

**NEWSLETTER no. 12**  
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**Message from the President**

Dear Members,

Well the birthday party has come and gone, and what an afternoon it was! For those of you who are interested in reading more about it, I've done an extra report at the bottom of the Newsletter.

Membership renewal time is here, and I do hope that all of you have enjoyed our first year, and will be joining us again for the year ahead. There are still lots of groups to join, and it seems that a new group leader comes along regularly to fill another little space in the list.

A huge vote of thanks to every single group leader, without you and your generously donated time and efforts, there simply wouldn't be a successful U3A in Moraira-Teulada!

This is just a short note this time as I'm putting this Newsletter out on behalf of Colin Ogbourne, and I'm very keen to get it on its way to you by email – the Webmaster is on his way back to us even as I write - before Monday's meeting. In future the Newsletter will come out the week before the meeting whenever possible, and that way you'll have an up to date idea of what's going on, and what's available.

Best wishes

*Ann Colclough*



**Next General U3A Meeting and Membership renewal information**

The next General Meeting will be on 1 June 2009, at the Salon de Banquettes, Avda. Mediterraneo, Teulada, please note that the doors do not open to Members until 09.45. At this meeting members will be able to renew their membership as well as make bookings for trips and events.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Membership renewals are now due, **please bring the correct money with you if at all possible**, this amount is €6 for renewal until December. In January a full year's renewal of €12 will become due.

If you are not able to attend either the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June, or the one on the 15<sup>th</sup>, but you wish to remain a Member, please contact the Membership Secretary Caz Williams through the link on the website. Anyone who does not renew, or inform Caz that they wish to, will cease to be a member after 6 weeks, (i.e. the middle of July) and will not be able to attend groups or trips.

**ADDITIONAL MEETING FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

**There will also be an opportunity to renew your Membership on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June from 10-1 at Espai La Senieta in Moraira**

**SITUATION VACANT**

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF FINANCIAL AUDITOR**

It was announced at the last General Meeting on 4th May 2009, that under the terms of our Constitution the Auditor can be appointed from within the membership.

We have previously used the services of an external Auditor, but it is now felt that the position should be occupied by a member of our Association, duly proposed and seconded, and elected

by a majority of members at a General Meeting.

On this basis applications for the position of Auditor are now invited. The duties of the Auditor are not onerous, and will consist of an annual check of the statement of expenditure and income and confirming the accuracy of the Annual Accounts. These will of course be prepared by the Treasurer prior to the Audit. Accountancy skills are not essential, but it is expected that the proposed Auditor should have some experience of auditing or managing club or associations accounts.

Applications should be sent to the President at :

[president@u3amoraira-teulada.org](mailto:president@u3amoraira-teulada.org)

Please note that the Reports are published as presented by the Group Co-ordinators and Leaders

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## **Travel/Outings**

### **Valencia : Oceanografico and IMAX cinema 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Leaving from outside the Wok Restaurant opposite Moraira car park at 9am. Entry tickets are booked but there is still space on the coach if anyone just wants a cheap ride to Valencia for the day. See me at the meeting on Monday. If for any reason you are unable to come please let me know, by e-mail up till Monday or phone/text on the travel mobile phone on Tuesday morning 646861773, sorry no refunds now.

### **Wine Trip 10<sup>th</sup> June**

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 must be made at the General Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

### **MADRID 2 TO 5 NOVEMBER 4 days 3 nights**

Going 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 orientation tour by coach with guide, then free time in the afternoon. Next day is a free day to explore Madrid, timed for Wednesday so the museums are free, visit the famous Prado Museum, the Royal Palace, maybe 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**

The Granada trip for October is fully booked, but you can put your name on a reserve list if you wish either by e-mail to the travel team via the website or at the general meeting. The balance will need to be paid by September, and those on the list will be receiving an e-mail by 1<sup>st</sup> August giving details.

