

U3A Moraira-Teulada

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Message from the President

Hello everyone,

It's been a busy month with lots going on, but of course the first and most important event was the U3A 5th Anniversary Celebration. The weather gave cause for concern the week before the party, but the day itself couldn't have been better. It was wonderful to see the Mayor, Antoni Joan Bertomeu, especially as I had only been told on the Saturday that he couldn't come because he was going to an important meeting in Alicante. It was lovely to see him coming up the steps with Sylvia, and I was even happier to hear his praise for the U3A, and his comment about how proud he is of us and all we do. He had rearranged his meeting until later in the afternoon so, together with Sylvia and Jaime Perez, he was able to enjoy the music and the lovely picnic boxes that Eileen Haxon had put together for us.

It was very nice to see 4 of our invited guests, but I was surprised that Mary Anderton from Calpe U3A didn't come. I wrote to her after the event, and was shocked to hear that Mary had had a fall, and had a suspected fractured skull. It was such a shame that she couldn't be at our party as Mary was one of the leading lights in our creation, and she was the source of valuable information and assistance long after our inaugural meeting. We wish Mary well and back to her busy indefatigable self as soon as possible.

The music at the party was varied and very entertaining, with something to please everyone, and the atmosphere – as always – was super. A huge well done and “thank you” must go to the members of the Sub Committee, led by Vice President Frank. Their many hours of planning and hard work paid off, the site looked very colourful, and the cakes were beautiful to look at as well as delicious to eat. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves and, for once, it was very nice to see our U3A with pictures in all the papers – in colour!

I hear from two of our members that the bogus gas men are back. They haven't changed their Modus Operandi, they still say you must have your appliances checked and they always find a fault which needs fixing – at great expense. One member told me that they quoted him over 200€ for a part which he later priced at 4.52€ in the Bricolaje! Luckily he had his suspicions about them and said he was just going out, so they would have to come back the following day. They didn't come back! The other member had actually had a telephone call from the Company to arrange an appointment. Fortunately she had not long had all the gas appliances checked, so she knew they were bogus, and dealt with them accordingly.

Last year I had two “gas men” call at my house but, although they were in uniform and had “ID Cards”, their vehicle was a tatty old white van. I refused to open the gate and when they got nasty, I went and got my camera and took a picture of them and their van. At that they started to shout, what I assume was abuse, and got into their vehicle and drove away.

I have also heard from a couple of members that cold calls are being made about computers. It seems people get a phone call IN ENGLISH asking for them by name, and then telling them that the callers are from Microsoft and they can identify that there is a problem with their computer. Even in this day and age this is not likely to be possible. However, the phone call then asks for passwords etc, so please be warned, and I know PC owners know never to give out passwords, so this is just a reminder.

I was pleased to hear from the Drama Group that they had been invited to put on a short Pantomime to introduce Spanish children to the concept. The performance was to be in Teulada Ayuntamiento and I went along to one of the rehearsals. It was wonderful and I laughed until I cried. I then went along to the performance the following week and was very impressed at the standard of the production, and even more impressed at the noise that about 200 children could make! A charming gentleman told the children in Spanish what was going to happen and, at his mention of the word Cinderella, there were lots of wise little heads nodding. He rehearsed the children saying “oh no you don’t”, which they did very loudly and enthusiastically, and we were off! The costumes were wonderful and the difference between the rehearsal and the performance was amazing. The mice were found in a basket under a seat, the children shouted “oh no you don’t” when the (very) Ugly Sisters insisted that they looked beautiful, and a good time was had by all. It seems that the Drama Group has now been asked to do another performance in La Senieta for the Moraira children, and no doubt that one will be just as successful. Fear not though, I am told that there will be a “slightly ruder” version being put on for us at a later date, so we have something to look forward to as well – oh yes we do! Well done all of you, I know that hours and hours of work went into the writing, the costumes, and rehearsals; it was time well spent.

Last Thursday I was privileged to be a member of the Full House at the Auditorium to see the Cwm Bran Choir, and their guests the Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir and the Dolce Divas. I enjoyed it all, although I felt very sorry for the (obviously Welsh) lady behind me who kept asking the choir to sing “Myfanwy” – a song they weren’t doing for us, but were performing the next evening in Calpe! Never mind, we did at least have my favourite “Cwm Rhondda”, and almost the entire audience stood and sang, a magic few minutes indeed, and it must have sounded wonderful. It was a bit like being back at School Assembly, our music teacher was from North Wales, so we used to sing “Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer” regularly.

