

A Message from the President

Dear Members,

I do hope that all of you enjoyed a happy and peaceful Christmas, what a shame we didn't have the normal good weather, but at least Christmas Day was sunny! I hope those of you with visitors managed to enjoy yourselves too, and that the rain didn't spoil things too badly for you.

The December meeting was a great success and what a lovely atmosphere there was in the Salon. The entertainment was superb, the choir have improved amazingly since they sang for us last year, perhaps because of the addition of some more male voices, in addition I hasten to add to lots of rehearsals and great direction from Ann Johnson. The Drama group reading made us laugh and also think. Several very clever choices of readings brought home the spirit of the season, and I think there can be few of us who don't entertain the very unwelcome "Arthur Itis" as a guest!

The most important part of this message is to remind you about the next General Meeting being for **RENEWALS** only, There will be no speaker, but it will be possible for renewals to be done both before and after the "business" part of the meeting. The doors will open at 9.45 as usual, and PLEASE bring your Membership Cards with you. The correct money – 10€ per person for the year, would also be most helpful.

The Committee has done all it can to make the renewal process painless, however with so many Members a delay may prove to be inevitable, please be patient. There will be another chance to renew your Membership at a special meeting at Espai la Senieta on Tuesday January 12th between 10.00 and 1.00, again PLEASE bring your Membership Cards with you , and the correct money if possible.

For the New Year, my wish for all of you is good health and happiness, and the hopes that your hands are always stretched out in friendship and giving, and never in want or despair.

A very Happy New Year to all of you.

Ann Colclough



Next General U3A Meeting

This will be on **4th January** 2010, at the Salon de Banquettes, Avda. Mediterraneo, Teulada, at 10.30 am. Doors open 09.45. **PLEASE BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

SPECIAL RENEWAL MEETING at Espai la Senieta on Tuesday 12th January between 10-1. PLEASE BRING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Due to this Newsletter being compiled during the holiday period, it is a shortened version of the usual one, and information relating to discounts is not included. Apologies to any Member this causes inconvenience to.

Moraira-Teulada U3A Committee members

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<i>Dep. Treasurer:</i>	Colin McNae		
<i>Travel Treasurer:</i>	Carol Mantle		
<i>Membership Sec.:</i>	Sue Popkin		

TRAVEL/OUTINGS

Italy



Unfortunately this trip has had to be cancelled due to lack of response by Members. The Travel Group would like to thank those Members who expressed an interest in the trip and paid a deposit, and everyone who gave their Bank details should by now have had their deposit refunded directly into their Bank Account. Will the people who did not give their Bank details please contact the Treasurer either by clicking on her photograph on the website to send her an email, or at the meeting on 4th January.

Future trips

- **Elche Day trip**
26 January 2010. more details available soon.
- **Benissa Treasure Hunt**
February - more details available soon.
- **Xative Day Trip**
April or May.
- **Tarbena Donkey Sanctuary**
A repeat trip is being considered for spring or early summer.

Carol Mantle
Travel Group Treasurer

CULTURAL ARTS PROGRAMME

Sunday 17th January: "Beauty and the Beast"

On the opening night, all tickets are priced at 10 euros, and the whole revenue from every seat sold for this performance will be donated to MABS (cancer support group). For all other performances, the price will be 12 euros. The pantomime's run at the Alcalalí theatre is from Wednesday 13th to Sunday 17th January, with matinee performances on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th January. Curtain-up for the five evening performances is at 20.00hrs and for the two matinees at 15.00hrs. The U3A Group will attend on Sunday 17th January - ticket price 10.80 euros - and if you would like to join them, please ring Brigid Redmond on 96 573 2529 or email: brigred@europa-network.com

Friday 12th February: *St. Valentine's Ball*

Members of the Moraira-Teulada U3A are very welcome to come and join in the fun at the Javea U3A's *St. Valentine's Ball* which is to be held in Salones Carrasco, Javea – a delightful venue with easy access and plenty of parking. The evening will commence with a cava reception between 7.30-8.15 p.m., followed by a 4-course dinner with wine, water, coffee & liqueur included (and a free raffle on entry ticket). Music for dancing will be provided by *Paulette* and *John Curtis*. Dress: smart / evening wear. Tickets are priced at 35 euros - please email angelachantry@gmail.com if you would like to attend. Solo bookings are welcome, as are those from couples, or groups of friends who may wish to make up their own table.