### **MORAIRA WALKING TREASURE HUNT**

This is fully booked and those on the list will be informed by e-mail the start time and meeting place.

### **FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS - WATCH THIS SPACE**

There will be a walking treasure hunt in Denia in October, date to be arranged, watch the website.

We are also planning a visit to Villajoyosa to the market and the chocolate factory which will probably cost about 10€, and is likely to be in October.

Jan Adams

Travel group leader

## **CULTURAL ARTS PROGRAMME:**

**See the website for details of these and other local events.**

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Concert performed by the Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir**

This promises to be a very entertaining evening; the venue is the Salon de Banquetes, Teulada, and the concert will commence at 7 p.m. Entrance 6 euros – see Angela at the general meeting for tickets.

### **Saturday 6th June: Concert performed by the Montgo Chorale**

The Montgo Chorale, conducted by their director Gordon Lawson, will give a concert consisting of some of the best-loved operatic choruses and solos. Venue: the Careline Theatre, Alcalali commencing at 8 pm. Admission is by programme, €10 – available at the general meeting from Angela (also from Humpty Dumpty in Javea or at the door on the night).

### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June: The Bourbon Street 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: 17 euros, which includes entry (5€) and barbecue with wine (12€). **Four places are now available – please see Angela at the General Meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.**

## **Activity Groups**

The wish list for new groups is growing but we do 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 which is being run by Yvonne Romain. The class has started now, and will look at patchwork from a beginners start, assume that no one has done patchwork before. Yvonne knows where anyone who is interested can buy all they need to start this fascinating and useful hobby!

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. We are having a meeting for group leaders on the 8<sup>th</sup> June to discuss the September programme of available groups.

Remember, please always to 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.

### **History Group News**

Please note that all history presentations will take place at the **LOS LEONES RESTAURANT, Sol Park** until further notice.

The next talk is on 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE at 4pm, it is by Alan Oliver and is entitled '**THE PENINSULAR WAR**'

Three further dates for your diary are Sept. 17th, Oct. 22nd and Nov. 19th. I do not yet have details of the programme but one of the talks will be by Angela Chantry and is entitled 'The Interesting Life of Mary Seacole' (of Crimea War fame)

Brian Nicholls Group Leader.

### **Quiz**

We are pleased to confirm that the Quiz will be held every alternate Thursday at 4.00 p.m. at Los Leones, Sol Park and will last approximately 2½ hours. The next one is 4th June, then 18th June, then 2nd, 16th and 30th July. If you are interested in joining us or require further information, please contact us at [coughtrey2@gmail.com](mailto:coughtrey2@gmail.com).

Please note that the bar is handy for drinks and snacks before the Quiz and during the interval, the Restaurant is open in the evenings, and that this is a non-smoking venue.

*Les and Helen Coughtrey*

### **Spanish Conversation**

For meetings of this group, we have drifted from Aula III to the Pensionistas' Room (the last room on the left, upstairs in Espai la Senieta). This is basically because we were too noisy for the Tai Chi group (non U3A) next door! We also find that the larger room, with small tables, is better for conversation. The caretaker seems quite happy with this arrangement as it is otherwise empty on Saturday mornings. Hasta luego!

*Sheila Shipsides*

***PLEASE NOTE THAT MANY OF THE GROUPS SHOWN HAVE STARTED THEIR "SUMMER BREAK", PLEASE CONTACT THE GROUP LEADER FOR MORE DETAILS***

**Webmaster's note:** Phone numbers have been deleted from the following table (containing the groups and their leaders) in this uploaded version of the Newsletter. Some Group Leaders would not want such private information displayed on such a public forum as the website. The full table including phone numbers can be viewed in the version which was emailed to all members.

