

U3A MORAIRA-TEULADA  
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NOVEMBER MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held on Monday November 10<sup>th</sup> at Salón de Banquettes, Avenida Mediterráneo, Teulada.

The meeting will start promptly at 10.30 am, the doors will be open from 9.45 to enable members to join the U3A, ask the Steering Group Committee questions, and to find out more information about the Groups.

**This is the Annual General Meeting, and the one at which your new Committee will be chosen, please come along and make your vote count!**

The Speaker at November's meeting is Brenda Bates, a lady who knew Joy Adamson. Brenda will talk about the life of Joy and her involvement with Elsa the 'Born Free' lioness. This promises to be a really interesting talk.

Please remember that after the meeting Members are welcome for coffee at the Bar Mediterráneo, which is just a short walk a little further up the hill. If you go there, simply tell Luis that you are a U3A Member, and he will probably direct you to the back room, so he can set the bar up for lunch!

UPDATE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

This message goes in every Newsletter, but it needs repeating as Members can still be hard to contact due to incorrect email addresses or telephone numbers.

Apologies to those it doesn't affect!

It cannot be over emphasised that it is the Members responsibility to advise the Membership Secretary of changes of email addresses and/or telephone numbers.

This information should be sent by email only to; cazwilliams@telefonica.net

When advising of new email addresses, PLEASE ensure that all the dots, dashes and underlines are in the right place! Please don't ask other Members to do this on your behalf, that's how mistakes happen, and with well over 700 members to administer, that's a lot of potential problems!

## Group News update from the Co-ordinator – Shirley Baehr

Most of the groups are now up and running and the feedback we have been receiving has been really favourable. I hope you are enjoying all the groups you are attending.

For information of the available Groups, it is important to keep checking the website or contact the Group Leaders directly.

Please keep in touch by telephone with the Group Leaders who do not have email, like the Sunday Solo group, so you can be informed of the venue and time of the next meal. Also please answer the emails that group leaders send you, it is very frustrating for them if you don't respond - even if it is just to say sorry can't make a meeting. This way they know you are receiving their messages.

Last month I asked for help with the Bridge Group and I am really pleased to inform you that we now have two new Group Leaders, Anita Dixon who is leading a Bridge for Beginners course and John Hiskey who is running Bridge for Improvers sessions, both are on Wednesday at the Lemon Tree. Please contact the Group Leaders for further details.

Michael Wilson, the Group Leader for Ten Pin Bowling and Fishing is now back from the UK. Ten pin bowling will take place at La Marina Centre Ondara, the first meeting is on Wednesday 29th October at 7 pm for a 7.30 start, and the cost is 3 euros per person. Michael proposes that future meetings be held on the last Wed of the month to begin with, and if there is enough interest for twice a month, then it would be the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

The first fresh water Fishing trip will be on the 27th October and will meet in the car park in Moraira by the fair ground at 8 a.m.

The next walk will meet at 9.30am on the 6<sup>th</sup> November in the Moraira car park. The walk will be from Javea Port up to the windmills and will be approx 3 hours. Take lunch and water with you, all members and all levels welcome. For more information phone Bob on 626366690.

The History of Spain lectures are held the last Tuesday of every month at 10.30 at Espai de Senieta

Eckart Moltrecht is a square dance caller and he has started a Square Dancing Group. The Social Centre at Benitachell has been booked on Wednesdays between 5 and 7. He is looking for couples who would like to try Square Dancing, for further details see his group page.

We now have a Chess group awaiting participants, please see the message on page 4, and let Ed know if you would like to join the Group.

I will be arranging a meeting for the Sailing Group so we can see what the Group requires and who can lead it.

The Writing Group needs a Group Leader, details are on the web under Groups.

Paul Godwin has had to take on some unexpected commitments, and has therefore asked if anyone could run the Art Appreciation Group in his stead. Brian and I would be able to give you any help you need. Please contact me to discuss it further.

