being done to identify those responsible for these actions, which show a lack of respect not only for the neighbours but also for the environment.



# From Beniarbeig to Kilimanjaro

In the bulletin of November 2020 we announced that Isabel Vicente, one of our Local Police officers, was preparing a cycling expedition to climb Kilimanjaro. The trip to the roof of the world was planned for June 2021 but, like many other things, the pandemic caused it to be postponed until this year, and on 15th January they set off by plane to Tanzania.

From that moment there was a double objective, on the one hand the sports objective of climbing the 5,895m to the top, but also that of handing over the 5,000€ raised, which are destined to buy more than 100 bicycles for the girls in the country. Both missions were accomplished, although of the 5 who made up the group, Ana, Laia, Saioa, Silvia y Isabel, in the end some had to withdraw on the advice of the doctors accompanying them. Isabel was among those who made it to the top in the early hours of 21st January. Isabel, with the help of her carrier Emmanuely, even made it to the peak with her bicycle.

According to Isabel, the natural environment of that part of Eastern Africa is spectacular, the scenery changes as you go up the mountain, but the most fascinating thing was the treatment they received from the people there, a group of male and female carriers who were exceptionally professional and top quality humans.

After this high altitude cycling experience, which Isabel adds to Montblanc, Elbrús, Marruecos and Alaska, the police officer explains that for now she will take a rest from that kind of expedition, although while she smiles, she herself recognises that she can't be still, so we will wait to see if we need to continue following her on her path upwards.



## TRANSPORT GRANTS 2022

Beniarbeig Town Hall has announced the transport grants for university students and those doing higher professional training. The maximum amount given by the grant is 200€ for those who have a study centre less than 40km away and 400€ for those who need to travel more than 40km away from Beniarbeig.

The terms and conditions are available on the municipal web portal. The deadline for applying is 15th March and application should be done exclusively through the virtual office ([www.beniarbeig.sedelectronica.es](http://www.beniarbeig.sedelectronica.es)).



## Memory workshops

Thanks to a grant the Town Hall, with the collaboration of the Councillor for Social Services, has been able to restart the memory and handicraft workshops, given by Tere Fullana. The memory workshop uses memory recovery exercises and handicrafts for the third age to stimulate and maintain the mental capacities. Anyone interested should go directly to the library on Mondays between 9.30am and 11am



# The Encontres a Beniarbeig join the Year of Fuster

The declaration by the Generalitat Valenciana of 2022 as the Year of Fuster has resulted in the Encontres a Beniarbeig dedicating this year's programme to the works and the person of Joan Fuster (Sueca, 1922-1992).

Through the four sessions more has been learned about one of the most relevant Valencian intellectuals of the 20th century. He has been key to understanding the current País Valencià and he has left behind his thoughts in thousands of press articles and essays such as *Nosaltres els valencians* (1962), *Diccionari per a ociosos* (1964) or *Combustible per a falles* (1967).

From the organising committee, headed by the Councillor for Culture, Sara Gil Peretó, the story was told over four conferences given by people who are each well known in their own field. The first session was led by the journalist and writer Francesc Bayarri who, on 20th January, presented *Matar Joan Fuster*, a conference based on the homonymous book, fruit of the research work of Bayarri

on the terrorist attack of which Joan Fuster was a victim.

The second session was on 3rd February, when the historian Antoni Furió presented a conference called “El País Valencià desde la Correspondència de Joan Fuster”, in which he did an in-depth study of the social and cultural situation through the more than 20,000 letters kept in the Joan Fuster archives.

The most recent session on 24th February was the turn of the journalist Empar Marco, who for many years has been a correspondent on TV3 in the País Valencià and has also been the first director of À Punt Mèdia. With “Fuster, journalist and columnist”, Marco analysed Fuster's full dedication as a columnist, not only from the point of view of the diffusion of his ideas but also the economic aspect.

The last conference will be 1st April at 7.30pm when the anthropologist and writer Joan F. Mira will give a conference entitled “Allò que representa Fuster”.



