

**U3A Moraira-Teulada**  
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***Message from the President***

Dear Members,

Thanks to those of you who came to the May General Meeting. I'm sure you agree that the presentation given by Peter Atkinson concerning his adventures by bike to Santiago de Compostela was both interesting and amusing. We wish Peter well on his next trip, and hope we can look forward to hearing about it when he's recovered!

As you all know, we have a suggestion box at the meetings, and there were three suggestions/questions after Monday's meeting. Here they are, exactly as they were written, with my replies:

Question: "can the words U3A be put into the heading of emails

Answer: this request has been sent to the membership Secretary

Suggestion: "please arrange trips with a "horsey theme", to a show or an event.

Answer: passed to the Travel Group

Suggestion "may a trip please be arranged to Villa Joyosa, to both the town and the chocolate factory.

Answer: I too recently read a newspaper report about a trip like this one, and it sounds fun, I have passed the request to the Travel Group.

Several recent suggestions have been to have a break in the meeting, which the Committee has decided against as in the past many Members left before the speaker came on. As the guest speaker is there for the whole meeting, this was embarrassing for the Committee, so we decided against it. At the May meeting members had to turn their chairs round at the last meeting in order to see the screen, and a large number of members left the meeting. In his reply to my letter of thanks, the guest speaker said:

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**"It's a little disheartening to see people leave immediately after one has been introduced".**

I would ask members to remember that the speakers are guests who willingly and freely give up their time and effort to entertain us, please treat them with courtesy and consideration.

It's hard to believe that only a year has gone by since we held our first meeting at Espai la Senieta last May. Over 200 people were at the first meeting, and our membership is

currently at almost 1000. We will of course be celebrating this on 22 May at Font Santa, and I look forward to seeing the other 199 of you with tickets then!

With the help of our indefatigable Webmaster Mike Lawson, we pride ourselves on normally being able to give you the most up-to-date information possible on the website. Sadly we have come unstuck at the moment. As many of you know, Mike and Sue are on a well earned holiday, but as always in the past, Mike has his laptop with him. He has been able to continue providing us with his excellent and fast updating of the website – even from afar! Sadly this time a gremlin has gone on holiday with Mike, and his lap top is refusing to co-operate. This means the website cannot be updated. Sincere apologies to all of you, Mike I know is very distressed about this.

The calendar tells me that summer should be here, and certainly the roads and the markets are very busy, but what a shame about the weather! I hope that those of you who have visitors are managing to get some good days, and fingers crossed the sun will start to shine daily – as we have come to expect – soon!

I hope you see lots of you at the next meeting, but for those of you with visitors, or who are away, have a wonderful time.

Best wishes

*Ann Colclough*



### ***Next general U3A meeting***

This will be on 1 June 2009, at the Salon de Banquettes, Avda. Mediterraneo, Teulada, at 10.30 am. Doors open 09.45.

## **Travel/Outings**

### ***Wine Trip***

On Wednesday 10 June we are taking a day trip to Bodegas Vicente Gandia, the leading winery from Valencia, and one of the top Spanish producers of still bottled wine. There will

be wine tastings, and the opportunity to purchase any particular favourites you taste! There is also a newly opened souvenir shop with the chance to buy unusual wine-related gifts, as well of course as other gifts, all of a very high quality.

This package includes the following:

1. Lunch in Restaurante El Tollo [www.hoteltollo.com](http://www.hoteltollo.com)
2. Wine Tasting in the underground barrel cellar
3. A trip on the wine train which takes you on a tour through the vineyards
4. Visit to the ancient "Finca"
5. Visit to the ancient winery
6. Visit to the ultra modern winery.

Lunch and transport from and to Moraira will cost 25€ per person, but this assumes a booking of at least 50 people. At the moment we have interest registered and some

payments made for 24 people. If we cannot get bookings for at least 50 people, the Bodega will send a mini bus. This is more expensive, and will mean a price increase of 5€ per person.

PLEASE consider booking this trip, it looks like a super day out. Register now by calling Pamela Kershaw, or Ann Colclough . Payment can be made at the Birthday Party if you're one of the lucky ticket holders, or at the General Meeting on 1 June.

### ***Teulada Museums and Church***

On 26 May, the museums and church will be open specially for a talk and guided tour, followed by lunch. Sixteen people only. Price 14€. FULLY BOOKED.