<b>Group</b>	<b>Group Leader(s)</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
10 Pin Bowling	<b>Dave Goodings</b>	
Alternative Wine Society	<b>Ted Adams</b>	
Bridge for Beginners	<b>Anita Dixon</b>	
Bridge Improvers for all non beginners	<b>John Hiskey</b>	

Card Making and Scrapbooking	<b>Martin and Carole Bentley</b>	
Chess group	<b>Ed Morley</b>	
Choir	<b>Ann Johnson</b>	
Classical Music Appreciation	<b>Paul Godwin</b>	
Computing email and internet for beginners	<b>Evelyn Adams</b>	
Cookery/Entertaining at Home	<b>Anne Rodger</b>	
Creative Writing	<b>Philip Lewis Rothwell</b>	
Cribbage	Colin Turner	
Dining Out Group	<b>Peter and Sue Wells</b>	
Drama Group	<b>Pam Ridlington</b>	
Fishing both freshwater and sea	<b>Michael Wilson</b>	
Gardening	<b>John and Chris Parsons</b>	
English Grammar for Confused Students of Spanish	<b>Richard Perry</b>	
Genealogy	<b>Sue Bradley</b>	
Hi Fi & Home Cinema advice	<b>Ted Adams</b>	
History	<b>Brian Nichols</b>	
History of Spain lectures	<b>Julia Servando</b>	
Losers	<b>Janet Westgarth</b>	
Mah Jong	<b>Diana Jarvis</b>	
Modern Jive for Beginners	<b>Richard Perry</b>	
Padel Tennis	<b>Richard Perry</b>	
Painting - Pastel techniques an introduction	<b>Linda Gent</b>	
Painting - Water colour techniques an introduction	<b>Lynn Haigh</b>	
Paranormal experiences and investigations	<b>Steve Devey</b>	

Patchwork	<b>Yvonne Romain</b>	
Petanqua	<b>Andy Keen</b>	
Photo group	<b>Regina Mueller</b>	
Photo-digital workshop	<b>Terry Bradley</b>	
Quiz Group	<b>Helen and Les Coughtrey</b>	
Reading Group	<b>Gaby Mauger/Pam Milburn</b>	
Sailing Group	<b>Richard Jones</b>	
Singles Dining Out Saturdays	<b>Norman Peterken</b>	
Skittles for the family	<b>Robin Woods</b>	
Spanish Conversation Intermediate	<b>Sheila Shipsides</b>	
Spanish for Beginners	<b>Sue McNae</b>	
Sunday Solo Group	<b>Audrey Germann</b>	
Travel Co-ordinator	<b>Jan Adams</b>	
Travellers Tales	<b>Leader required</b>	
Walking	<b>Bob Fisher</b>	
Yoga (All levels)	<b>Sue McNae</b>	

### **THE FAMOUS BIRTHDAY PARTY!**

Font Santa Picnic Area 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009

For many of the Committee and the loyal band of slicers, dicers, bakers and site preparation volunteers it was an early start, as well as a late finish. Don and Margaret Roberts and their wonderful band of helpers were well organised and busy, with a huge variety of tasks ranging from putting up gazebos to putting soap and toilet paper in the bathrooms, all to ensure the comfort of our members!

The “sound guys” our own Richard Perry, and David Hinton and Alan Stephens from Cameo had wires and speakers spread out in very attractive patterns all over the ground in the “entertainment area”. It was difficult to see how they would ever put it together – but of course they did.

The initial welcome was from the folks parking cars, and of course Gerry Bird had a plan. This was very sensibly to fill up one car park first, but Caz Williams, who was assisting Gerry tells me she was offered some very generous incentives to allow Members to park nearer to the picnic site. I didn’t understand this until I saw all of the cool boxes which were being carried! Caz of course refused all attempts to shortcut the system!

Michel and his helpers from Los Leones were working under very difficult conditions, and although the rest of us were delighted to see the sun, I think they would have been glad if it had been a bit cooler.

The salad servers did well, the food servers did well, the cookers of all the onions did well,

and of course the Members carrying their very full plates did well to keep it all under control!

