



NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2026

Dear Member

I started the last Newsletter referring to the weather and yes it is raining as I write and really cold. To brighten myself up I have been busy arranging various outings for when the weather is warm helped along by Sue and Jo.

Since becoming President I have tried to find new places for us to visit and some new events for everyone. This summer our Gala will be rather special with a band and a very different outdoor venue. Details are in the rather long diary of events but that does take us up to the summer break.

This month we have arranged for Jugs and Mens dining to each have their separate email addresses. jugs@u3acalpe.org and mensdining@u3acalpe.org.

JUGS (Ladies Lunch) will now only use the new email address and we are no longer using the WhatsApp number. All ladies should have been notified but if you have been missed please let us know.

Please do read the Diary of Events and you will see a couple of items in red to alert you to new different outings. Please as always book as soon as you can as it makes it so much easier arranging transport and bookings.

The Committee is very aware that most things happen in the same week and on a Thursday. No one wants to move their group so we will carry on like this for the time being, whilst trying to book trips and extra events on a different day of the week.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon

Dorothy

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2026 EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Thursday 5th : Bodega Visit

A great day out ! Unique experience at Bouquet in Jalon.

7 Wines to taste and 7 tapas with the history and areas of each wine will be described by our Host. We will be leaving Calpe at 11.30 a.m. and the visit will be approximately 2 and half hours. We will leave at approximately 3.30 p.m to return to Calpe, leaving time for purchasing wines or more food.

Cost will be 33 euros to include coach, tapas and wine tasting.

[president@u3acalpe.org.](mailto:president@u3acalpe.org)

NEW! Thursday 12th Fellowship Group

1p.m. for 1.30 pm lunch at Gran Sol Hotel . A monthly lunch for members to chat and exchange news and information and food and wine. For more information on the group see the the U3A website. 3 course lunch including wine 22.90 euros per person. Please add your name to the group and book your place by contacting Dorothy on [president@u3acalpe.org.](mailto:president@u3acalpe.org)

Thursday 19th: LADIES LUNCH (JUGS)

1 pm for 1.30pm Romantica Restaurant

Please email to book your place and the menu will be sent to you for your choices..

Contact jugs@u3acalpe.org

Friday 20th : Coffee and Chat

11 am at the Tennis Club. Coffee 1 euro. Speaker will be Margaret Hodgson talking about Caring for Calpe which is a long standing charity in the town.

Details of all our upcoming events and booking as well as continuing to take renewals.

Tuesday 24th : Social Early Evening

NEW VENUE Oasis Bar, Calpe 5 pm to 7 pm

60s 70s Music. Mark Sanderson is unfortunately not well enough to do this event so we have asked a couple of other musicians to play,

Guitar music to sing along if you want! Includes Wine and soft drinks from 5pm to 7pm

Last orders 6.30 pm. Snacks from Jo. Bar available for those that stay on!

Cost 12 Euros payable on arrival.....Booking Essential
president@u3acalpe.org or Dorothy on Whats App 634319632

March

Thursday 5th Fellowship Lunch

1p.m. for 1.30 pm lunch at Gran Sol Hotel . A monthly lunch for members to chat and exchange news and information and food and wine. For more information on the group see the the U3A website. 3 course lunch including wine 22.90 euros per person. Please add your name to the group or book your place by contacting Dorothy on president@u3acalpe.org.

Thursday 12 th Day Trip shopping in Alicante.

Coach fare 15 euros. A leisurely day in the City departing Calpe at 9 a.m. returning at 5 pm. Let Jo know, please ,if you would like to have

lunch booked for you with others. Booking with Jo Cockshott
membership@u3acalpe.org.

Thursday 19th JUGS (Ladies Lunch)

1pm for 1.30 pm Gala Restaurant.

Please email to book your place and the menu will be sent to you for your choices

jugs@u3acalpe.org

Thursday 26th Mens Dining

All welcome. Contact mensdining@u3acalpe.org

APRIL

Thursday 2nd Fellowship Lunch

1p.m. for 1.30 pm lunch at Gran Sol Hotel . A monthly lunch for members to chat and exchange news and information and food and wine. For more information on the group see the the U3A website. 3 course lunch including wine 22.90 euros per person. Please add your name to the group or book your place by contacting Dorothy on president@u3acalpe.org.

5th Easter Sunday

Thursday 16th JUGS (Ladies Lunch)

Anita's choice of restaurant this month! To be advised

To book your place Contact: jugslunch.u3acalpe@gmail.com

Friday 17th – Coffee and Chat NEW SPECIAL

A ONE OFF different venue for our monthly coffee meeting at **Tucana**. Carrer Blasco Ibanez (where Oasis was).

Jennifer, the owner invites us to enjoy a talk all about coffee and have a taste. She writes :

You can find Tucana on Facebook and on instagram as @tucanacalpe.

