

U3A Moraira-Teulada

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Message from the President

Hello everyone,

I see that the last time I wrote to you all was in October, it seems such a long time ago! Thank you again to those of you I meet in all sorts of places (like Pepe la Sal!), who say how nice it is that I'm out and about again. You're all very kind, and I'm positive that all of your thoughts have helped me on the way to recovery, I'm nearly there now!

This time last year I was writing about the rain, and here I am again hoping that none of you suffered too much damage during the last few days of high winds and torrential rain. I must take some of the blame I think as I had no sooner said to Al that the pool looked like it needed topping up, and we had three days of rain!

The renewals procedures have certainly been tested recently; there were over 500 of you renewing at the January meeting, and over 300 at the one we held at La Senieta. It's very good to know that you are all so keen to be a part of the U3A, and I'm still surprised at how many new members we are attracting. I confess that by now I didn't think there were many people who weren't members. It makes me smile to think of Pamela holding a meeting for the public nearly 5 years ago in La Senieta, to see if there would be enough support for a U3A in this area. She was even worried in case no one turned up, and over 200 of us did, and lots of us joined that day. She will be smiling down on us I know and saying "well done Darlings"!

I'm afraid we still have no news on Pamela's memorial. The recently appointed chap in the Ayuntamiento (who is in charge of things like benches and their placement) appears not to want to put one anywhere we would like it to go! Of course he never met Pamela, perhaps it would have

made a difference. One of our members came up with another good idea; she was waiting inside La Senieta for a friend and didn't know what time it was. She suggested a red (Pamela's favourite colour) clock on the wall, with a plaque which said who it was for, and why. I have written to our Honorary Member Sylvia Tatnell asking for her help, and I'll let you know how we get on.

I know that the question of Speakers is one which seems to split us neatly into two camps. There are those who appreciate people coming along to talk to us about all sorts of subjects, and those who beat a hasty (and embarrassing for the Committee) retreat as soon as the speaker is announced. For those of you who think the meetings are boring without speakers, I have good news, we will be starting to have them again in the not too distant future. There will not be a speaker every month, but we will do what we can to find people who will be interesting for you to listen to. Those who do not appreciate the kindness of strangers, who are willing to give both their time and commitment free to talk to us, will be asked to leave quietly before the speaker starts.

We – your Committee - have had an injection of new blood in the form of three volunteers, so if we count Jenny and Frank in December, and Eileen, David and Pat this month, we are doing very well. It's nice to have new people with fresh ideas, 5 of us are still from the original Steering Committee which was formed to set up the U3A back in May 2008. We are, of course, still working very hard on your behalf!

And finally, I have some good news for you. It's always nice to feel you are getting something "free", and one of the Committee came up with a super idea at Tuesday's meeting. He suggested (and his proposal was unanimously and enthusiastically supported) that as members come through the door at General Meetings, they are given a raffle ticket. At the end of the meeting a number is drawn, and the holder of the ticket gets a €50 voucher to spend somewhere locally. If you leave the meeting early you cannot give your ticket to someone else, the fairness of the system depends on one person, one ticket! I hope you all agree that this is a good idea, I certainly thought so.

Hope to see lots of you at the meeting on the 4th February, when everyone attending will get a raffle ticket!

Best Wishes,
Ann

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Next U3A meeting

The next **General Meeting** will be on Monday 4th February 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

There will be **two** more opportunities to renew your membership for 2013 as follows:

Monday, 4th February at the General Meeting at the Salon de Banquettes in Teulada.

Doors will open at 09:30 a.m. to enable renewals to take place. The meeting will commence at 11:00 a.m. New Members are also welcome.

Tuesday, 19th February in the Theatre at La Senieta in Moraira.

Doors will open at 10:00 a.m. through to 12:30 p.m. New Members are also welcome.

Please ensure that you bring along your existing membership cards and subscriptions of €10 per person. If you are unable to get to either of these meetings, a friend or neighbour can renew on your behalf as long as they have the existing membership card and subscriptions.

New members who joined in January and who have not yet collected their new membership cards can do so at either one of the above meetings.

Creative Writing Achievement

In the March 2012 edition of the Newsletter, it was reported that Shirley Giles and Jennifer Nesteroff had been selected out of many contenders to have some of their short stories read by professionals and broadcast by Bay Radio.

