

U3A Calpe NEWSLETTER

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Inter U3A Quiz Night

Friday 12th April at Bar Nou, Senija at 7:30pm. We still need 8 more people to take part in this quiz night, competing against Val de Pop U3A. Fish & chip supper, dessert & half bottle of wine provided, cost only 11 euros.

Please contact Joy Lally to book your place on 96 649 8681 or lallyandjoy@hotmail.com

Hello and welcome to our April Newsletter.

This month we are delighted to announce that for April we have 2 speakers. The first is Rosemary Sheppard from the Creative Writing Group in Moraira U3A. She is going to read out one of her short stories. Then, we will be hearing from Mike Rendell whose topic is 'Entertainment in the Georgian Era'.

Please can we remind you to ensure you have registered your email address details with us, or if you think you have already done so, to check that the email contact information we already have on file is correct.

You can check this information with our membership secretary by either emailing her: osborne.val@gmail.com or seeing Val Osborne at the membership desk at any of our U3A general meetings.

The U3A Calpe has already started to send out this newsletter by

email and we want to ensure that it is delivered to our members' correct email addresses.

Also, don't forget to keep your articles and reports coming in for further newsletters so the rest of our members can keep up to date with your news.

Remember, this is your newsletter, for the members, by the members.

Coming events

The next General Meeting will be **Thursday, 11th April 2013** in the **Ifach Hotel, Salon Mare Nostrum** at 10:00 for 10:30 AM.

Will members kindly note that as of this month, our U3A General Meetings will be held at the Ifach Hotel, in their Salon Mare Nostrum room.

The meetings we will hold there will be on the following dates:

- 9th May
- 13th June

Travel and Culture

Viva Espana

Sunday 2nd June 2013

A journey into passion, fire and grace, coach to pick you up, lunch & their flamenco show.

We now have 44 people attending this event, including 8 non members who are to pay a premium price.

Places are running out fast on this trip - only ten places remain - and the travel team will be closing the list after the meeting.

The cost will be €35 (€37 for guests). The coach will leave Esmeralda at 12.30pm, leaving for the return journey after cava, dinner, show and dance about 5.30p.m.

Many thanks to those who have already paid and the few remaining are asked to pay at the latest by the end of the month.

Cordoba and Seville

3rd – 7th June 2013

Cost: €390 per person

This 5 day trip includes 4 nights accommodation on a full board basis with water and wine.

Cordoba, Mezquita, Mosque & the Plazo del Potro then on to Seville's Cathedral and bell tower, El Alcazar and not forgetting this is the home of Gipsy Flamenco!

For further details of these trips please contact John Pickford, Travel Co-ordinator: **96 583 4904** and johnpickfordtravel@gmail.com

Rod Anderton, Culture Coordinator, is on **96 583 2081** and rodanderton@yahoo.co.uk

Groups News

Board Games

Diane Putnam's board games commenced on 22nd March and it will now continue every 1st and 3rd Friday in the month.

Please note that Diane has moved house so please contact her for directions and please let Diane know if you are planning to attend. Give her a call on 637 010 617.

Choir

A reminder that the U3A Choir recommences rehearsals on April 16th in the Salon Balu at the Casa de Cultura from 6pm – all are welcome.

Dance Fitness

Giovanna Wallis has started up a new Dance Fitness group. They meet for the first time on Monday 8th April at the Bolero Restaurant on La Fossa beach at 1pm for a 1:15pm start. The class will be an hour and a half. Why not go along and give it a try!? Call Giovanna on 96 583 3197 or 634 347 937 to book your place.

Flower Arranging

The next lesson is on Monday 8th April with a new time of 10:30-12:30pm and the class will now be held at our new venue of Café/Bar Topacio III on La Fossa beach.

The dates from April until May are as follows:

- April: 8th and 29th
- May: 13th and 27th

For further details and to reserve your place in the class, please telephone Tina Wallis on 96 583 3197 or tinamaria19@gmail.com

Papercrafts Workshop – Gift Bag of Cards

Liz Lodge will be holding her first workshop this year on Thursday 18th April, at her home, from 10am until 1pm. Liz will provide each member

with a gift bag and members will make some greetings cards to put in it, to give as a present.

Ladies requiring lifts should be at the usual meeting place (the entrance road to the Galetamar Hotel, on the dual carriageway opposite the Maviro restaurant) at 9.45 am – please tell Liz if you need a lift. Liz will supply all the materials, but you will need to bring your craft box.

