

THE CELEBRATIONS START ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON

# Es Migjorn Gran and the fiestas of Sant Cristòfol

A weekend of entertainment, with a serious and religious side, in the south coast village of Es Migjorn Gran, to be enjoyed by residents and tourists alike

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The timetable for the main events in the fiestas of Sant Cristòfol are as follows:

**Saturday 2nd**

1700 hrs. Bells and rockets announce the start of the fiestas. The Band of Es Migjorn parades through the streets.

1800 hrs. The flag of Sant Cristòfol is handed over on the steps of the Town Hall and the first notes are played on the 'fabiol' (flute). The cavalcade then forms.

1900 hrs. The baton of authority is handed to the leader of the cavalcade at the Town Hall and the riders complete two circuits of the village before leaving their mounts in the Plaça de l'Ajuntament.

2000 hrs. The band accompanies the riders and local dignitaries to the Parish Church to celebrate Compline in honour of Sant Cristòfol.

2030 hrs. Refreshments for the riders, authorities and guests following which the cavalcade will re-form and tour the village.

2100 hrs. Riders and horses will perform in the "jaleo" in Sa Plaça followed by a circuit of the village, after which the cavalcade will disband.

2400 hrs. Open-air dance in the Zona Esportiva with "Febre i Miquel" and the group "Sarau Big Band".

**Sunday 3rd**

0800 hrs. Reveille by the band.  
0900 hrs. The cavalcade forms again, completes two circuits of



JALEO. Horse performing in front of the village's parish church

the village, ending at the Town Hall where the riders will leave their horses.

1000 hrs. Riders, authorities and the band will go to the Parish Church for Mass. They will then return to the Plaça de l'Ajuntament to collect their horses and tour the village before heading for Sa Plaça.

1200 hrs. The final 'jaleo' in Sa Plaça with the presentation of green canes and silver spoons followed by another tour of Es Migjorn Gran.

1530 hrs. The band will accompa-

ny the riders from Pla de l'Església to the Town Hall for the traditional refreshments, to which everyone is invited. At the end, the cavalcade will disband.

1930 hrs. Children's show by the "Cucorva" clowns.

2130 hrs. Menorcan music from Bastió de S'Illa in Sa Plaça.

2300 hrs. Open-air dance in Sa Plaça with the band "Huracán".

**Monday 4th**

0930 hrs. Reveille with Es Migjorn Gran Bugle and Drum Band.

1000 hrs. Clay pigeon shooting competition in the old sewage

farm.

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

1730 hrs. Parade by the Bugle and Drum Band and children's games organised by "Sa Xaranga".

1930 hrs. Parade by the band.  
2100 hrs. Traditional donkey jaleo in Sa Plaça.

2400 hrs. Firework display in front of the Francesc d'Albranca school.

0030 hrs. Final open-air dance in Sa Plaça with the group "Sarau Big Band".

EXHIBITIONS

From Thursday until 12th August, Amelie Pons' art will be on show in the Local Social, Fornells, from 1900-2230 hrs.

From Friday until 31st August, the Galeria Artara in Maó will be exhibiting the work of Miquel Aparici.

From 1st to 13th August, Marc Rabal's paintings ("Trossos de Cell II") can be seen in the Exhibition Hall at Alaïor Town Hall.

Until 13th September, more than 50 pieces of jewellery made by Michael Zobel can be seen in the shop Ignia in Maó.

IN BRIEF

**Cala en Porter to have two new viewpoints**

The first phase of improvements planned for the Passeig Maritim in Cala en Porter, which will cost 360,000 euros, will include the construction of two new viewpoints overlooking the beach and improve the pedestrians' section of the thoroughfare. This should be completed before the tourist season next year, whereas the second phase, valued at 140,000 euros will be carried out in the last quarter of 2009.

Alaïor Council also hopes to obtain environmental certificates for the resort's beach and also that at Son Bou.

**Es Mercadal hopes for blue flag for Arenal d'en Castell beach**

Es Mercadal Council is confident of obtaining a blue flag for the beach at Arenal d'en Castell next year. The municipal district already has one such distinction, for the port of Fornells, and hopes that by adapting the beach at Arenal d'en Castell so that it is suitable for people with mobility problems, the area will fulfill the necessary requirements to be awarded a blue flag.

The Mayor of Es Mercadal, Ramon Orfila, believes that this will lead to other beaches in the district also being awarded the distinction.

MENORCA CHARITY PLAYERS' PRESENTATION



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The Menorca Charity Players last week presented four DVD players and two audio players to Gillie Were, the Red Cross's hospital co-ordinator. The units were purchased from Pallisers, who very kindly allowed the group a very generous discount, with funds raised from the Players' previous shows. The children in the photograph are young actors who will appear in the Wizard of Oz sketch in the "End of the Pier" show which will take place at the Aeroclub on Friday and Saturday, starting at 1930 hrs. A few tickets remain for Friday's performance, priced at 25 euros which includes a barbecue-style grill plus wine. As always, the proceeds from the show will be donated to local charities.

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