

# U3A Calpe NEWSLETTER

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## June Lunch

We will be holding a 'Lunch at the Beach' after our June meeting on Thursday 13th June at 1:30pm.

This will be held at Exotic on La Fossa beach (near the rock) and will cost €10 for a 3 course meal and it also includes a drink.

Please contact Joy Lally to book your place **BEFORE** 10th June on 96 649 8681 or [lallyandjoy@hotmail.com](mailto:lallyandjoy@hotmail.com)

Hello and welcome to our June Newsletter.

This month we are delighted to announce that we have a performance from our very own U3A Choir at our general meeting.

And now for something completely different...

Nick Greens Classical music appreciation group is holding a special meeting at 10:30 AM on Monday 10th of June when his guest presenter will be Peter Barton who will be giving a talk entitled "The history of Jazz and its links to classical music". Peter is very enthusiastic about his subject and tells us it's not to be missed.

The venue is the Asia restaurant on the Calpe-Moraira road Opposite the road for the La Fustera beach 10:30 for 10:45 AM.

The next regular meeting is Thursday 20th June, when Nick will continue his A-Z of Classical music with the letters L and M.

## Coming events

The next General Meeting will be **Thursday, 13th June 2013** in the **Ifach Hotel, Salon Mare Nostrum** at 10:00 for 10:30 AM.

This is to be our last meeting before the summer break.

Our first general meeting back will be on **Thursday 19th September 2013** at the Ifach Hotel, Salon Mare Nostrum at 10:00 for 10:30 AM.

Further meetings will be on the following dates:

- Thursday 17th October at the Ifach Hotel, Salon Mare Nostrum at 10:00 for 10:30 AM
- Our AGM will be on Thursday 21st November at the Casa de Cultura at 10:00 for 10:30 AM

Please note that all of these meetings are on the **3rd Thursday** in the month.

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## Website News

### President's Blog

As some of you may already know, our President, John Pickford, has started up a webpage within our U3A website for his blog.

This page is designed to give members up to date news regarding the U3A and Calpe.

Why not go and take a look at it and add your own comments and ideas for interesting stories regarding the U3A Calpe? Why not give it a go. You can find the presidents blog at <http://www.u3acalpe.com/blog/>

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## Travel and Culture

### Gandia and the Ducal Palace

This will be a day trip to be held on Friday 27th September 2013.

Come and enjoy a memorable day out.

Our U3A coach will pick you up at 9:00 AM outside the Esmeralda Hotel. The trip includes lunch in a good quality Spanish restaurant located in the Plaza Del Prado. This will be a 3 course meal with wine and water which is all included in the price of €28 per person.

We already have over 30 bookings for this trip, so don't delay if this appeals to you or you could be disappointed.

### Eastern Med Cruise – Valencia Departure

John Pickford has secured 1 standard outside double cabin for the cruise via Valencia.

This can only be held until 13th of June on a first come first served basis. Please note that the price the cruise line requires is 995 Euros each.

### Alternative Eastern Med Cruise – Barcelona Departure

This trip is now fully booked!

For additional details of any of these trips, please visit the trips section of the U3A website or the travel desk at the general meeting.

For any further information please contact John Pickford, Travel Co-ordinator: **96 583 4904** or [johnpickfordtravel@gmail.com](mailto:johnpickfordtravel@gmail.com)

Rod Anderton, Culture: **96 583 2081** or [rodanderton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rodanderton@yahoo.co.uk)

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## Limerick!

*By: Clare Kennedy*

There was a young girl from Lliber  
Who decided to change, dark to fair  
She tried dyes strong and bright  
The result wasn't quite right  
For Lo! She's left with no hair!

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## Groups News

### Choir

If you enjoy what you see at the general meeting this month, why not go along to a choir practise in the Salon Blau at the Casa de Cultura from 6pm on a Tuesday!? All are welcome and there is a chat with a glass of wine afterwards.

### Dance Fitness

Giovanna Wallis has now started her new Dance Fitness group. The next class will be on Monday 10th June. The class will meet in the bar of the Gran Sol Hotel at 1pm for a 1:15pm start. The class will be an hour and a half and will cost €2 (plus a drink from the bar).