Antoni Furió and Tomàs Llopis



Empar Marco



Sara Gil and Francesc Bayarri



Francesc Bayarri



# Beniarbeig receives a grant of 20.447,04€ for projects to support families with children under 14 years of age

The vice-president of the I Conselleria de Igualdad y Políticas Inclusivas, through Resolución de 29 de diciembre de 2021, from the director of the Instituto Valenciano de las Mujeres has awarded a support grant to the Town Hall of Beniarbeig for 20,447.04 euros specifically for the development of the project “Professional help for families with sons and daughters under the age of 14”. This grant is financed through funds received from the Ministerio de Igualdad, Secretaría de Estado de Igualdad y contra la Violencia de Género, within the framework of the Plan Corresponsables.

The councillor for Education in Beniarbeig Town Hall will put in place the following initiatives to support families with children

under the age of 14:

–Winter school (Christmas workshops). This activity took place at the CEIP Benicadim during the school holidays in December 2021, with the participation of 30 boys and 8 girls from 3 to 13 years of age. The objectives of the activity, namely to foment interpersonal skills, were met by all the members of the group, developing the values of respect, tolerance, cooperation and solidarity through active participation in the proposed activities.

–Summer school. This is planned for the months of July and August in the CEIP Benicadim and is for boys and girls aged from 3 to 13. The objectives planned are to foment interpersonal skills with all the

members of the group (the same objectives as for the Winter School but looking at all aspects in more depth).

This assistance is to help to ease the negative effects of working, personal and family life caused by the restrictions introduced because of the pandemic, especially for women as they are in the majority when it comes to family and domestic care, as detailed in the introduction of decree number 178/2021, which approves the rules of these grants.



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## Beniarbeig joins the motorhome circuit

The installation of two sites for motorhomes will allow visits to the village by this tourist sector. The site has been installed in calle Turia, next to the sports centre, where the users of these vehicles will have access to water and will be able to deposit dirty water and waste. The cost of the service will be 3€ for a maximum of 48 hours and reservations should be done through the offices of the town hall or the local police.

The town hall has opted for this installation with the aim of making a small contribution to local tourism, more specifically

motorhomes, given that this mode of travelling has become much more popular recently. Also, they explain that the choice of location gives

dynamism to this part of the village where, apart from this, benches have been installed along with outdoor gym equipment.





# English-Spanish intercambio sessions



A group of volunteers, supported by the councillor for Social Services, Christine Cook, have restarted the Spanish-English language intercambio sessions that were so successful last year but which had to be stopped due to the pandemic. The sessions take place on Wednesdays in the library and there are 2 different slots to adapt to people's timetables, in the mornings from 9.30am to 11am and in the evenings from 7.30pm to 9pm.

The organisers stress that it's the perfect environment in which to do fun activities, where the Spanish speakers help the foreigners with their Spanish and the English speakers help the Spanish speakers with their English. They encourage you to make the most of this unique opportunity, as the sessions are free. Anyone wanting more information can contact the library.

## The members of Juntos por Beniarbeig raise money and collect rubbish

In November last year the association Juntos por Beniarbeig organised a charity market in the village square. In spite of the bad weather over the two days of the market, they raised about 480€ , and a few days later, two representatives of the association, Daniel Esperanza and Sally Heath, along with the councillor for Social Services, Christine Cook, visited the headquarters of AMADEM in Pedreguer to hand over the money raised. AMADEM is a non-profit making association which safeguards the rights of people suffering from mental illness, and the money raised will be used to support their work with people living in this area.

On Saturday 12th February some 12 members of the association devoted a couple of hours to collect rubbish in and around the village. They cleaned the whole of the Avenida de la Rectoría from the school to the roundabout which leads up to Monte Corona, and then they walked down to the park at the

bottom of the pensionistas' car park. They identified more areas in need of cleaning and the litter pick will be repeated on 12th March. The meeting point is the plaza 9 d'octubre at 10am.

The association is organising a trip to Valencia on 7th May, with the options of going to the city centre, to the Oceanográfico or to a shopping centre. More information shortly.

