

U3A Moraira-Teulada

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Message from the Secretary

Hello everyone

Well here we go again; these newsletters come round really quickly. It's hard to believe that this is the last month of the year, which has flown by.

I am writing again instead of the President, but I have some good news. Ann is recovering but slowly, but is very pleased to be convalescing at home; I'm sure it speeds the recovery once you are home from hospital. Ann is going to try and come to the next General Meeting in January and I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her a speedy recovery and looking forward to seeing her back at the helm again.

The Christmas Party, which was attended by nearly 400 members, was a great success. After a lot of hard work and planning, the committee was able to pass everything over to El Canor for them to do the hard part of cooking and serving that number of people. I don't know how they do it, but there were no complaints about the food, and people were amazed with the service, that everything was hot – even the plates - and nobody was kept waiting. On our table someone changed their dessert as they had ordered something too large and there was no fuss about changing it. It was an excellent evening and the grins on everyone's faces were a picture. The Duo, Zodiac, was very entertaining too and soon the majority of people were dancing and singing. The whole atmosphere was superb. (As you can tell, I enjoyed myself – and without drinking!)

The Drama Group production of Letters in Time was so good that they have been asked to repeat it. The date is yet to be announced and, as I missed it the first time, I am looking forward to attending. Together with the Creative Writing and Photography Groups, both of whom helped to make the play a success, it was a true collaboration of U3A Moraira Groups. Try and go along to La Senieta when the date is publicised for a real FREE treat. There is a write up about it later in this newsletter.

At the next General Meeting there will be an announcement about three, YES THREE, new members joining the Committee. The "old" committee is thrilled that this is happening – some of us thought we'd be there forever. We still need some more new members though. New thoughts and ideas are always welcome and some of the old committee members are feeling that they need a break. Please speak to anyone on the committee if you think you would like to join us, we are a happy bunch of people.

At the next Meeting on 7th January we will be taking renewals for 2013. There will be two extra chances to renew in both January and February, so not only will you be able to renew at the January and February General Meetings, but also at La Senieta in Moraira and these dates will be announced very soon. If you are unable to attend in person and want someone to renew on your behalf, please remember to hand to them your Membership Card (and the fee of €10). Without the card the renewal cannot be made - please don't complain to the people helping out, it's not their fault – don't shoot the messenger!

There's not much left to say except to wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year. Take care if you are travelling. We went to El Portet beach on Christmas morning for a glass of Cava and some nibbles and it was lovely to see so many of you there.

Margaret Roberts

Moraira-Teulada U3A Committee members

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Next U3A meeting

The next **General Meeting** will be on Monday 7th January 2013
at the Salon de Banquetes, Avenida del Mediterráneo, Teulada
at 11:00 a.m.

Doors open to members at 09:30 a.m.

Membership Renewals 2013

The start of the renewals for 2013 will commence at the first General Meeting on Monday, 7th January at the Salon de Banquettes in Teulada. The doors will open at 09:30 a.m. and the main meeting will commence at 11:00 a.m. Please ensure that you bring along your existing membership cards, together with your subscriptions of €10 per person. Members who did not collect their cards in 2012 will receive one at the meeting.

Members who are not here due to travel or other reasons can give their membership card(s) and subscription to a friend or neighbour who can renew on their behalf.

Plans are being put in place for three other opportunities to renew and those dates will be advised to you in due course.

Group News

Art and History Programme

Art Appreciation

Monday 14th January 2013

The Blue Rider Group – An illustrated talk by Brian Nicholls

The young artists of the 'Blue Rider Group' (1911-1914) are credited with the development of art after Impressionism and post-Impressionism.

History Talk

Monday 28th January 2013

British Kings and Queens in 54 minutes and 13 seconds

An illustrated talk by Dee Craig

Both lectures take place at La Senieta Theatre in Moraira and start at 10.30 a.m.

There is illustrated detail on the above talks on the U3a website

<http://www.u3amoraira-teulada.org/groups/art.html>

Film Group

The aim of the Film Group is to show English language films to members of the Teulada-Moraira U3A, on a monthly basis (usually, the second Monday of each month at a start time of 6:30 p.m.) in Espai la Senieta, Moraira - Salón de Actos, during the winter season (October 2012 – May 2013). Films will be chosen by members of the group from own stock and by purchase, and titles will reflect entertainment value, special interest and awards given.

Doors open at 6.15 p.m. for a 6.30 p.m. start. The early timing of 6.30 p.m. is not only so as to be able to watch longer films within the opening hours of Espai La Senieta, but also to allow time for those members who wish to dine out at a restaurant afterwards. Please show your U3A membership card for free entrance. No booking required.

Next film - Monday 14th January

'Life is Beautiful' (and so is this film) starring Roberto Benigni and Nicoletta Braschi.

