

# U3A Calpe NEWSLETTER

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## Summer Lunch

The final sign up opportunity for this event will be at the general meeting on 19th June as we will be heading straight to the restaurant following the meeting. We are going to Pizzeria Exotic to have lunch for 1pm. This event costs just €11 to include 3 course meal and wine. Please contact Tina Wallis to book your place on 96 583 3197 or [tinamaria19@gmail.com](mailto:tinamaria19@gmail.com)

Hello and welcome to our June newsletter.

This is to be our last meeting and newsletter before we have our summer break.

We hope that you all have a lovely summer, whether you are staying here or travelling further afield. We look forward to greeting you all back at our September meeting.

We are delighted to announce that we will be welcoming the "Costa Barber Singers". They are coming to entertain and perform some new numbers for us to enjoy at the June meeting.

Perhaps over the summer months you might like to contribute to our newsletters or even suggest a guest speaker?

Please contact any of the committee to discuss your ideas.

Please continue to send all your news and articles for further newsletters to

Giovanna Wallis on [editor@u3acalpe.com](mailto:editor@u3acalpe.com)

## Coming events

Our next general meeting will be on **Thursday 19th June 2014** at the Ifach Hotel, Salon Mare Nostrum at 10:00 for 10:30 AM.

Please note that all of our meetings in 2014 will be held at this same venue and time. Here are all of the remaining meeting dates for 2014 to put in your diary:

- July – NO MEETING (A change from previous information)
- August – NO MEETING
- 18th September
- 16th October
- 20th November - AGM

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## Member News

### Trip to Ciudad Patricia with AFPO

*From: Janet Bond*

Many of you will know of the Ciudad Patricia retirement resort in Benidorm. We have spoken about this at a couple of our recent meetings and there was considerable interest from those present to take a tour of the facilities and the park at the invitation of the management.

I have now arranged this with Ciudad Patricia and the date they suggested was Tuesday 23rd September. They will provide a 55 seat coach for us, coffee on arrival, a short presentation and a tour of the show apartment. A 4 course lunch is available for €10 in the restaurant if required or members may take their own picnic. There will be music entertainment in the afternoon then the return trip to Calpe.

The Ciudad Patricia website may be viewed on [www.ciudadpatricia.com](http://www.ciudadpatricia.com)

If you wish to take part in this visit please let me know on [enquiries@u3acalpe.com](mailto:enquiries@u3acalpe.com) and I will have sign up sheets at the June meeting.

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## Travel

### Valencia day out and IKEA visit

Join us for a day out in Valencia on Tuesday 24th June with 4 drop off points including the new IKEA store, Oceanographic, Bioparc and Historic City Centre.

Cost: €10 members  
€12 non-members

### Cartagena Romans Fiesta

A 3 day, 2 night trip to experience the *Romanos y Carthagineses* Fiesta in Cartagena from 26th to 28th September.

Cost: €225 per person (€70 single supplement)

Limited availability only 12 places left, so hurry.

### Novelda and Bodega Heretat de Cesilia

Come and join us on 2nd October on a very interesting day out that includes a guided tour of Novelda and then on to a visit to a winery to sample their wares and enjoy lunch.  
Cost: €35 Euros

### Caribbean Cruise

Sadly this cruise has been cancelled due to Pullmantur changing the itinerary, full refunds being given.

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

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## Social Events Report

*From: Tina Wallis*

### Summer Lunch

As mentioned on the front page of this newsletter, this event is taking place after the June general meeting on 19th June at 12:30 for 1pm start.

We have secured a deal with the Pizzeria Exotic on La Fossa beach. It will be a 3 course lunch with wine and will cost €11.

Main course options are:

- Lasagna
- Pizza
- Chicken
- Fish

Please sign up with monies at the events desk at this months meeting.

### October Annual Quiz Night

On Friday 24th October we are going to hold our 4th Annual Calpe U3A Quiz Night.

We have secured the venue of the Tennis Club in Calpe and we are now taking names individually or as a team (maximum 4).

This event will cost €12 to include a 3 course meal with wine and water and will also include prizes.