*Leader Paul Pruden*

### ***Valencia : Oceanografico and IMAX cinema***

Date 2 June. We have discounted tickets (18.60€ ) for entry to both Oceanografico and the IMAX cinema, plus coach travel, all for 28€. This is much cheaper than you can possibly do it yourself, so a good chance to take the opportunity to visit this amazing place. Oceanografico is the huge futuristic aquarium which 'invites us to travel through the main seas and oceans of planet earth', seeing many of the creatures who inhabit the sea. A standard IMAX screen is 22 metres (72 ft) wide and 16.1 metres (53 ft) high and some are even bigger. Because of the size of each frame, the quality of the massive picture on the screen is extremely high and gives a real sensory experience! We will leave Moraira at 9am, return about 6.30pm.

*Some people have put their names down and not paid, also we need some more people to make this trip viable. Please contact me asap on [travel-events@u3amoraira-teulada.org](mailto:travel-events@u3amoraira-teulada.org) leaving your telephone number and name so that we can make this trip possible.*

*Leader: Jan Adam*

### ***Madrid***

A 4-day 3 night trip scheduled for 2-5 November. Travel via the plains of La Mancha to see the windmills of Don Quixote, then visit a bodega for wine tasting and tapas lunch. Arrive Madrid approximately 6pm. Next day take an orientation tour by coach with guide, then enjoy free time in the afternoon. Next day is an open day to explore Madrid, timed for Wednesday so the museums are free entrance, visit the famous Prado Museum, the Royal Palace, maybe do a little early Christmas shopping in el Corte Ingles. Next morning go to Toledo with free time there to explore, returning to Moraira after lunch. This is provisionally priced at 270€ because Madrid is expensive, but may be cheaper with enough people. The hotel is central and 3\* including half board, but no lunches are included.

*Leader: Jan Adams*

### ***Granada***

A 4-days 3-nights visit to Granada, staying in 4\*half-board accommodation, begins on 5 October . The overall price of €195 also covers entrance to the Alhambra and a visit to a ski lodge in the Sierra Nevada National Park. The outward trip will include a visit to Guadix and the option of visiting the cave dwellings. The return trip includes visiting the Costa Tropical and free time in Nerja. During the stay in Granada there will be an option to go to a typical gypsy Flamenco Show in the original caves in Sacromonte.

FULLY BOOKED

### ***Moraira Walking Treasure Hunt***

The last treasure hunt around Teulada on 12 March was a great success. The next one, on

25 June, it will be a late afternoon/early evening event starting at 16:30 and include an evening meal. Cost €15 per person. As usual, prizes for winners. We will be limiting the number of participants to 32 (8 teams of 4 people, but we will arrange groups if necessary). Names and payment at the monthly meetings please.

## **Cultural Arts Programme**

### **Music**

#### ***Concert by the Montgó Chorale, Saturday 6 June***

The Montgó Chorale, conducted by their director Gordon Lawson, will give a concert consisting of some of the best-loved operatic choruses and solos. They will be supported by a quartet of soloists and accompanied on the piano by Christine Squires. Venue: The Careline Theatre, Alcalali (see map on website) commencing at 8 pm. Admission is by programme, 10 euros - available at the June general meeting from Angela Chantry. Programmes can also be purchased from Humpty Dumpty in Javea, Jays of Jalon, Libreria Europa in Calpe, Kelly's in La Xara, by phoning 96 646 2944 / 96 648 0880, or at the door on the night.

#### ***The Bourbon Street Stompers, Saturday 13 June***

The Stompers will play outdoors at the ***Restaurante Micheta***, next to the Ifach Golf Club just off the Moraira-Calpe road, from 1 pm to 4 pm. Price: 18 euros, which includes entry, barbecue with wine, and gratuity. **Fully booked:** names for reserve list to *Angela Chantry*.

### ***Activity Groups***

The wish list for new groups is growing but we need people to host the initial meetings to see which ones might be viable. Again the most popular are Tai Chi, Salsa dancing, line dancing and drawing. Please come forward if you can arrange a meeting of these groups to get them started. I will help you in any way I can - we just need a first meeting.

Is anyone interested in running a "short walking group" similar to the Healthy Walking Group which Javea U3A runs. This would be for people who enjoy walking but prefer shorter, easy outings of approx 1 hour. If you think this would be a good idea, please let me know if you would be willing to organise the first walk - then perhaps we can get someone else to arrange the following one.