If anyone wants more information about the

association and its activities, call Daniel (655 38 16 56 Spanish) or Sally (616 23 72 86 English)



# GRANTS:



## Diputació d'Alacant:

- Conservation and maintenance of green spaces in the village carried out by the Diputació Provincial de Alicante in 2021. 16 days (daily amount 1,219.51 €) Maximum amount of the grant 19,512.16€ (non financial).

- Repair of hydraulic infrastructures. Replacement of a section of the waste pipe connection with the EDAR Beniarbeig. Fundable budget 59,999.35 €, percentage of the grant 80% : 47,999.48 €

- Energy saving. Installation of a charging point for electric cars, improvement of the energy efficiency of the hot and cold heating systems in the municipal buildings and other projects in Beniarbeig. 58,769,72€ (non financial)

- Promotion of sport 2021. Escuela Deportiva Municipal Multideporte, September 2020 to June 2021. 3,400.00 €

- Economic development.

- Line 1.- Fairs and other commercial events: Lighting for Christmas-Three Kings 2020: 2,077.22 €

- Line 4.- Development of Agriculture and maintenance of the rural environment: Educational course: "Curso de fomento agrario escolar": 900€

- Purchase of trophies and medals 2021. 5 sets of trophies and 150 medals. Budget 620 €. Grant: 400.53 €

- Social promotion, equipment and vehicles 2021. Table with extension, chair, filing system, document shredder and sports equipment for older people (pedals). 3,190.00 €

- Festival Provincial de Artes Escénicas. Theatre, children's theatre and circus. Amount of the grant 7,640.00 €

- Construction, improvement, extension or refurbishment of sports facilities. Plan +Deporte 2021. Watering system for the football pitch, 38,460.42 (works project) + 1,068.41 (drawing up of the project), total: 39,528.83, of which €38,460.40 € was provided by the Diputació and 1,068.41€ by the town hall.

- Programmes and activities for equal opportunities. Prevention of violence. Workshop on equality. 1,850.00 €

- Preparation and evaluation of gender equality plans. Preparation of the first internal gender equality plan for Beniarbeig Town Hall. (2021-2025) 1,558.71€

- Purchase and installation of lights for rural paths. Positioning of solar lights in the camino Illetes. 9,491.19 €

## Generalitat Valenciana:

- Agencia Valenciana de Seguridad y Respuesta a las Emergencias. Preparation of new emergency plan or the revision of existing ones.

- Revision of the Plan Territorial Municipal for emergencies (Revisión PTM) 1,000 €

- Preparation of the Plan de Actuación Municipal for floods (PAM inundaciones) 6,000 €

- Conselleria d'Educació, Cultura i Esport. Encouragement of reading in libraries. 233.53 €

- Conselleria d'Educació, Cultura i Esport. Purchase of bibliographical material for libraries 2021. 913.53 €

- LABORA Temporary hiring of unemployed people under 30 years of age within the framework of the Programa Operativo del Fondo Social Europeo 2014-2020 of the Comunitat Valenciana. Avalem Experiencia Plus. Programa Ecovid 2021. 37,542.96 €

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- LABORA Hiring of unemployed women to carry out tasks and services of general interest. Programa EMDONA. 18,585.06 €

- Conselleria d'Economia Sostenible, Sectors Productius, Comerç i Treball. Extraordinary help to local Valencian administrations for businesses and handicrafts to offset the effects of Covid-19. 828.70 €

- Conselleria d'Educació, Cultura i Esport. Execution of extra curricular, complementary, cultural and sports activities aimed at school children aged between three and eighteen. 2,710.40 €

- Conselleria d'Educació, Cultura i Esport. Purchase of equipment for libraries. 893.07€



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# Beniarbeig now has callisthenics equipment

The set of bars and metal posts which has recently been installed in the park by the river is an area dedicated to the practice of callisthenics, a sport whose popularity has grown in recent years and which comprises doing muscular exercises using only your body weight.

Press-ups, sit-ups and squats form part of the callisthenics routine, as well as the classic exercises on the bar in all of their infinite versions. The benefits are many, such as an increase in body mass and muscular stamina, an

improvement in our posture and strengthening of the joints. It also has positive effects on our cardiovascular system.

Of course, just like with other strength sports, before starting you need to warm-up and know how to do it properly, not only in respect of the correct posture but also the number of repetitions, as not doing it properly can cause significant injury.