We still need a lot more Group Leaders, so if you have any ideas then we will help you to get them up and running. We'd like to start Crafts, Mosaics, all levels of Spanish learning, Golf, Keep Fit, a photographic club, and a U3A Weight Watchers, together with Art Appreciation and a Drama Workshop, - see the website, we will be holding a meeting for the Drama Workshop soon – **see Stop Press!** You may of course have some other ideas for groups. The Committee will give you lots of help so it's not nearly as daunting as you may think, please come forward, this is YOUR U3A!

Please remember that if you want friends to attend Moraira-Teulada U3A groups with you, they must be members of Moraira-Teulada U3A, it is not enough to be a member of another U3A.

I hope to bring you news of a few new groups following on from this months meeting, so please keep looking at the website. I would love to be able to stand up at the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> November with news of some new groups so I look forward to hearing from you.

And a final plea, many Members have said that we should have OUR OWN CHOIR, but in order for this to happen, a Musical Director is required to form and lead the Choir. Please contact the Groups Coordinator Shirley Baehr if you think you can help.

## Groups

10 Pin Bowling  
Art Appreciation/Art History  
At home dining  
Bridge for Beginners  
Bridge Improvers for all non beginners  
Card Making/Scrapbooking

Chess group \* see note below  
Classical Music Appreciation  
Computing email and internet for beginners  
Cookery Demonstration/Dine  
Cookery/Entertaining at Home  
Dining Out Group  
Drama Group \* see Stop Press below  
Drama Workshops  
Fishing both freshwater and sea  
Gardening  
Genealogy \*see note below  
Hi Fi & Home Cinema advice  
History  
History of Spain lectures  
Home Maintenance and D.I.Y  
Mah Jong  
Modern Jive for Beginners  
Painting - Pastel techniques an introduction  
Painting - Water colour techniques an introduction  
Paranormal experiences and investigations  
Petanqua  
Photo-digital workshop  
Reading Group  
Sailing Group  
Singles Dining Out Saturdays  
Spanish for Beginners  
Spanish Conversation Intermediate Not Beginners  
Square Dancing  
Sunday Solo Group  
Travel Co-ordinator \* see note below  
Travellers Tales  
Walking  
Wine Tasting & Appreciation  
Writing  
Yoga (All levels)

### Chess Group

I am hoping to start a Chess Group, but can only do so if there is sufficient interest. Currently 2 people have signed up, but we will need a few more if the group is to be viable. My intention is just to meet locally, at an agreed place and time, perhaps twice a month and play chess. Whilst I am no expert, I really do enjoy the game, I have played for many years, and I am willing to teach the fundamentals if necessary. If interested, then please sign up at the next U3A meeting and/or contact me on 96 574 46 12 or email me (Ed Morley) at [edmo734g@midasdsl.com](mailto:edmo734g@midasdsl.com).

## Genealogy Group

The October meeting for the Genealogy Group is Tuesday October 28th at the Lemon Tree Restaurant, 10.30 till 12ish! All new members welcome. If you have a laptop, please bring it with you.

**STOP PRESS!**

### **Drama Group**

A meeting is being held to discuss the formation of this Group and what people would want from it.

The meeting is at The Lemon Tree Restaurant, Los Limonades Hotel Moraira on 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 4pm

## TRAVEL – PROPOSED TRIP TO BARCELONA - Fiesta de la Merce

As you know, it was proposed that this 3 day trip would take place in September 2009. When making enquiries about cost it has become clear that the trip will cost in excess of €600 per person, for 3 nights B&B and travel. The Travel Co-ordinator did a small survey among some of the Members who had expressed an interest in going on the trip, and it was unanimously agreed that it was too expensive. Sadly the trip will therefore not now take place.

And finally.....

The Committee has a short list of Speakers, either people suggested by Members, or individuals who have come forward from outside Agencies to offer their services.

In order to be able to choose a variety of speakers, if anyone knows someone who is interesting, informative, amusing, or indeed all three, please let Ann Colclough know on [colclough@telefonica.net](mailto:colclough@telefonica.net)

Members who would like to give a talk or a Presentation are of course always very welcome, please send your details and a brief description of your subject to Ann.