In 1930's Italy, young Italian Jew Guido Orefice (Roberto Benigni) travels with his friend Ferruccio to Arezzo, where his uncle has promised to help set him up with a bookshop. Guido immediately falls in love with beautiful gentle Dora (Nicoletta Braschi), and eventually woos her away from local fascist official Rodolfo. Guido and Dora marry, have a son, Giosué, and are very happy. However, when war breaks out a few years later, Guido and Giosué are moved to a Nazi concentration camp. Determined to protect his son from the horrors of war, Guido tells him that the camp is all part of a game, and that Giosué's prize will be a life-size version of the toy tank he loves to play with.

The film won three Academy Awards, including Best Foreign Language Film and Best Actor for Roberto Benigni.

Run time 1 hour 50 minutes.

More details of this film with illustration, a review, and a link to the trailer can be found on the U3A website <http://www.u3amoraira-teulada.org/groups/film.html>

Healthy Walking

You are no doubt already aware that Rona Hurst has now stepped down as walk organiser after three successful years and we all thank her for keeping it going until now.

The group will now continue with six new walk leaders, who will be able to share the weekly walks according to their availability between travel periods, holidays and other commitments. The regular walk leaders will be Brian & Noelene Cummins, Dorothy & Martin Cook, John Dimsdale and Frieda Verbruggen. The administration and computer work will be carried out by Robert Verbruggen. If you are interested in joining this group, please email Robert at u3amorairawalking@gmail.com and he will be able to send you the notices of the forthcoming walks.

LETTERS IN TIME

THE U3A DRAMA GROUP IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE U3A CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

From an Original Idea by Jo Thompson

Produced and Directed by Ros Bolsover

Members of the Moraira and Teulada U3A and friends were recently treated to a truly outstanding performance of a wholly original play, written in-house by members of the U3A Drama Group and directed by Ros Bolsover.

The completely full house was taken on an emotive, whistle-stop tour of the first half of the 20th Century, appropriately, on this Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee year, beginning and ending on a Royal note. The opening scene was of a 1901 newspaper vendor selling papers announcing the death of Queen Victoria; and the final, celebratory, scene was of our current Queen's Coronation in 1953.

What passed between these two most significant years took in many of the traumatic and, literally, world shattering events of half a century of aptly dramatic change to social and, indeed, global order. The story was told through an innovative series of letters between the protagonists, who included the Aristocracy and the Working Classes.

The misery and needless tragic loss of millions during the First World War was the backdrop in front of which the Upper Classes so cruelly displayed their damning arrogance, in the personage of the Hadley-Gray family.

The moving letter from the condemned front-line soldier, written just hours before his dreadfully unjust execution for desertion, summarily tried and sentenced by Officers who had never seen action, brought tears to many an eye. As did the 2nd World War's Holocaust Poem whose haunting memory probably lingers still with those who heard it in Moraira's La Senieta, nearly seventy years later!

The poignancy of the letter home from the ship's stoker who was so thrilled to have managed to secure work on the Titanic's maiden voyage reminded us of the tragedy of what should have been such a joyous event.

But this play did not just focus on the sadness of the century – for example, the discovery of Penicillin was rightly lauded as a major medical development that has saved millions of lives since. And the ribald humour of the Land Girls had us all laughing and, for some in the audience, brought fond memories too! And seeing the perfect reincarnation of Marlene Dietrich added an extra touch of class.

The high note, flag-waving, feel-good finish of the 1953 Coronation had us all smiling as we left the theatre, appreciative of a superb script, some wonderful acting and personal memories inspired by this emotional roller-coaster of a play!

And, once the applause and post production acclaim had died down, we were, to a man and woman, clamouring for the next play in the series! Let's hope it's a play of two halves with the latter half the 20th Century being the next in line!