On a personal note, our drive and steps could best have been described as “rustic”, which translated means uneven and out to catch an unwary walker. Having been in a wheelchair 3 times in 3 years, getting up the steps into the house was hard, although it’s on one level once you’re inside.

We saved our pennies and now have a beautiful tiled car parking area, a slope up one side where the worst steps were, and lovely wide steps up the other side. The guys are English brothers, they came when they said they would, or earlier, they kept to the quoted cost, but did extra work for us free (like putting up a new sensor light), they were polite and self contained, so no constant requests for tea or coffee, and they are such nice lads. We have had Lithuanians, Columbians, Germans, Spanish and other Brits working for us before but these boys are far and away the best. We had to wait a little while before they could start work as they have a full diary, but they never advertise, it’s all word of mouth, such a refreshing change!

I’ve wittered on long enough, hopefully the weather is now improving and we will get back to the lovely Spanish sunshine. I hope to see lots of you at the meeting on 3rd June,

Regards, Ann

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Next U3A meeting

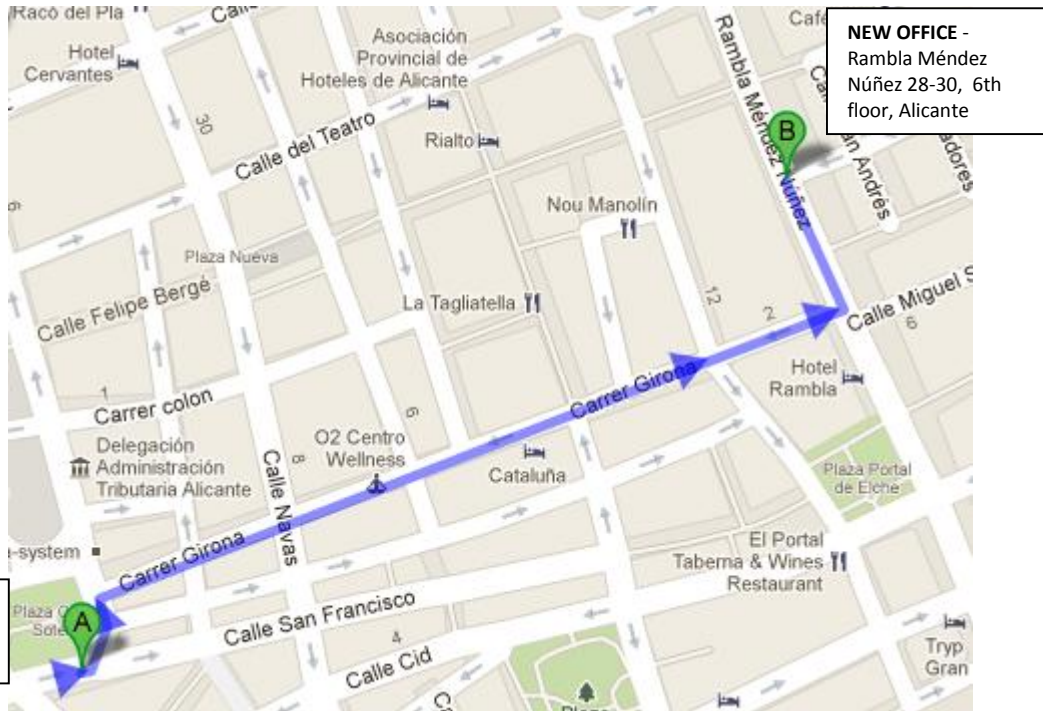
The next **General Meeting** will be on Monday, 3rd June 2013
at the Salón de Banquetes, Avenida del Mediterráneo, Teulada
at 10:30 a.m.

Doors open to members at 09:45 a.m.



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WE HAVE MOVED!



We continue to be open from 08:30-13:30 from Monday to Friday at our new address
(10 minute walk from the old one)

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Group News

Art and History Programme

Art Appreciation

Monday, 10th June 2013

Cheda Panajotovic takes a nostalgic walk down memory lane recalling objects and images that helped shape the being which is now him!

