

U3A Calpe NEWSLETTER

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Quiz Night

This event is on Friday 24th October at 6:30pm at the Tennis Club in Calpe.

There will be a 3 course meal and prizes included in the €12 cost.

Sign up at the general meeting in teams of 4 or individually or alternatively contact Tina Wallis to book your place on 96 583 3197 or tinamaria19@gmail.com

Hello and welcome back to the Calpe U3A and our September newsletter.

We hope that you all have had a lovely summer, whether you stayed here or travelled further afield.

Wasn't it a hot one here in Calpe? And there is no sign of any respite with the weather as yet!

We are delighted to announce that we will be welcoming Wilhelmina Hardee to speak for us at this month's general meeting.

She will be talking to us about Alzheimer's firstly and then The Curtis Institute that covers music and their musicians.

Also, please note that your committee is nearing the end of their tenure. Elections to elect a new committee will be held at the U3A AGM on 20th November.

Please note all positions are up for election, details of how

to put yourself forward for election will be announced at the September general meeting.

Please continue to send all your news and articles for further newsletters to Giovanna Wallis on editor@u3acalpe.com

Coming events

Our next general meeting will be on **Thursday 18th September 2014** at the Ifach Hotel, Salon Mare Nostrum at 10:00 for 10:30 AM.

At this meeting, every member who attends will be given a free raffle ticket for their chance to win one of 3 mystery prizes!

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:

- 16th October
- 20th November - AGM

Quick Quiz

1. Female ducks are the only ones that quack: True or False?
2. What 4 real creatures are used currently as names of pedestrian road crossings in the UK?
3. What solo singer released the album "25" in 2006 to celebrate their quarter century music career?

The answers to these questions will be given out at the general meeting on 18th September.

Travel

Cartagena Romans Fiesta

This trip will be departing on 26th September at 9.30am from outside the Esmerelda hotel. We look forward to seeing those members who have booked and paid for this trip.

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. This trip will be leaving from outside the Esmerelda hotel at 8.15am. Due to a number of members change of circumstances we now have 4 places available. Book now to get the remaining places!
Cost: €35 Euros

Valencia Shopping

We have arranged a 2 day Christmas sightseeing and shopping trip to Valencia on 10th and 11th December. This trip is bound to prove popular so book early to avoid disappointment.

Please note in future all trips booked at the general meetings will be subject to a holding deposit of €5.

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

Social Events Report

From: Tina Wallis

October Annual Quiz Night

As mentioned on the front page of this newsletter, we are holding our 4th Annual Calpe U3A Quiz Night on Friday 24th October at 6:30pm.

It will be at the Tennis Club in Calpe and we are now taking names and monies individually or as a team (maximum 4).

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

Menu choices are:

Starters

- Mixed Salad
- Vegetable Soup
- Spring Roll (in the oven)

Mains

- Pork with mushroom sauce
- ¼ roast chicken
- Seafood Lasagne

Desserts

- Ice Cream
- Tiramisu
- Cheese Flan
- Coffee

Please sign up and choose your menu at this months meeting or with Tina Wallis on 96 583 3197 or tinamaria19@gmail.com

Christmas Formal Dinner Dance

On Wednesday 3rd December we will be holding our Christmas party at the Ifach Hotel. Please sign up your interest at the September general meeting. More details to follow... Watch this space!

Fun Poem

The computer swallowed Grandma,
Yes, honestly it's true!
She pressed 'control and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Mr. Google
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online.'

So, if inside your 'Inbox,'
My Grandma you should see,
Please 'Copy, Scan' and 'Paste' her,
And send her back to me.

The Groups News

Bridge

The group will have a change of day
from Monday to Tuesday evenings.

This change will start on Tuesday
23rd September. It is a 7pm start for
beginners, 7.30pm for the rest, at the
Galetamar Hotel.

Everyone welcome, including
absolute beginners.

Choir

We always welcome new members,
not necessarily good singers, but
people who love to sing and to join
with others in the joy of music
making.

We meet every Tuesday at 6pm in the
Casa de Cultura, work very hard and
then enjoy a glass of wine together.

You are always welcome to "sit-in" on
a Tuesday rehearsal and experience
the work in progress!

See the Groups report at the end of
this newsletter for more information
on our U3A Choir!

Classical Music

Nick Green, who ran this group,
passed away in June and will be
missed. His wealth of information
about music made for really
enjoyable classes, followed by an
equally enjoyable lunch.

Are there any volunteers to take over
this group? Do you have any
suggestions for perhaps a different
format? We cannot replace Nick, but
we would like this group to continue.

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.

Please contact her for more
information on 634 347 937 or
editor@u3acalpe.com

Green Bowling

The time has now reverted to 3-5pm
from 8th September.

As previously, Thursdays for
beginners/all comers; Mondays for
experienced players.

You must have correct footwear
before using the bowling greens.

Flower Arranging

This group, run by Tina Wallis, will
restart on Monday 22nd September

at 10:30am at Bar Topacio III on La Fossa beach.

Please contact Tina on 96 583 3197 or tinamaria19@gmail.com for more information and to sign up for this group.

Men's Dining

The next meeting will be at the Maviro Restaurant on Thursday 25th September, 7 for 7:30pm.

Contact Roger Milsom for further details: maznrog@telitec.com

Sequence Dancing

A possible new group!

Marcia's Dance Studio, Thursday's from 4-6pm, starting on 9th October. The class will cost €6 per person to include tea and cakes.

Anyone interested please contact Dave Stockton, or put your contact information on the sign-up sheet. We hope to get enough numbers for the group to proceed.

Walking Group

The Wednesday Walking Group commences its winter programme on 1st October. Due to lack of support the short walks and strolls have been dropped from the programme.

The Group is to be renamed as "Mountain Walking Group".

See the groups page on the U3A Website for more information and the walking programme.

Exotic on La Fossa Beach for a Summer Lunch.

It was a very happy event with lots of chatter and everyone was playing catch up before the summer break.

The food was great and the waiting staff were very friendly. A good time was had by all.

Group Report: Choir

By: Mary Anderton

The summer may be fading but the U3A songbirds are making super sounds.

Rehearsals have begun in preparation for our "Spanish Elections" postponed concert on the 3rd October at 7:30pm in the *Casa de Cultura*.

We have a programme of well known songs from the shows, with a few additions, which we are sure will be enjoyed by all.

Previously bought tickets will be honoured and updated tickets can be purchased either from choir members, the sale table at the U3A general meeting on 18th September and from Lee on 96 5874776 or Mary on 96 583 2081.

All the proceeds of the €5 ticket sales will be donated to AECC (Association Espanol Contra Cancer). Immediately after our concert we shall begin rehearsals for the Christmas Concert on 15th December.

Reports

Event Report: Summer Lunch

By: Tina Wallis

On Thursday 19th June after the general meeting, 65 members and friends got together at Restaurante