

NEWSLETTER



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Here we are in 'Blazing June' already, and coming to the end of this year's sessions before our summer break. We hope that you enjoy our Meeting on June 14th, in the less formal venue at the Bolero restaurant. We hope too that you enjoy the wine and tapas which will be served up after the meeting!

Whether you will be staying here in Calpe, or travelling further afield this summer, we hope that you enjoy your summer break, and come back refreshed in September, ready to take up your U3A activities once again, and maybe to sign up for some new ones!

New Members

We wish to welcome those 12 new members who joined U3A Calpe at our May meeting. We hope that you enjoy taking part in groups activities, and maybe even starting up a new group of your own! The President and committee look forward to meeting with you at the Bolero on June 14th.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS of U3A Calpe

NEXT GENERAL MEETING will be on THURSDAY 14th June at the Bolero, 10-00 for 10-30. We will not have a speaker, as this is intended to be an informal get-together, so if you have anything you would like to talk over with the committee members, this is your chance to do so! Also, if you're thinking about joining next year's committee, it's a chance for you to find out more about what this involves.

Our SEPTEMBER meeting will take place on Thursday 13th September at 10-00 for 10-30. This will be at the Casa de Cultura theatre.

THE RESIGNATION OF CALPE U3A PRESIDENT BEVERLY HOLDER Many of our members will have been shocked and upset to hear, at our May meeting, that Beverly Holder had resigned as President. But as we all know, 'family must come first'. Beverly has done a great job, since having the reins thrust into her hands 18 months ago, and despite having some tricky situations to deal with during her Presidency, she carried out her intention to make sure that U3A Calpe members have fun. So we wish Beverly, and her husband Ted, a restful summer in the UK, and look forward to their return in autumn. Meanwhile John Pickford, as Acting President, is fulfilling that role admirably, and hopefully in November, with your support will take up the position of President of U3A Calpe.

TRAVEL AND CULTURE

Contact John Pickford on 96 583 4904, or e-mail johnpickfordtravel@gmail.com, or Rod Anderton, on 96-583-2081, e-mail rodanderton@yahoo.co.uk

AYORA HONEY FESTIVAL OCTOBER 13th & 14th

This is a festival to celebrate the life of the Bee, and all its by-products, and is the largest of its kind in the Valencia region. Cost will be around 75-85 euros, which includes coach travel, and overnight HB stay at a hotel in Comfretes, 20K from Ayora village.

There are still places available, and the closing date for bookings is June 30th 2012.

U3A CALPE GROUPS INFORMATION

WATERCOLOUR PAINTING A second Watercolour painting group will be starting on June 18th. This will be run by Hilary Hare, and will take place on Monday afternoons, at her house. Contact Hilary , tel 96 649 7014, or Sandy Bianco 96 574 4850 for more details.

MOSAICS Sandra Sugden will be running the existing Mosaics group, which, unfortunately, is already full. Some of the other group members are willing to start another group off, but needs a large enough, fairly central, venue for it. If anyone can help please contact Sandy Bianco.

CORONATION DAY MEMORIES

Having recently celebrated the 60th Diamond Jubilee [great party by the way Tina!] it set me thinking about the Queen's Coronation, in 1953. I was only 7 years old at the time and my only previous recollection of Kings and Queens before that, was on a cold february day in 1952, when our infant school teacher told us to stand in silence with our heads bowed, because our King had died.

Like everyone else I enjoyed the excitement of preparing for the young Queen Elizabeth's Coronation. For my birthday in March I'd been given a replica of the famous Golden coronation coach and white horses, by one of my aunties, and I could hardly wait to see the real thing!

We children were promised a street party, with lots of good things to eat, and as sweets were still rationed at that time, this was a really big deal!

My Mum sat up late with the sewing –machine, using scraps of red,white & blue material to make bunting to stretch from our house to the one opposite.[Tricky negotiations needed with the rather frosty neighbour who lived there!]

Finally the day dawned, June 2nd 1953 – and it rained! Hasty re-organisations took place, no street party, but thank goodness we had the church hall just down the road. So all was not lost

All the grown-ups in our street were invited, in relays, to witness some part of the ceremony on the one TV set the street possessed, owned by upwardly mobile Mr. & Mrs. Walker. Fading and flickering black & white pictures on a 13 inch screen, but an historical event, - the first ever live broadcast of a coronation.

The children had to make do with listening to the ceremony on the radio, until we got bored with the hushed reverential tones of the commentators, and went off to play!

A few weeks later however the colour and pageantry was played to us in glorious technicolour, when our school took all of us to see it at the local cinema. Besides being dazzled by the ceremony, I thought how young the queen looked, and wondered how she managed to walk about with the weight of that heavy crown on her head.

But my main concern was pity for the young soldiers who fainted in the heat, and wondering how on earth they managed to stand to attention for 8 hours or more, without needing to go to the loo!

Joy Lally

Patriot Games.

It doesn't take a psychic to foresee that this month's edition will be stuffed to the rafters with stories and photos of the expat population celebrating the Diamond Jubilee. But surely, nowhere was patriotic fervour more in evidence than at the Calpe U3A Garden Party. Under a cover of red, white and blue bunting over 60 members, dressed like flags and bunting themselves, enjoyed the day hugely in Joy & Peter Lalley's beautiful garden in La Fustera'

The afternoon was packed with entertainment, limitless food and a never-ending flow of liquid. There were many moments to be remembered and treasured. Not least was the sing-song of old numbers conducted by Mary Anderton, leader of the U3A Choir. It may be said that the dozen or so songs were sung with great enthusiasm & gusto, although without too much regard for the actual tunes.