A REMINDER ABOUT THE U3A MORAIRA-TEULADA KARAOKE NIGHT

FULLY PAID UP MORAIRA-TEULADA U3A MEMBERS ONLY, organised by Don (Birthday Party) Roberts

A Karaoke Night on 16th January 2010, Bash the winter/ post Christmas Blues and HAVE FUN for only 2 euros. There will be no pressure to do solo performances, there will be lots of sing-alongs to join in with! You can buy food from the bar, so why not come along from 8pm on the 16th to the Bar Mediterraneo, in Teulada, this is in the building adjacent to the Salon de Banquettes where the General Meetings are held. For further details see the U3A Webpage or click on Don Roberts photo on the Who Are We/Contact Us page on the website: www.u3amoraira-teulada.org to send him an email

THIS EVENT IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE U3A FOR THE U3A, PLEASE SUPPORT IT!

EXPLORE BOWLS AT THE BENITACHELL BOWLS CLUB ON 28TH & 29TH JANUARY

For those Members who registered their interest at the November meeting, please contact Peter Griffiths to let him know if the dates are convenient and which session you prefer. You can contact Peter by emailing petergriffiths180@gmail.com or by calling on 96 649 3820. Other Members would also be welcome, contact Peter now!

ACTIVITY GROUPS

Keith Yeulett our Golf group leader has asked me to pass on the following. Unfortunately he has to opt out of golf for the time being as he is awaiting immediate surgery for a broken foot. He is pleased to let all the golfers know that Geoff and Rona Hurst will be looking after things for him. Please contact them if you want to play golf this month on hurst100@yahoo.com

Sue McNae has spaces on her basic 10 week Spanish course starting on Jan 27th at 2pm.

Sue also has room in her yoga group which meets Wednesday mornings, please send her an email to register.

Barbara Ives from Line Dancing has asked me to inform you that they will be moving back to Bar Med in Teulada from 11th January. Sessions are from 2-4.

Please check times and dates of group activities over January as some group leaders may be away and dates may change.

I wish you all a happy New Year.

Regards

Shirley Baehr Groups Coordinator

Art Appreciation and General History Groups reminder

The next Art Appreciation Group Lecture will be on Thursday 21st January at 4 pm in the Pensioners Club in Benitachell. The subject will be "VAN GOGH" and the talk will be by Cheda Panajotovic.

The next General History Lecture, also coincidentally by Cheda, will be at Espai la Senieta on Monday 25th January at 10.30 am.

Cheda, Lynn and I wish you all a very Happy New Year, and we hope to see you at either or both of our sessions.

Brian Nicholls
Group Leader

Groups and Group Leaders

Group	Group Leader(s)	Frequency	E-mail
10 Pin Bowling	Dave Goodings	Third Wednesday of the month at 7pm	dbg_48@yahoo.co.uk
Alternative Wine Society	Ted Adams	Monthly	ted@adamsinspain.com
Art Appreciation	Brian Nichols and Cedomir Panajotovic	Thursdays, Sept 17, October 22nd and Nov 19th all at 4pm.	brianjohnnicholls@gmail.com/cedomira@terra.es
Aromatherapyworkshop	Valerie Millis	3-5 once a month	millsval@hotmail.com
Beading making Jewellery	Anna Marie Inger		rijt_an@hotmail.com
Bridge Social	Sybille Ross	3-5 weekley Swiss Hotel	jaross@telefonica.net
Card Making/Scrapbooking	Martin and Carole Bentley	Twice a month Tues 3-5	martinbentley1@gmail.com
Chess group	Ed Morley	Fortnightly	edmo734g@midasdsl.com
Choir	Ann Johnson	Weekly	sealslippers01@yahoo.es
Classical Music Appreciation	Nick Green	Monthly	nickcamerongreen@gmail.com
Computing for beginners and email/internet	Evelyn Adams	Mondays (Absolute Beginners) at 3pm and 4.15 and also on Tuesday afternoons at 3pm and 4.15. – Not So Beginners.	evelyn@adamsinspain.com
Cookery/Entertaining at Home	Anne Rodger	Monthly Wed 3pm	
Craft Group	Elizabeth Wilson	Twice a month Club Moraira Thurs 3-5	e-fdw@ctv.es
Creative Writing	Miriam Smith	Alternate Mondays at 3pm starting on 14th September at Los Leones	miriam.womantowoman@gmail.com
Cribbage	Colin Turner	Wednesdays .7pm to 10.30pm Bar Med	Turner.c@gonuts4free.com
Dining Out Group	Peter and Sue Wells	Twice a month on Thursdays	peterw@runbox.com
Drama Group	Pam Ridlington	first and third Tuesday in the month at the Salón de Actos in the Senieta building in Moraira from 11.00am to 1.30pm followed by lunch (if you wish).	pamike2@wanadoo.es
Drawing-Back to Basics	Linda Gent	Thurs	lingent@hotmail.co.uk
Fishing freshwater	Michael Wilson	Every other Thurs	mjwwils@yahoo.com
Gardening	John and Chris Parsons		jsprsns@hotmail.com
Genealogy On the Ancestral Trail	Elaine Wareham	10.00 - 12 Monthly 2nd Wednesday	ewareham@ya.com
Genealogy an Introduction	Tessa Deacon	10am Every 4th Wednesday	tessadeacon@terra.es
Golf Group	Geoff Hurst	Once a month	hurst100@yahoo.com
Health Walking	Rona Hurst	9am Tuesdays	hurst100@yahoo.com