After the Bay Radio competition, the owner of a small publishing house in London, who happens to live in Javea, contacted some of the winning contestants and invited them to submit their works with a view to professionally publishing them.

We would now like to congratulate both Shirley Giles (nom de plume – Vonnie Giles) and Jennifer Nesteroff who both have had eight of their short stories published. The book is called 'Picked and Mixed' and is available from Amazon (paperback and Kindle versions) and also from The Book Depository. The book is published by U P Publications Ltd. and is available directly from them too www.uppbooks.com

Shirley and Jennifer are donating all the royalties to Cancer Research UK and U P Publications are matching their donations.

Group News

Art and History Programme

Art Appreciation

Monday 11 February 2013

Artists in Labour! – An illustrated talk by Cheda Panajotovic

The speaker will examine the birth of works by artists from the classical to the modern era.

History Talk

Monday 25th February 2013
The Creation of Israel (1920-1948)
A talk by Danny Coburn

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>

Drama Group

Back by popular demand!

In view of the success of their November performance, the Drama Group is giving a repeat performance of 'Letters in Time' at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, the 7th February. The venue is La Senieta Theatre and the duration of the performance will be approximately 1 hour.

The production is based on letters that could have been written between 1900 and 1952.

There is a summary and critique written by Colin Harkness on the U3A website
<http://www.u3amoraira-teulada.org/drama-critique.pdf>

Exercise Class

Please let me know if you would like to join a new exercise class. I have found someone who will get some classes started for us but I need to know what you want. Please let me have your name, phone number, type of class you would like and preferred day and time.
Shirley Baehr, Group coordinator sbaehr1951@aol.com

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 current U3A membership card for free entrance. No booking required.

Next film - Monday 11th February

‘Casablanca’ starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman and Paul Henreid

Continuing on the 'World War 2' theme from the last film (where we only had 6 of the 174 seats free!), February's showing will be ‘Casablanca’ and marks the 70th anniversary of being awarded 'Best Picture'.

Set in Morocco in 1942, the film is older than some of us, but continues to hold the significant accolade as being 'America's most popular and beloved movie'.

Run time 1 hour 40 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>

A reminder of the remaining films this season:

11 March - Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (sure to get an Oscar this year!)

15 April - War Horse

13 May - Iron Lady (Best Actress Oscar)

Golden Oldies Music Group

Just a reminder that the next Music Night on the 16th March will be at our new venue - Café del Mar.

We already have more than 70 bookings but this venue does seat more than the Golf Club and I hope that those of you who have not yet booked will soon register to come along and join us.

Both the band and our solos are practising hard with new tunes for your delight so we hope to have a really good audience to enjoy the music all of the performers work so hard to provide.

If you know any U3A members who have not yet been to a Golden Oldies Music Night please do invite them along - but please also ask them to let me know – email johnsuehop@hotmail.com

With our new, larger venue, the more the merrier!

By the way, contrary to some uninformed comments, Café del Mar has assured me that the venue will be exclusively for our use on the night!

Best wishes to all,
John (Group Leader) johnsuehop@hotmail.com

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 Fridays 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 Thursdays 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 3:30 p.m. (Beginners) 4:15 p.m. (Intermediate)
<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 Shippies	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</i> <i>Classical Music</i> <i>Computing – Intermediate</i> <i>History</i> <i>Golf</i> <i>Padel Tennis</i>	<i>Bowls</i> <i>Canasta</i> <i>Creative Writing</i> <i>Film group</i> <i>Patchwork</i>
TUESDAY	<i>Computing - Beginners</i> <i>Drama group</i> <i>Golden Oldies Musicians Group</i> <i>Healthy Walking</i>	<i>Computing - Beginners</i> <i>Creative Photography</i> <i>Dining out (evening)</i> <i>Dog Training</i> <i>Five-a-Side Football (evening)</i> <i>Flower Arranging</i> <i>Knit, Stitch and Natter</i> <i>Mosaics</i> <i>Sailing group</i> <i>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>	

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Contributors - please note that all items that you wish to be included in the newsletter must be with the Editor by the middle of the third week of each month. Photos are welcome.

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