History Programme

Monday, 24th June 2013

'The Top Twenty London Tourist Attractions 225 years ago'

An entertaining talk presented by Mike Rendell

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>

These will be the final talks this side of the summer break.

Gardening Group – Proposed New Group

I've inherited the family villa with a neglected garden, and am learning fast about plants that will thrive in this location! I'd say I'm an enthusiastic amateur, certainly no horticulturalist.

I've offered to organise a Gardening Group, starting next September. My ideas are very much along the lines of sharing knowledge and possibly other resources, e.g.

- Take turns to 'host' in each other's gardens, to exchange problems, tips, advice, seeds, cuttings, spare plants etc.
- Invite guest speakers e.g. Dick & Clodagh Handscombe (authors of 'Your Garden in Spain' and other books)
- Organise trips to visit gardens open to the public and other places of special interest.

I warmly invite anyone who is interested to join me on Thursday, 13th June at 11:00 a.m. at the Bar Andaluz, Ceramics Corner, Moraira for an inaugural meeting to discuss a possible Gardening Group programme. I will look forward to meeting you there.

For more information please email me - christina@renetus.com .

Golden Oldies Music Group

The Golden Oldies Music Group enjoyed the 8th Music Night on Friday 24th May at the beautiful setting of the Café del Mar at L'Andrago, Moraira.

There was a wonderful gathering of approximately 95 "Groupies" and many messages have been received saying how much they enjoyed the evening. Here are some of them

"The best yet", "Such a super evening", "Lovely atmosphere", "Thanks for arranging everything - including the full moon over the Mediterranean", "I thoroughly enjoyed my first evening with the Golden Oldies - I did not see any "oldies" though - all so young at heart" etc. etc.

It appears as though the new arrangements with some new performers very much met with everyone's approval. So, in addition to our own 'home grown' performers I will have to search further afield for some interesting new ones for your enjoyment at our future events.

Whilst some final confirmations have to be arranged, the next Music Night is scheduled to take place at Café del Mar on **Friday 2nd August.**

Please do put that as a date in your diaries - but don't send any bookings to me just yet as I will send out a confirmation letter to everyone who is on my "Groupie" list within the next couple of weeks.

If you would like to join the Groupies in The Golden Oldies Music Group and enjoy some really super Music Nights then please contact me at johnsuehop@hotmail.com

I would like to convey many thanks to all of our wonderful "Groupies" for your support and many thanks to the members of the band and all of the soloists.

John Hopwood, Group Leader

Badminton

Rose Avila, Coordinator/Coach, writes

Wednesday **29th May** last session before summer break.

Wednesday **4th September** workshop will resume.

Interested players please submit an email with **subject will attend on 4th September** as enrolment is limited due to availability of courts.

Schedule will remain the same: Wednesdays from 14:00 – 16:00.

I want to cordially thank the current group of players for contributing to the great FUN we shared this year. Look forward to seeing you again in September.

Have a lovely sunny and happy summer!

Rose Avila group-badminton@u3amoraira-teulada.org

Mosaics

The Tuesday mosaic group has been up and running for a whole year, and we have some very enthusiastic and talented 'mosaic-ers'. We are all still learning and share our successes and problems with each other, but we have all come a long way from the start last May. We meet twice a month. The Wednesday group is new.

I am pleased to say that I have one space in my Tuesday afternoon group and 2 spaces in my Wednesday afternoon group.

If you would like to know more, please contact Meri Snell through the website or speak to her at the General Meeting on 3rd June. Email group-mosaics@uzamoraira-teulada.org

Spanish (Intermediate)

Coffee Mornings with a Difference

As from 1st June until end September our Saturday morning meetings will be held outside Bar El Greco (Bar Relax), opposite Quick Save, Moraira.
Time 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

New Venue and New Time!