Please sign up and choose your menu either at this month's meeting or with Tina Wallis on 96 583 3197 or [tinamaria19@gmail.com](mailto:tinamaria19@gmail.com)

### Still to come...

- Group Leaders Do in October
- Christmas Formal Dinner Dance

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## Groups News

### Badminton

There will be no badminton between mid June and the end of August, as the sports hall is unavailable.

### Bridge

The group will have a change of day from Monday to Tuesday evenings. This change will start on Tuesday 23rd September. 7 pm start for beginners, 7.30 for the rest, at the Galetamar. Everyone welcome, including absolute beginners.

### Classical Music

There will be no meetings in July and August. The next meeting will be 11th September.

Also on 11th September at 7pm, the Duo Intermezzo will be performing at the Finca Jacaranda. Bring your table, chairs, blankets and picnic to enjoy during the interval. Plenty of parking available. Cost is €10. Contact Nick Green for information: [nickcamerongreen@gmail.com](mailto:nickcamerongreen@gmail.com)

### Dance Fitness

This group will be run in association with the U3A as it is an already existing class at the Footlights Studio (formerly New Med Dance).

Giovanna has now opened it up for any members of the U3A who would like to join at any time. It is held on a Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10-11am and costs €5 per class.

It will still be run by Giovanna Wallis and will be running all through the summer period.

Please contact her for more information on 634 347 937 or [editor@u3acalpe.com](mailto:editor@u3acalpe.com)

### J.U.Gs (Just Us Girls!)

We had a really good turnout at Las Olas for the last meal.

The next meal will be 3rd July at La Mama Nostra. Sign up sheet at the meeting.

### Men's Dining

There will be no meal in June, but one is pencilled in for July at La Picaeta in Calpe. Contact Roger Milsom for details: [maznrog@telitec.com](mailto:maznrog@telitec.com)

### Petanc

Advance notice: We have arranged a petanc match against members from Liphook U3A, who are in the south of England.

The match will be on Friday 10th October in the afternoon on the courts at the far end of the Levante beach.

It would be nice to field a full team, so all are welcome to come and join in what should be a fun game. No previous experience required. Come along and enjoy.

## Table Tennis

The last Tuesday session before the summer break is on Tuesday 17th June.

But..... we can have the hall on Saturday mornings from 21st June until the children go back to school in the autumn. The start time on a Saturday will be 10 am.

We will be back to normal Tuesday morning sessions on 2nd September, but contact the leader for latest information.

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## Reports

### Event Report: Informal Summer Dinner and Dance

*By: Tina Wallis*

On Tuesday 27th May we held a very successful Informal Summer Dinner and Dance at the Restaurante Dracula in the Port in Calpe. It was closed to the public so we had sole use which was splendid.

There were 42 members and 6 guests in attendance and we were greeted with a cava reception and our bread and alioli. This was followed by a fabulous 3 course meal with wine water and coffee. We then danced the night away with singing from Daniel and spot prizes were given out to the lucky few!

The staff looked after us so well and nothing was too much trouble. Everybody seemed to enjoy the food (well, all the plates looked clean!) and we danced until midnight.

It was a happy and fun filled evening with excellent value for money from the restaurant.

### Group Report: New Discussion Group

*By: Peter Purvey*

I began the New Discussion Group in September 2012. Having 'done' Philosophy for three years I had come to the end of my competence and the group were looking for something different.

Everybody likes having a good chew over certain subjects so are able to express their opinion. I also like to know if anybody has seen, heard or read anything that has astonished them or piqued their curiosity during the month that could be shared and discussed.

I am always open to suggestions for discussion and if anyone has a particular subject they would like discussed or feel they could contribute to the group do please get in touch with me.

Here is a small selection of items that have been on our agenda:

- Attraction and fear: Are they the principal reason we have survived as a species?
- More radiation in one banana than if you lived next to a nuclear power station for a year!

At our last meeting we talked about Australia's inhumane treatment of refugees and whether human 'empathy' can exist before birth.

If you have any suggestions please contact me on 96 583 4139 for more details.

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## Message From The President

Elections for next year's U3A committee including the president post will be taking place at the AGM in November. Would you like to stand for election? Please give this some thought, I'm sure amongst some of our newer members there are some very capable people who could offer their skills.