Colin Harkness

GROUP DETAILS

Group	Group Leader(s)	Proposal	Dates/ Location/ Venue	Frequency
<i>Art Appreciation</i>	Brian Nicholls & Cedomir Panajotovic	A wide variety of art, artists and art movements will be visually presented	Salón de Actos, Espai La Senieta, Moraira	2 nd Monday of the month at 10:30 a.m.
<i>Aromatherapy Workshop</i>	Valerie Mills	A brief history and demonstration	Moraira	Once a month 3:00-5:00 p.m.
<i>Backgammon</i>	Barry Jacobs	For all levels	Bar/Restaurant, Sol Park, Moraira	Wednesdays 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
<i>Badminton</i>	Rose Avila	For all levels	Benissa Sports Hall Palau Sant Pere	Wednesdays 2:15-4:15 p.m.
<i>Bowls</i>	Don Roberts	Green Bowls	The Inn on the Green, Javea	Weekly Monday and Wednesday p.m.
<i>Bridge, Social</i>	Sybille Ross	Friendly Bridge. No partner needed. We play Acol.	Bar of Restaurant, Los Leones, Moraira	Weekly Friday 2:30-5:00 p.m.
<i>Canasta</i>	Sandy Bianco	An uncomplicated card game	Moraira	Fortnightly Mondays 2:00-4:00 p.m.
<i>Chess</i>	Ed Morley	Social Chess	Espai La Senieta, Upstairs – last room on the left	Weekly Thursday 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
<i>Classical Music Appreciation</i>	Geoffrey Shean	Appreciation of Classical Music	Moraira Yacht Club	Last Monday of the month 10:30 a.m.
<i>Computing – Beginners</i>	Peter Romain	Practical help with computing	Benitachell	Weekly – Tuesdays 2 classes 10:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
<i>Computing - Intermediate</i>	Peter Romain	Practical help and training with computing	Benitachell	2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th Mondays of the month a.m.
<i>Craft</i>	Elizabeth Wilson	General Craft Group	Moraira	Fortnightly Thursdays 3:00 p.m.
<i>Creative Photography</i>	Don Roberts	Composition, editing, printing, mounting and framing	Benitachell	Once a month Tuesday 3:00-5:00 p.m.
<i>Creative Writing</i>	Rosemary Sheppard	Members bring their writings for criticism and help	Moraira	Alternate Mondays at 3:00 p.m.
<i>Cribbage</i>	Colin Turner		Bar Med Teulada	Wednesday 7:00-10:30 p.m.
<i>Darts</i>	Len Beisser	A fun social evening playing darts or pool	The Sports Bar near the Gemesant restaurant Moraira	Fridays 7:30 p.m.

<i>Debating</i>	Geoffrey Shean	The object of the group will be to meet once a month and debate a subject chosen the previous month	Moraira area	2nd Wednesday of every month 3:00 p.m.
<i>Dining Out</i>	David and Eileen Haxon	The group will enable members to sample different cuisines and restaurants in the area	Moraira/Teulada area	Twice a month Tuesday evening
<i>Dining Out - Singles</i>	Norman Peterken	Dining out for singles		Twice a month Saturday evening
<i>Dining Out - Sunday Lunch Solo Group</i>	Audrey Germann	Dining out for singles	Local area	Twice a month 1:00 for 1:30 p.m.
<i>Dog Training</i>	Avril Benn	Various classes to be enjoyed by both owners and their dogs in a fun and friendly environment	Villotel Urbanization on the Moraira to Benitachell road. Contact Avril for further details	Tuesdays 4:00 p.m. (Beginners) 4:45 p.m. (Improvers)
<i>Drama Group</i>	Anne Cattle		Salón de Actos, Espai La Senieta, Moraira	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays of the month 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. followed by lunch (if you wish)
<i>Film Group</i>	Philip Chaney	English Language films	Salón de Actos, Espai La Senieta, Moraira	2nd Monday of the month 6:15 p.m. for 6:30 p.m.
<i>Five a Side Football</i>	Colin Brady	Fun Five a Side Football	Sol Park Tennis Club	Every Tuesday 7:00 p.m – 9:00 p.m.
<i>Flower Arranging</i>	Tina Wallis	Practical flower arranging	Bar area of Los Leones, Sol Park, Moraira	Every other Tuesday 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
<i>Fishing</i>	Graham Foot	Freshwater fishing expeditions	Regional	Every other Thursday
<i>Friends of Avinença</i>	Paul and Pat Pruden	To gain entry to many aspects of local history and activities that otherwise would be difficult to access	Various	To be announced
<i>Golden Oldies Musicians Group</i>	John Hopwood	A mixed music group for anyone who would like to play any type of music	Tropicana Bar, Calle Viejo del Portet, Moraira	Every Tuesday 11:00 a.m.
<i>Golf</i>	Geoff and Rona Hurst	A golf group of experienced players	Benidorm	Monthly Mondays
<i>Golf</i>	Robin Woods	A golf group of experienced players for Stableford	Various	Monthly Mondays
<i>Healthy Walking</i>	Robert Verbruggen & Noelene Cummins	One hour walks	Various	One week Tuesday, one week Thursday 10:00 a.m.

