



# EJSU TORREJON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SUPPORTING BRITISH PERSONNEL, EJSU STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES



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## CLO INTRODUCTION

We made it to February! The nights are definitely getting lighter for longer and I can't wait to have my first Spring out here.

With half term coming up, I've included some ideas to keep the children busy, and hopefully we are looking to get some EJSU competitions in place against the other locations – so watch this space!

One fun activity to get everyone out and about in the city is to find all 40 'El Oso y El Madroño'. You can use this [map](#) and send me pictures to include next month!



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### CLO Working Hours

Tuesday: 0930 - 1430

Wednesday & Thursday: 0930-1500

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If dialing from a UK number, remember to prefix with +34 unless otherwise stated.



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

# COFFEE MORNING

with  
Padre Nia

THURSDAY 3RD FEB

1030-1200

EL ENCINAR

Padre Nia from SHAPE will be joining us and is available for any pastoral care you feel you may need.

Please book a one to one appointment prior on;  
+32 473 62 96 33



## Book Club

Join us for drinks and food as we take turns to host one night a month.

Please ask to be added to the Whatsapp group, or contact Sophie Harrison for more information.





### DO YOU KNOW ABOUT EJSU NET?

THE WEBSITE IS THERE TO SUPPORT SERVICE PERSONNEL, CIVILIANS AND THEIR FAMILIES SERVING WITH NATO, THE EU AND ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE AND TURKEY.

THERE YOU WILL FIND AN ABUNDANCE OF INFORMATION RELEVANT TO YOUR POSTING.

[CLICK THIS LINK](#)

## GENERAL NOTICES

### Technical Certificate Required for all Electric Scooters

From Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> all electric scooters must have a technical certificate to prove they meet minimum standards of quality and durability. When you buy a new scooter, you will be given the certificate on purchase, but if you already own a scooter, you must contact the manufacturer for them to issue one. You can read more [here](#).

### 20 Things Pet Owners are Prohibited to Do Under New Law

The new Animal Protection Law was passed in January 2022, with new legislation aiming to improve the safety and wellbeing of pets in Spain. You can read about the new rules [here](#). Dog owners will also need to complete a training course to prove they have the required knowledge to properly train and handle their pet. It will be a free online course, and I'll promulgate as soon as it has been released. In addition, dog owners must also have civil liability insurance.

### New Traffic Rules from March 2022

Please read and ensure you are familiar with the new regulations [here](#). Unlike the UK, drivers in Spain have 12 points on their license, and points are deducted for road traffic offences. You can read more [here](#).

## HNLO NOTICES

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MADRID?

### [Parque Europa](#)

Walk around the replica monuments from all over Europe in the 233,000 square meters grounds – and keep the kids occupied by letting them row the boats, do the zip wire and high ropes, and much more. Free entry to the park, activities priced on the [website](#). Please be aware most activities start from 1100, but close for lunch 1400-1530.

### [SpongeBob SquarePants in Madrid](#)

Why not let the kids plan a trip round Madrid? Download and print this fun workbook and let them enjoy teaching you fun facts as you go.

### [Madrid Snowzone](#)

About 40 minutes outside Madrid, you'll find Spain's only indoor ski slope. With both a 250m and 100m slope, it's the perfect place for beginners and experts. It is located in [Intu Xanadu](#) which has many shops and restaurants, and even the [Atlantis Aquarium](#), so you can really make a day of it.



### [Superman Exhibition 20 Jan – 17 Apr](#)

This free exhibition will feature more than 300 figures of all scales, as well as an 8x10m graffiti piece and a life size figure. Please check opening hours (Sat, Sun and holidays 1000-1400, 1700-2100)

### [Madrid Carnival 25 Feb – 02 Mar](#)

The agenda hasn't yet been confirmed as the organisers are trying to adapt the program in line with the COVID health measures. Check the link closer to the date for confirmed timings.

## MONTHLY RECOMMENDATION

Each month I'd like to recommend a place / activity / restaurant and would love your tried and tested suggestions!

This month I'd like to recommend [Restaurante Botin](#). It holds the Guinness World Record for the oldest restaurant in the world, and still uses the original oven from when they opened in 1725! Forbes magazine gave them third place in the list of the world's top 10 classic restaurants, for their specialties, the delicious suckling pig and roasted lamb.



Pictures courtesy of Jo Parker

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

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### GENERAL MEASURES

The below measures are for the area of Madrid only. Each region of Spain has their own rules, and you can check each area before you travel [here](#).

On Dec 31<sup>st</sup> Spain's health officials agreed on quarantines for classrooms with five or more cases only. The recommendation affects early education settings and means a group with four or less infected students or under 20% of the class will no longer see all children sent home to isolate. You can read more here in this [El Pais article](#), but always follow the guidelines and recommendations given to you by your child's school.

From Dec 30<sup>th</sup> Spain's government reduced the isolation period for positive cases of COVID from 10 days to 7. The new seven-day quarantine period applies to both vaccinated and unvaccinated people who test positive for Covid-19, and vaccinated close contacts will still be able to avoid going into isolation before getting tested, whereas unvaccinated close contacts will have to abide by the seven-day quarantine period. You can read more here in this [The Local article](#).

From Dec 24<sup>th</sup> it is compulsory to wear a mask outdoors (except for children under 6, and in the case of sport and natural settings, where social distancing can be maintained). You can read more on the [official tourism website for Madrid](#)

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### PRIVATE GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

There are currently no limits on capacity in bars and restaurants, indoors or outdoors.

There are currently no limits on capacity in night clubs and other late-night venues. Dancing is permitted indoors as long as social distancing is followed and masks are worn. Drinking is not allowed on the dance floor.

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### TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

To travel from the **UK to Spain**, anyone over the age of 12 **MUST** be double vaccinated. You must show proof of being fully vaccinated at least 14 days prior to arrival in Spain. From Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> children aged 12-15 will also have access to a digital NHS covid pass. You can read more [here](#).

From 1<sup>st</sup> Feb Spain has introduced a new rule where you must have been vaccinated within the last **270 days**. If the last vaccine was longer, the certificate must show a booster vaccine was administered over 14 days prior to flying. You can read more [here](#)

If you aren't fully vaccinated, please read the [GOV website](#) for exemptions and how to proceed.

All passengers, including children under 12, must complete and sign an online [Health Control Form](#) no more than 48 hours before travel.

If travelling from **Spain to the UK** and you are fully vaccinated, you need to complete a [Passenger Locator Form](#) no more than 48 hours before.

From 11<sup>th</sup> Feb fully vaccinated passengers, and children under 18 years old will no longer be required to take a test before or after arriving in the UK.

If you do not qualify as fully vaccinated for travel to the UK, you will need to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test with a test taken in the 2 days before you travel to England. You must [book and pay for a COVID-19 PCR test](#) – to be taken after you arrive in England, and complete a [Passenger Locator Form](#). You will not need to quarantine unless the result of the PCR test is positive.

For further information on COVID and travel restrictions see the links below:

<https://www.comunidad.madrid/covid-19>  
<https://english.elpais.com/news/society/>  
[www.ejsu.net/covid-19/travel](http://www.ejsu.net/covid-19/travel)



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