Hasta pronto! Sheila

GROUP DETAILS

Group	Group Leader(s)	Proposal	Dates/ Location/ Venue	Frequency
<i>Alternative Wine Group</i>	Peter Romain	Alternative wine appreciation. A chance to taste good low priced wines	Moraira venue to be advised	2 nd Wednesday of the month 5:00-7:00 p.m. Doors open at 4:30
<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>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 2:00-4:00 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>Cocina Club</i>	Shirley Baehr	To discuss food, recipes, restaurants	Moraira	2 nd Monday of every month p.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	Once a month Thursdays 3:00 p.m.
<i>Creative Photography</i>	Don Roberts	Composition, editing, printing, mounting and framing	Benitachell	On Hold until September 2013
<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>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>Exercise Class</i>	Sue Hopwood (Coordinator)	Fitness & Toning	Gimnas Ximo, Calle Calpe 50, Teulada	Every Wednesday 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
<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>Gardening</i>	Christina Rene	To share knowledge and exchange problems, tips, advice, seeds, cuttings, , etc.	Locally	To commence September 2013

<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 3:00 p.m.
<i>Golf</i>	Geoff and Rona Hurst	A golf group of experienced players for Texas Scramble	Benidorm	2 nd Monday of each month
<i>Golf</i>	Robin Woods	A golf group of experienced players for Stableford	Various	3 rd Monday of each month
<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>Jigsaw Puzzles</i>	Les Coughtrey	Puzzle Exchange	Moraira	Once a month
<i>Knit, stitch and Natter</i>	Maureen Burrows	Knit, stitch 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	2 groups a month Tuesday and Wednesday 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 1</i>	Peter Pulford		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	3 rd Thursday of each month a.m.
<i>Pilates</i>	Shirley Baehr		Teulada	Weekly - Thursdays 2 classes 11:00 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
<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	Café Costamar below Pepe la Sal in Barclays Bank shopping parade, 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>Scrabble</i>	Diana Price	Have fun playing this popular game	Café Costamar below Pepe la Sal in Barclays Bank shopping parade, Moraira	Weekly Monday p.m.
<i>Spanish Groups</i>	Linda West (Coordinator)	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 Shippides	Coffee morning with a difference	Bar El Greco (Bar Relax) opposite Quick Save, Moraira	Weekly Saturday 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon
<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	2 nd Tuesday of each month 7:15 for 7:30 p.m. Please pre-book with Group Leader
<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 Appreciation</i> <i>Computing – Intermediate</i> <i>History</i> <i>Golf</i> <i>Padel Tennis</i>	<i>Bowls</i> <i>Canasta</i> <i>Cocina Club</i> <i>Creative Writing</i> <i>Film group</i> <i>Patchwork</i> <i>Scrabble</i>
TUESDAY	<i>Computing - Beginners</i> <i>Drama group</i> <i>Healthy Walking</i>	<i>Computing - Beginners</i> <i>Creative Photography</i> <i>Dining out (evening)</i> <i>Five-a-Side Football (evening)</i> <i>Flower Arranging</i> <i>Golden Oldies Musicians Group</i> <i>Knit, Stitch and Natter</i> <i>Mosaics</i> <i>Sailing group</i> <i>Ten Pin Bowling (evening)</i>
WEDNESDAY	<i>Exercise Class</i> <i>Painting</i> <i>Petanque 1</i> <i>Spanish Conversation for</i> <i>Beginners/Pre-Intermediate</i>	<i>Alternative Wine Appreciation</i> <i>Backgammon</i> <i>Badminton</i> <i>Bowls</i> <i>Cribbage (evening)</i> <i>Debating</i> <i>Mosaics</i> <i>Rummikub</i>
THURSDAY	<i>Chess</i> <i>Freshwater Fishing</i> <i>Healthy Walking</i> <i>Petanque 2</i> <i>Petanque 3</i> <i>Photographic group</i> <i>Pilates</i> <i>Yoga</i>	<i>Craft</i> <i>Mah-Jong</i> <i>Padel Tennis</i> <i>Petanque 4</i> <i>Pilates</i> <i>Quiz group</i> <i>Table Tennis</i>
FRIDAY	<i>Spanish Conversation for</i> <i>Beginners</i>	<i>Bridge</i> <i>Darts (evening)</i> <i>Reading group</i>
SATURDAY	<i>Petanque 5</i> <i>Spanish Conversation</i> <i>– Intermediate/Advanced</i>	<i>Dining Out- Singles (evening)</i>
SUNDAY		<i>Dining Out - Sunday Lunch Solo group</i>
VARIOUS	<i>Friends of Avinença, Jigsaw Puzzles</i>	
TO BE ANNOUNCED	<i>Gardening, Grumpy Old Men, Motorcycling, Scale Down Group,</i>	

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