We have a new group this month Family Skittles which Robin Woods would like to get started (see below).

Last month I mentioned a new group for Patchwork run by Yvonne Romain. The class will look at patchwork from a beginners start, assume that no one has done patchwork before. A first step will be to establish what most people have done so the class can move on quite quickly.

We would really like to start thinking about new groups for September so that when we have an enrolment evening for the new season we can offer not just more of the same but some new groups too. Please contact me about being a group leader or leave your number with Margaret and I will contact you. We are having a meeting for group leaders early June

to discuss the September programme of available groups.

Remember, please always let the group leader know if you are unable to attend your regular group. I understand a few weeks ago one group was down to three people where there are usually over 10! It is important to let the leader know in case alternative arrangements can be made.

Finally, we are looking for a special person or persons who attend the most groups so we can award as the Moraira-Teulada *top groupie*! Anyone who attends more than five groups regularly should contact me – don't be shy!

*Shirley Baehr (Groups Co-ordinator)*

### **Losers**

The losers group seems to be failing rather spectacularly! The number of participants has dropped off, and the weight loss has more or less stopped. Even our one man seems to have stopped losing now. Those who turn up are still enjoying the social occasion, which mostly seems to involve a walk to the beach and drinks when we get there. We may have to change the format for the summer - or perhaps cut the number of meetings down to once a month?

*Alan and Janet Westgarth*

### **Ten Pin bowling**

I have offered to take over from Mike Wilson and try to regenerate interest in the 10-pin bowling group which has been lacking adequate support. Please email me at [dbg48@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dbg48@yahoo.co.uk) if you are interested in coming along. We meet on the last Wednesday of each month at the bowling club in the Ondara shopping centre.

*Dave Goodings*

### **Genealogy**

Please note our meetings dates – the group doesn't want to stop so we will be going all summer! 26 May; 23 June; 21 July; 25 August; 22 September; 27 October; 24 November; 15 December, including Christmas lunch.

As we have a smaller room we are now limiting the numbers to 10 (12 includes Sue Bradley, Group Leader and Tessa Deacon). There will be a waiting list. If some one doesn't come for three months without telling me then the place in the group will be given to next person on the waiting list.

*Sue Bradley*

### **Alternative Wine Society**

With new people signing on at the last meeting, our little Wine Society now has approximately 75 members! This makes it no longer possible to hold the tastings at our home. Thanks to a fellow U3A member, we have been recommended to and have accepted the use of Restaurante Los Leones at Sol Park Tennis, Moraira for the June and meetings from September onwards. Because of the restaurant's existing commitments, our meeting will take place on FRIDAY 26 June between 5 and 7pm. To cover hire of room costs, it is necessary to increase the tasting fee to €4.00 per head. We will taste the six wines below €3.00 and serve a selection of cheese and biscuits. Water will be available, included in the

€4.00 fee.

I will be sending our a formal invitation for acceptance or otherwise approximately a week before Friday 26 June. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible when I hope to have some interesting news about visits to Bodegas, whose wines we have or will be tasting.

Recuerdos

*Ted Adams*

### ***Family Skittles***

On the Benissa trading estate "La Pedrera", just off the N332, there is a restaurant/bar/skittle alley. There are over 16 different games based on a similar format to Pub Skittles in the UK with 9 pins in the standard game. The alleys are longer but the technique is similar to that of 10-pin bowling but the bowls (balls?) are much lighter. It is very suitable for all the family and is great fun.

Everything is electronically controlled so nobody needs to score. Game lengths vary but a good night would be about 2 hours of play with 6/8 players per lane which would equate to about 5/6 euros each as the cost is for each lane by the hour. There are only 4 lanes in total so it is never crowded but it would be possible to hire all lanes with about 24/30 people for a special event. A full bar and a restaurant are also available - *though German the menu is suitable for all Nationalities - but there is no obligation to purchase anything*. Both of the owners speak excellent English and Spanish and would explain the rules. They also have an electronic dart board!

I think it could be great fun without being too competitive and being so near is worth supporting. Email [robin@woodsmagnolia.co.uk](mailto:robin@woodsmagnolia.co.uk) or call me.

*Robin Woods*

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