The quiz, compiled by Gordon (“I’ve started so I’ll finish”) Kershaw was passed around to all of the tables, and answers were written during the meal. For some of the Members the questions were easy, for some of us they were impossible, but it was all good fun. The answers were collected in and marked by Gordon and his team, and the top three teams were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> The Swingers with 27 points**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hot Stuff with 26 points**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Table 22 with 25 points**

So well done to all of you.

Shortly after the meal Shirley Baehr, the Group Co-ordinator and I had a special award to present to a U3A member. This was for the person who attended the most groups, the award, a smart rosette in U3A blue and yellow, and a bottle of Cava went to Janet Westgarth with a total of 5 groups, well done Janet!

We then moved to the excitement of the free raffle, and chances to win prizes! Folks had several prizes to choose from, including a lovely suitcase which was donated, as was some wine brought by Sylvia Tatnell.

We were delighted that Nikki Luxford from the Costa Blanca News came, and even more pleased that she stayed for most of the event. By now she’s an old friend, and always says what a friendly crowd of people we all are! Jack Troughton came along too from the Round Town News, with his trusty camera much in evidence. It will be interesting to see what – if anything - goes in the press this week.

Once the meal was over, (and the wonderful desserts thoroughly enjoyed), it was time for a lot of folks to stretch their legs by going down to the “Entertainment Area”, which by now had been made very safe by Richard Perry and his friends.

The entertainment started with our own U3A choir under the direction of Ann Johnson, they started with a specially written song for us, the words were cleverly composed by Ann and set to the music of a Norwegian Song. This was followed by several other well known songs, which were very well received. It was clearly hot for the choristers, but in true British style they all gave of their very best until the end of their performance.

They were followed by our own U3A/Richard Perry discovery Roy (Hank) Cresswell, playing several numbers which got many feet tapping, and two ladies jiving outside the Ermita! Roy is a star, and a thoroughly nice chap, we’re lucky to have him “on our books!”

After Roy came Cameo, 6 people, 3 of whom stared out as cats, and goodness they must have been hot under their furry masks, paws and tails!

More numbers followed, songs and dances, all done in a most professional manner, and every one very different from the last. Cameo brought the entertainment to a close, and how lucky we were that such quality acts had joined us on our special day, a vey big thank you to each and every performer, and the folks in the background as well.

We were very pleased to welcome as guests José Luis Alaminos Montes from the Council of General Services, and Sylvia Tatnell. José Luis was responsible for making sure we had all the tables and chairs that we needed, and Sylvia of course has been a true friend to us since before the U3A was even formed. Both Sylvia and José Luis wandered among the guests

chatting and enjoying the entertainment on offer.

A huge vote of thanks to all of the Members who helped in any way shape or fashion, but especially to those who kindly stayed at the end to make sure the site was as clean and tidy at 6 pm as it was at 9 am. By the time 5pm came the Committee and the original helpers were flagging, but the site had to be clean and tidy before we all left.

Many of you will have heard that sadly the day closed on a down note. Two of our late afternoon helpers were Anne and Chris Ricketts. Chris had a fall, thankfully two (unknown) Spanish chaps who were offloading soft drinks into the Ermita were on hand to summon the Red Cross ambulance. This arrived in the promised 10 minutes, together with the local policemen, without exception they were all very kind, reassuring and helpful to Chris and his wife Anne.

Chris was taken to hospital in Beniabeig, and was confirmed as having broken his leg in three places, and damaged his hip. He is in very good hands, and we do of course wish him a speedy and full recovery, and our best wishes go to his lovely wife Anne. As she followed Chris into the ambulance, Anne's last words were "thank you very much for a wonderful party", what a super lady!

Thanks very much too to those of you who wrote to say how much you enjoyed the day, and recognising how hard the organising Committee worked – ladies and gentlemen, you have no idea of the work that went into the afternoon, so it's good that so many of you had a super time.

I wonder if it's too early to start planning for next year.....!

Best wishes

*Ann*