The fee of 5€ is payable at the General Meeting on 11th April, and Liz will have a sample and sign-up sheet in the foyer. If you are unable to be at the meeting, please put the money in an envelope in Total Postales (Calle Corbeta) addressed to Liz Lodge, Box Number 117. Alternatively you can email Liz to book your place:
lizvron@gmail.com or
call her on 96 587 4799

Patchwork

This group meets at Angelika's house every 1st and 2nd Friday of the month at 10:30am, and every 3rd and 4th Friday of the month at 1pm. The cost for each session is €2.

Please contact Angelika for further details angelika@akv-soft.de

Spanish Classes

Due to cancellations, we can now offer further placements for beginners on a Friday morning at 9:30am. If this would be of interest to you, please contact Jan Newark on 96 583 6815.

Tenpin Bowling

We meet in Moraira on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00 for 7:30PM. Next meeting will be on Thursday 18th April.

Book with Giovanna Wallis on 96 583 3197 or editor@u3acalpe.com

Events News

Group Leaders Do

Our 'Thank you' dinner, for Group-leaders and Committee members will be held at Gran Sol restaurant on Saturday 27th April, 7-00 for 7-30.

Invitations have been sent out, but if any Group member has not received their invitation, please contact Joy Lally.

Joy would appreciate a reply from all Group-leaders, whether they will be attending this event or not. You are welcome to bring their partner, at a cost of 12-50 euros, and Joy asks that you let her have your menu choices as soon as possible.

June Lunch

We will be having a 'Lunch at the Beach' (swimming optional!) after our June meeting on June 13th.

Exact venue, price and menu will be announced at our April meeting, where Joy Lally will be taking names & menu choices.

Come along and enjoy a day at Fossa beach before the summer visitors arrive!

Member News

Interpreters at Denia Hospital – by Jan Newark

When wondering if you need an interpreter when seeing a consultant at Denia Hospital, please be aware that some of the consultants want to practice their English. Therefore, it is not always necessary for you to use an interpreter.

I have 3 consultants who have told me that I do not need an interpreter and I have informed the help desk of this.

Please check with your consultants during your next visit with them if you are required to take along an interpreter next time, and if not, please let the help desk know.

Reports

Event Report: Flamenco Night

By: Joy Lally

More than 80 Members of U3A Calpe recently enjoyed a Flamenco night at the Bolero restaurant in Calpe.

The three dancers were graceful and exciting to watch, and were accompanied by their skilful flamenco guitarist and 'Cantanto'. Several of our members were so impressed that they took details from the dancing troupe, with a view to having them perform again at future dates and events!

We also enjoyed a three course meal, with wine included, and 10 lucky members won prizes in the free raffle. All of the prizes, ranging from bottles of sherry, rioja and brandy, to red carnations and even a little black bull, having a decidedly 'Spanish' theme!

Group Report: Patchwork

By: Angelika Volkenandt

To "patchwork" means to cut all kinds of fabrics into smaller and smaller pieces to finally rearrange them in a completely new way and at last to quilt the pieced result for the finishing touch.

It is a very relaxing and satisfying hobby in which you can play with your fantasy and creativity, with material and colours - and your work can be enjoyed and admired by the whole family.

In our class we learn the different techniques of patchwork and quilting and everybody can join us - the only thing you need is a sewing machine you can carry, and the ability to sew

a more or less straight seam. It is not a problem if you have no idea about patchwork and quilting - that is what I am there for.

I worked as a tutor for fashion design and patchwork and quilting in Germany for many years, and to play and work with fabric has been my passion since my childhood. To share my knowledge and to help you to have the same fun as I have with this hobby is a great joy. So do not hesitate to get in contact with me. You are welcome!

Please see the Groups News section of this newsletter for Angelika's contact information.

World Water Day - Orba Trip

By: John Totten

If you had phoned Carole Saunders at the Town Hall last month, you would have joined a group of 42 us on a free coach trip to the ultra modern water treatment works responsible for Calpe's water located just outside Orba.

Here, fed from huge boreholes 300m below Orba, the water collected from the Vall de Llugar mountain ranges is sucked up and made super clean by this American designed plant. Potato starch is added as "flocclante" to coagulate suspended mineral particles. Then, the water passes slowly through a filter complex including charcoal granules to remove the biological bits. Finally it is chlorinated and pumped all the way to Calpe. The entire plant you will not be surprised to hear is fully automated, and has a daily staff of just one man.

We then drove to "Piscina de Orba" the Campeon de Espana de Pizza 2000 y 2001, where all enjoyed a super meal with live pizza spinning entertainment by resident chef Mancelo.