<i>History</i>	Cedomir Panajotovic and Brian Nicholls	A wide range of lectures	Salón de Actos, Espai La Senieta	Last Monday in the month at 10:30 a.m.
<i>Knit, stitch and Natter</i>	Maureen Burrows	Knit and sew items for local charities		Fortnightly Alternate Tuesdays 2:30-4:30 p.m.
<i>Mah-Jong</i>	David Goodall and Pam Millburn	The basics are easily learnt in the first session	Restaurante Shanghai on the Moraira to Calpe road on the left just past Mas-y-Mas	Weekly Thursday 2:00-4:00 p.m.
<i>Mosaics</i>	Meri Snell	Learn the basics of this decorative art	Moraira	Every other Tuesday p.m.
<i>Padel Tennis</i>	Michael Cain		Teulada	Mondays at 11:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.
<i>Painting</i>	Stella Maarsman	Oils, pastels and watercolour	Moraira area	Wednesdays 10:00-12:00 noon
<i>Patchwork</i>	Yvonne Romain		Benitachell	Mondays 2:00-5:00 p.m.
<i>Petanque</i>	Andy Keen		Purpose built rinks at Cumbre del Sol	Weekly Wednesday a.m.
<i>Petanque 2</i>	Pamela Powell		Purpose built rinks at Cumbre del Sol	Weekly Thursday a.m.
<i>Petanque 3</i>	Douglas Evans		Brevis Bar, Sol Park	Weekly Thursday 10:00 a.m.
<i>Petanque 4</i>	John Manley		Brevis Bar, Sol Park	Weekly Thursday p.m.
<i>Petanque 5</i>	John Manley		Brevis Bar, Sol Park	Weekly Saturday a.m.
<i>Photography</i>	Trevor Kemp	We decide what topic we will work on and we will not compete for 'best picture'. Instead, we will try to improve our own skills and have fun together	Various	Changeable monthly
<i>Quiz Group</i>	Helen and Les Coughtrey	Fun Quiz	Los Leones, Sol Park, Moraira	Twice a month Thursday 4:00 p.m.
<i>Reading Group</i>	Gaby Mauger	To explore all types of literature, to read those books you might not normally choose	Moraira area. Contact Leader for details	Monthly Friday p.m.
<i>Rummikub</i>	Angela Pulford	Rummikub is a game for 2-4 players. Each week players on each table will be drawn randomly	Funky Munky, Kristal Mar Commercial Centre, Moraira	Weekly Wednesday 3:00-5:00 p.m.

<i>Sailing Group</i>	Richard Jones	To meet up and discuss sailing with the possibility of arranging lessons and sailing	Espai La Senieta, Moraira	Monthly Tuesday 4:00 p.m. plus sailing days
<i>Spanish Groups Co-ordinator</i>	Linda West	To join various groups	Moraira/Teulada	See Schedule for 2012/2013.
<i>Spanish Conversation – Beginners</i>	Pauline McGough	No books, no grammar, just talk	Bar Med, Teulada	Wednesday and Friday mornings
<i>Spanish Conversation – Intermediate</i>	Sheila Shipsides	Coffee morning with a difference	Bar El Andaluz, Ceramics Corner, Moraira	Weekly Saturday 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
<i>Table Tennis</i>	Janet Dane	All levels	Los Leones, Sol Park	Weekly Thursday 3:00-5:00 p.m.
<i>Ten Pin Bowling</i>	John Rhodes	6 players on each lane 2 games	Ozone Bowling Alley, Moraira	1 st and 2 nd Tuesday of each month 7:15 for 7:30 p.m. Please pre-book with Group Leader
<i>Wine Tasting</i>	Peter Romain	Alternative wine appreciation. A chance to taste good low priced wines	Beni Asia Restaurant, Benitachell	2 nd Wednesday of the month 5:00-7:00 p.m. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.
<i>Yoga</i>	Stella Maarsman	Hatha Yoga	Moraira area	Thursdays 10:00 a.m.

CALENDAR OF GROUPS

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
MONDAY	<i>Art Appreciation Classical Music Computing – Intermediate History Golf Padel Tennis</i>	<i>Bowls Canasta Creative Writing Film group (evening) Patchwork</i>
TUESDAY	<i>Computing - Beginners Drama group Golden Oldies Musicians Group Healthy Walking</i>	<i>Computing - Beginners Creative Photography Dining out (evening) Dog Training Five-a-Side Football (evening) Flower Arranging Knit, Stitch and Natter Mosaics Sailing group Ten Pin Bowling (evening)</i>
WEDNESDAY	<i>Painting Petanque Spanish Conversation for Beginners/Pre-Intermediate</i>	<i>Alternative Wine Appreciation Backgammon Badminton Bowls Cribbage (evening) Debating Rummikub</i>
THURSDAY	<i>Chess group Freshwater Fishing Healthy Walking Petanque 2 Petanque 3 Yoga</i>	<i>Craft Mah-Jong Padel Tennis Petanque 4 Quiz group Table Tennis</i>
FRIDAY	<i>Spanish Conversation for Beginners</i>	<i>Bridge Darts (evening) Reading group</i>
SATURDAY	<i>Petanque 5 Spanish Conversation – Intermediate/Advanced</i>	<i>Dining Out - Singles (evening)</i>
SUNDAY		<i>Dining Out - Sunday Lunch Solo group</i>
VARIOUS	<i>Friends of Avinença Photographic group</i>	
TO BE ANNOUNCED	<i>Jigsaw Puzzles War Gaming</i>	

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