The purchase and installation have been financed 100% by the town hall, and the governing party explains that the aim is to

widen the sports offered in the village. As for its location, they also confirm that it is to promote the park by the river as a space for games and sports in the open air.



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## The Reading Club joins the Year of Fuster with *Diccionari per a ociosos*

The Encontres a Beniarbeig programme dedicated to Joan Fuster has been the perfect excuse for the Reading Club to experience the genre of the essay. The author uses this genre to express his ideas around a theme and, as is the case with Fuster, they recognise his ideas and reflections on politics, history, culture, literature and sexuality.

The choice of el *Diccionari per a ociosos* (1964) from all of the options available from Fuster's

bibliography was a recommendation of Tomàs Llopis, teacher and member of the committee of the Encontres a Beniarbeig, who also offered to lead the reading sessions. Firstly there was an introduction to the work and the biography of Fuster, in which Llopis explained Fuster's writing style and how the reader should tackle reading the book. The second session took place on 23rd February, when they reread some of the sections of the book and Llopis helped to unravel some of the meanings of Fuster's

words for the members of the group.

The readers were agreed on the density and richness of his reflections and on how they invite the reader to think. Reading the book was demanding and not easy, but it questioned the receiver of his words to enable the latter to re-evaluate certain visions and concepts, with the addition of more than one smile with his constant touches of humour.

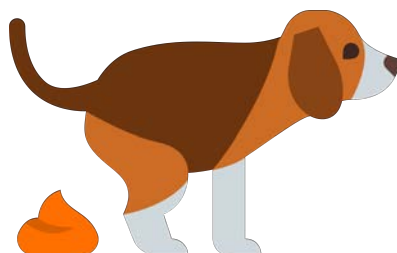
The next book for the Reading Club will be *Noruega* (2020), by Rafa Lahuerta Yúfera, an autobiographical novel which has become a bestseller in Valenciano in recent years. As always, the Reading Club is open to anyone who wants to take part.



# The dangers of dog excrement to humans

Picking up your dog's excrement is not just a matter of keeping the streets clean, it's also a health matter. Many people are not aware of the large number of illnesses that can be transmitted to humans through dog excrement left in parks and on the streets. These illnesses are particularly dangerous for children. That's why it is vital that all pet owners are made aware of how important it is to pick up their dog's excrement.

The dangerous parasites which live in a dog's excrement and can be passed on to humans can cause abdominal pain, diarrhoea and dehydration. A single gram of faeces can host up to 10,000 parasite eggs.



## Beniarbeig replaces some of the underground rubbish bins

Three sets of rubbish bins have been replaced, namely on Calle Ondara, Sant Domènec y Lliri, the latter situated at the bottom of the Mirambons urbanisation.

The Town Hall explains that with the replacement of the bins, we have gained capacity, hygiene and accessibility when depositing paper and cardboard,

plastic, batteries and general waste. There is also a bin aimed specifically for organic waste, but at the moment it isn't in operation. The town hall say that over the coming weeks there will be more information about when and how the organic bins will enter into service, as a key will be needed to be able to use them.



## DIARY

**6/03**

**Trip to Valencia** for the Mascleta, plus the Centro Cultural del Carme. Organised by the Housewives' Association.

**10/03**

**Storytelling: "La Pirata Anna Tramuntana"** with the Farfullit Theatre. 6pm in the library. Charity walk to celebrate International Women's Day, includes a snack. Proceeds to the Spanish Association against Cancer.

Start 9.30am from the square. Routes of 2 and 4 km. Register up to 10th March with any member of the Housewives' Association committee.

Entrance: 2€ members / 3€ non-members.

**01/04**

**Conference: "Alló que representa Joan Fuster"** with Joan F. Mira. Encontres a Beniarbeig 2022 – the Year of Joan Fuster. Starts 7.30pm.

**26/04**

**Trip to Castilla and León** with the Pensioners' Association. A 5 day trip to Cebreros, Tietar, Salamanca, Ávila and Segovia. Price per person: 360€ (double room). For more information and to put your name down contact Salvador on 638192871.