Hi Fi & Home Cinema advice	Ted Adams	Monthly	ted@adamsinspain.com
History	Brian Nichols	Monthly	brianjohnnicholls@gmail.com
Line Dancing	Barbara Ives	Mondays 2-4	babs_ives@yahoo.com
Mah Jong	Diana Jarvis	Thursday pm 3-5	dianajarvis@yahoo.co.uk
Modern Jive for Beginners	Richard Perry	Thursdays at 11am.	perrydic@terra.es
Padel Tennis	Richard Perry	Teulada	perrydic@terra.es
Painting with Pastels	Linda Gent	Mondays 10 am	lingent@hotmail.co.uk
Painting - Water colour techniques an introduction	Lynn Haigh	Wed new group/Thurs original group	lynnhaigh1@googlemail.com
Patchwork	Yvonne Romain	Mon/Wed 3-6	yr@romain.co.uk
Petanqua	Andy Keen	Wednesday am weekly	andytanya@telitec.com
Petanqua 2	Doug Swindell	Thursdays am Weekly	dandb.swindell@terra.es
Philosophy	Sonia Kleyman	Every other week	sonia.kleyman@gmail.com
Photo group	Regina Mueller	Every other Wed	regmu@msn.com,
Understanding Psychotherapy	Mike Lawson		mike@billnot.com
Quiz Group	Helen and Les Coughtrey	Thursday twice a month 4pm	Coughtrey2@gmail.com
Reading Group	Gaby Mauger/Pam Milburn	Monthly Wed or Friday pm	gabriellemauger@yahoo.co.uk / pamilburn@hotmail.com
Sailing Group	Richard Jones	Monthly Tuesday 4pm La Senieta	trickyd0949@yahoo.co.uk
Singles Dining Out Saturdays	Norman Peterken	Twice a month Saturday Eve	normanpeterken@hotmail.com
Skittles for the family	Robin Woods	Monthly Friday pm	robin@woodsmagnolia.co.uk
Slimming Group	Tanya Keen	Tuesday 3.15 to 5	andytanya@telitec.com
Spanish Conversation Intermediate	Sheila Shipsides	Saturday 10.30-12	billsheila@gmail.com
Spanish for Beginners Group 1	Sue McNae	Wed. 2-3	suemcnae@googlemail.com
Spanish for Beginners Group 2	Sue McNae	Wed 3.15 to 4.15	suemcnae@googlemail.com
Spanish for Beginners Group 3	Elke Woods	Mon 1.30-2.30	robin@woodsmagnolia.co.uk
Spanish Lessons one year on Post beginners	Meri Snell	Mon 9.45 to 11	merisnell@gmail.com
Sunday Solo Group	Audrey Germann	Twice a month Sunday lunch	
Walking	Bob Fisher	Monthly First Thurs of month 9.30 Market car park	roberto.fisher@yahoo.com
Yoga (All levels)	Sue McNae	Wed.10.15-11.45	suemcnae@googlemail.com