Why not go along and give it a try!?

Call Giovanna on 96 583 3197 or 634 347 937 to book your place.

## 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

A new format for this group!

We meet at the lanes in Moraira for a 7pm prompt start. We will now be playing 2 games and prizes will still be up for grabs! The new cost is €8 per person.

Our last official meeting will be on Thursday 20th June and then we will try to have our subsidised social event before we break up for the summer. If this is not possible, we will have our "do" in September.

Sandy Bianco has kindly offered to run the group through the summer. If anyone fancies a game in July or August, please give her a call.

Book for June with Giovanna Wallis on 96 583 3197 or [editor@u3acalpe.com](mailto:editor@u3acalpe.com) and book for the summer with Sandy Bianco on 96 574 4850 or [sandyebianco@gmail.com](mailto:sandyebianco@gmail.com)

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## Local News

### AFPO Voluntary Interpreting Service

This service based at the Centro de Salud in Calpe has been operating since April 2006.

You may know about the service or even have had personal experience of the assistance given by our Interpreters. If so you will know how helpful their input was in ensuring that your experience was positive, and that the communication between

yourself and the staff was accurate and relevant.

We are always looking for new recruits, if you think you can help, the only requirement, apart from an enthusiasm to help, is the ability to speak and understand Spanish and English. You will initially work alongside more experienced interpreters until you feel confident to work alone.

For more information or to sign up as a voluntary interpreter, please contact:

Pat Spencer – Coordinator

96 583 4586

Missouri Tyrell - Deputy Coordinator

96 583 8359

Keith Wildman - President AFPO

96 583 0109

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## Social Event News

*From: Joy Lally*

Our next event will be the lunch after the June general meeting. We already have 54 people signed up for this event and most have paid and chosen their menu. Please see the front page for further details and don't forget to get your booking in before 10th June!

It is possible that we may hold a summer picnic in July. However, this will be an informal affair with members bringing their own food and drink with no charge. We hope to ask Mary Anderton to provide some music and I am hoping to finalize date, time and place with Mary in time to announce this event at the June general meeting.

After the summer break we will have a Quiz Night. We are hoping to get the date of 18th October, but this is subject to venue availability.

We also hope to hold a dinner dance/Christmas party in December.

Again, venues and menus have to be researched.

In the New Year we are to organise a return quiz with U3A Vall de Pop – they beat us overall last time in Senija and we would like to return the favour this time by ensuring a good turn-out by our quizzers.

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## *I Miss you so!*

*By: Clare Kennedy*

Where did you go?  
When I thought you would stay?  
Together we would sleep  
Together we would play

How did you go?  
When you left that way?  
Did you walk or hitch or  
Did I drive you away?

Where did you go?  
When you left me that day and broke  
my heart?  
What more can I say?

Are you hurt, or sick?  
Or even dead?  
Snuggled up close in a stranger's bed?  
Oh! How I wish you could pick up a  
phone  
I cannot eat or sleep  
I am so alone

I have searched around everywhere  
And called out loud  
How people stare!  
I sit by the fire in an empty home  
Where DO cats go when they  
Decide to roam?

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## *Reports*

### *Trip Report: Viva Espana*

*By: Teresa Pickford*

On Sunday 2nd of June, 48 members enjoyed a great luxury coach trip to

Viva Espana headed up by Rod Anderton.

We had an excellent lunch, numerous tapas & salad, followed by sea bass, cod or ternera as a main course and dessert, all accompanied by wine and cava.

The show was colourful and a very skilled performance. After the show members took to the dance floor with enthusiasm (as usual!).

We were all unanimous that it was a roaring success.

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## *Member News*

### *Emailing of this Newsletter*

Please can we remind you to make sure 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](mailto:osborne.val@gmail.com) or seeing Val Osborne at the membership desk at any of our U3A general meetings.

U3A Calpe has already started sending out the 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 that our fellow members can keep up to date with your news.

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