



# The Perchette

*An occasional (mainly) light-hearted look at life in and around Cabanyes*

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## ***iHola!***

Hello and welcome to our ninth edition and the beginning of the third year of publication. “But this is a poor apology for *The Perch*” you may well say and you would be quite right and clearly also very observant. Just 25% of our usual offering – a mere quarter for the summer quarter.

Although we are as enthusiastic and committed as ever to *The Perch* we realised several weeks ago that we did not have sufficient time to produce a full edition in July. Without boring you with a load of detail, our personal commitments at present, including moving home in London after more than 25 years and the small matter of a new book to sell, simply didn’t allow us to produce a publication to the standard that we try to maintain.

So apologies all round to our readers, contributors, sponsors & supporters. We will be back with a belter in the autumn if some of the material we already have on board is anything to go by.

In the meantime, life appears to continue onwards and upwards on the urbanisation aided and abetted by easier and swifter access now that the ‘motorway,’ complete with Cabanyes road sign, is up and running. (We hear tell of one resident who claims to have travelled from Santa Christina to Calonge in five minutes, despite the radar traps in evidence. His case comes up on Friday...)

Happily we also hear that the ‘Say No to Blow’ campaign is still up and running with some of our fellow owners actively pursuing matters in another attempt to at least reduce the impact of the noise and pollution that continues to damage the Cabanyes quality of life.

And talking of quality of life you can see overleaf that nearly 100 votes are still needed to achieve a majority in favour of an Association to ‘succeed’ the EUC. Make sure that you vote and urge every owner that you know or meet to do the same. We must preserve this special piece of green and pleasant land.

And that must be that for this mini-edition but always remember that a Perchette in the hand is worth more than a News of the World in the bin. Enjoy the rest of the summer.



*Pat & Denis Hartley took this picture of what might be a UFO. In fact, they tell us, the cloud formation is altocumulus lenticularis. So there.*

## **Summery Summary**

- ☀ Thank you, as always, Quality Estates, Al Vent and our other faithful donors for your continuing and generous support.
- ☀ Some wag (well, a very talented musician actually) has suggested to us, following the drugs/laundering raid reported in our last issue, that the urbanisation be renamed *Vizcondado de Cannabis*. Nice one...
- ☀ The recent E.U.C A.G.M was attended by around eighty people who were treated to ice-cold air-conditioning and a couple of very lively exchanges between the committee and the floor. No blows were exchanged that we are aware of.
- ☀ And as we go to press, Cabanyes residents Libbie and Nathan launch their new CD *Lounge & Friends*. Listen to some of the fabulous tracks at <http://soundcloud.com/loop-alley> then order your CD at [info@loopalley.com](mailto:info@loopalley.com) and enjoy!



## VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!



**The latest count reveals that more than 320 votes have so far been received in favour of a Cabanyes Residents' Association but to reach the required 50%+ majority of 421 close to a further 100 positive votes are still required. This means that about one in five of the proprietors who have not voted need to do so.**

In the last two editions of *The Perch* we have tried to stress the vital importance of maintaining Cabanyes' position as the best-kept and run estate in the Calonge municipality long into the future. The only way that this can be achieved is by proprietors voting in favour of the formation of an Association that will be an officially recognised body, authorised by law to collect funds, carry out maintenance and to be recognised by Calonge Council as partners.

So the message to those missing 500 proprietors or anyone who knows them goes like this:

*"If you have not already returned the letter you should have received in April/May, asking for your vote together with copy identity documents, please do so as soon as possible. If you haven't received such a letter, or it is in a language you don't understand, please contact Sr. Albert Catala at Rodriguez Marti Agencia, Platja d'Aro. Tel: 972 816 618 or 972 816 630. Fax: 972 819 539.*

*E-Mail: rodriguezatalafinques@telefonica.net*

*All that is required is simply a few minutes of your time, your identification and your vote.*

*Thank you.*

*PS The proxy section at the end of the voting letter is misleading and should be ignored."*

## CABANYES TO CALONGE

To highlight the need for the proposed Association, on 12th May 2011, having negotiated acceptable terms, the E.U.C. President, Agusti Ambros, signed the official papers handing over the running of Cabanyes to Calonge Council. There now follows a mandatory year's "guarantee period" during which time the Council will ensure that everything on the estate is completed to their satisfaction. Any communal expenses incurred during this time will still be for our account therefore the E.U.C. must continue to function until May 2012 to arrange for work to be done and accounts paid.

Proprietor's quarterly payments from August 2011 will be reduced to €50.22 since much less now remains to be done in terms of on-going maintenance of the roads and green belts, white line painting at road junctions and any other hopefully minor tasks which might arise.

## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Following the local municipal elections in May the new Council is little different from before with Jordi Soler retaining his position as Mayor with an increased number of councillors in his CiU centre party. He will be working together with the Catalan Republican party, Esquerra, whose leader is Marti Fonalleras, the councillor in charge of Calonge's urbanisations who contributed most positively at the recent E.U.C A.G.M. The E.U.C president will work closely with Sr. Fonalleras to ensure that Cabanyes obtains all the council support it merits.

Mark Woolf/JD

**Anyone for boules?** Those of you who enjoy the occasional game of *petanque* or *boules* will be pleased to know that two courts have been built on Cabanyes in a recreation area by the new block of flats on the main road, c/ Romanya. Bring your own boules!

**Squeaky clean** There's a great new underground car wash in Sant Antoni called 'LA BONAIGUA' allegedly with the lowest prices around (full valet service inside and out for only €13.80). It's open every day, including Sundays and holidays. Find it in a new building diagonally opposite 'Mobles Carmen' furniture shop on the main road between Eurocamping and Palamos. Just drive down the ramp, drop off your car and pop upstairs to 'El Caliu' bar for a coffee while you wait.



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