There were two quizzes, aimed at people of a certain age and arranged by Giovanna Wallis. The first, on Royalty, was deservedly won by Joy Lally & Alan Lawton, who freely admit to being of a certain age & then some, and who are to be congratulated for answering such questions as "Who was the oldest Royal ever (not Queen Mary, it was Princess Alice.) They then went on to win the "Pop music for Jurassics", even being able to name the singer of such a well-known set of lyrics as "Wop-Bop-a-loom-a-bop....." Little Richard. This left younger members present wide-eyed and silent.

The crowning glory of the magnificent buffet table was a cake decorated as a Union Flag and made by Calpe's baker extraordinaire, Liz Lodge. Master of Ceremonies, genial John Pickford, acting President of Calpe U3A, welcomed everyone personally, thanked organiser Tina Wallis and her small army of helpers for their splendid effort, handed out the prizes and finished his duties by proposing the Loyal Toast.

As the day drew to a close, the patriots made their way home, well-fed, well-watered, and clearly very proud to be British.

Chris Hare

June Quiz

1. the song 'June is busting out all over' comes from which musical?
- 2 The Lennox family held a grand ball in Brussels on June 14th: which year was this and what took place next day?
- 3 Which actress played the part of 'Eth' in a famous radio series and more than 40 years later appeared in a TV comedy series with Joanna Lumley?
- 4 The D-Day landings of 1944 were almost called off because of a crossword puzzle in the Times newspaper – why was this?
- 5 On what date did Queen Elizabeth II's coronation take place and why did it make history in the world of broadcasting?
- 6 June is the month of roses. What is special about Rosamund's rose, and who was it named after?
- 7 The Derby is a famous horse race which takes place every June. Where is it held and what was the name of the Queen Mother's horse that almost won but fell in the final run-up?
- 8 Which Shakespeare play involves a quarrel between a king and queen and who is the mischievous spirit who makes the queen fall in love with an ass?
- 9 What is the zodiac sign of those born between June 1st to 21st?
- 10 What is the Roman name of the Greek goddess Hera?

WELL DONE, MARY

Mary Anderton wrote to the Queen on behalf of the Costa U3A members, and all the support they were giving to the Jubilee Celebrations. In Return Calpe U3A now has a Certificate from the Palace, thanking all of us.

The Jubilee Concert on July 7th in the Casa Cultura given by the U3A Choir and under the wing of Mary Anderton was a sell-out. Flags were waved, soloists Keith , Giovanna, & Linda sang beautifully. Gordon, at the piano backed the choir and the audience splendidly, and both sang really well. The mother of the Mayor of Calpe, with the help of Carole Saunders, thanked the English residents of Calpe for their generosity towards the Food Bank. The concert raised over 500 euros!

What a treat for everyone

Mike Rendell, the Speaker at last months General Meeting, treated us to a most fascinating talk on Life in the 18th Century. Mike is a retired lawyer, now an author living in Denia, who has written the 'Journal of a Georgian Gentleman' detailing the life of Richard Hall (1729-1801) his 4 x great grandfather. The illustrated talk detailed the extent of hoarding of every item of paperwork he had ever possessed such as diaries, shopping lists, work done to his property, paper cutouts and anything you could possibly imagine which at the time were seemingly irrelevant and now represent tea-chests full of history waiting to be catalogued. The talk was much appreciated by the audience. Janet Bond

Comment. What an interesting account this was. Sorry if you were unable to attend. I had been told about The South Sea Bubble in a history lesson, it meant little to me. Richard Hunt was a man whose family were ruined by it. Richard put his shoulder to the wheel, succeeded in the hosiery business and made a good marriage. Why "a Gentleman"? His home had been a manor house that is now the Evesham Hotel. Some of Richard's drawings are exquisite. If, like me, you ; want to know more, you will find him on the Internet at www.mikerendell.com. Some members were lucky enough to buy the book straightway but Amazon can help you. Enid Barton

The ancient Euromarket of Words.

We were all getting it together centuries ago. The following "loan words" come from 5 different European nations, but which ones?

A clue, it's any of these 5: Germany, Poland, Italy, Denmark, Spain(3 in each country)

incognito, bandana, kindergarten, semtex, Ombudsman, robot, streudel, polka, sombrero, kidnap, guerrilla, bankrupt, fog, delicatessen, balcony

AND FINALLY... To those who came along hoping to see the Mayor officially open our exhibition last month, Rest assured that he did finally make it, at 9-00 pm, after his mayoral duties were done! The crowds had dispersed by then, so he was given an individual viewing by Carole Saunders, and later wrote to say how impressed he was with the whole thing, and the standards of workmanship.

The Mayor was particularly taken with one of the mosaic pictures produced, [by a member who wishes to remain Anonymous], and the Town Council decided to buy this for him, to commemorate his first year in office.

An offer of 150 euros was duly made, but our member would only accept 50 euros, and requested that the rest of the money should go to the Mayor's charity.

We hope that Cesar Sanchez enjoys his gift, and that it is given pride of place in his office!

Answers to Joys Quiz: 1. Oklahoma 2. Waterloo 1815 3. June Whitfield 4. codes were published in Times xword 5. June 2nd 1953 6. it is striped with pink and white petals "fair Rosamunde" is Edward 1st mistress 7. Epsom and Devon Lock 8. Midsummer Nights Dream and "Puck" 9. gemini 10. Juno