We are coffee roasters, we have our own electric coffee roaster on the premises, we roast 1.5 kilos in about 9 minutes. Its the first roaster of its kind in Spain, it is completely sustainable , zero emissions.

All our coffee is fresh, we also serve tapas , breakfast and cakes.

One of the things we care about is intolerance to food. I have celiac so I am very aware of food issues and cater for it.

The process of making coffee, buying the green coffee, the regions, the altitude, everything that goes into making a cup of nice coffee is an amazing chemical process.

We need numbers for this event please so could reserve with tericloudsdale@hotmail.com by 12th April. Teri will be welcoming you at the door.

Thursday 23rd/Friday 24th Tarbarca Island

An overnight stay in the peace and quiet of Tarbarca Island at a Bed & Breakfast places after sailing there from Alicante in the morning. We currently have 8 people expressing interest and we have rooms available. Cost will be about 80 euros per person for accommodation and boat but plus meals. People can spend their own time at leisure and we will book a table for dinner for everyone. We have room for a few more people but must have booking and deposit of 40 euros by 15th March please. Contact president@u3acalpe.org. Departure time on the 23rd ad return on 24thm to be confirmed.

Thursday 30th Mens Dining

All welcome. Contact mensdining@u3acalpe.org.

MAY

Thursday 7th Fellowship Lunch

1p.m. for 1.30 pm lunch at Gran Sol Hotel . A monthly lunch for members to chat and exchange news and information and food and wine. For more information on the group see the the U3A website. 3 course lunch including wine 22.90 euros per person. Please add your

name to the group or book your place by contacting Dorothy on president@u3acalpe.org.

Wednesday 20th May

The Canelobre Caves - A wonder of nature

The Canelobre Caves are one of the main tourist attractions not only of Busot, but of the entire province of Alicante . Located at an altitude of 700 meters on the northern slope of the Cabeçó D'Or mountain range – one of the few Jurassic formations in the Prebetic region of the province – they are a magnificent example of a karst cave .

Inside the caves there is a space of more than 80,000 m2 that can be accessed through a 45-meter tunnel, in which water and rock have given rise to impressive shapes such as stalactites, stalagmites, columns and jellyfish , among many others.

History

This cave is located in Upper Jurassic limestone, which is 145 million years old. Although little was known about this cave until practically the 19th century, its discovery has been attributed to the Arabs , around the 10th century.

The caves were not opened to the public until after the mid-20th century . During the Spanish Civil War, they were used as an aircraft repair workshop by the Republican army, and it was at that time that the current access tunnel to the cave was drilled, as well as several platforms inside.

Cost will be 47 Euro per person.

Proposed timeline

Timetable 10.00 leave Calpe to arrive Caves approx.11.30 as journey approx. 1.5 hours

11.40-12.30 Guided tour

12.30 -13.00 Transfer to Busot town

13.00-13.30Museum or free time

13.30 lunch at Ca Toni restaurant

16.30 leave Busot to arrive Calpe 17.30/ 18.00

Reservations to our Vice President (who is running this outing) to vicepresident@u3acalpe.org. Booking and deposit of 20 euros by 25h March and full payment by 1st May please.

Friday 16th – Coffee and chat

Venue and speaker to be confirmed.

Thursday 21st JUGS (Ladies Lunch)

To book your place Contact.jugslunch.u3acalpe@gmail.com

Thursday 28th Mens Dining

All welcome. Contact mensdining@u3acalpe.org

JUNE

3rd PRESIDENT'S SUMMER GALA EVENING

7.30 pm @ Kathvada Retreat

We have arranged a very special evening at Kathvada Retreat which is a great setting with wonderful views near Bennissa. This venue is not usually available but we have managed to secure a booking. Really lovely buffet with starters, mains, desserts, wine, soft drinks and music from RENEGRADE who may well be new to you! A three piece band playing Music from 60s, 70s, 80s – all the tunes we know and will provide a great party atmosphere. Ladies please dress up for this one but accept gentlemen in smart shorts by request as we may have hot weather!

Price is 48 Euros per person to include all the above plus transport from Calpe at 4 pickup points with two buses. Guests welcome for 50 euros per person. Reservations with 15 Euro per person deposit by 25th March with payment by 1st May please.

Thursday 4th FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

1p.m. for 1.30 pm lunch at Gran Sol Hotel . A monthly lunch for members to chat and exchange news and information and food and wine. For more information on the group see the U3A website. 3 course lunch including wine 22.90 euros per person. Please add your name to the group or book your place by contacting Dorothy on president@u3acalpe.org.

Thursday 18th Ladies Lunch (JUGS)

Contact jugs@u3acalpe.org

Friday 19th – Coffee and chat

Venue and speaker to be confirmed

Thursday 25th Mens Dining

All welcome. Contact mensdining@u3acalpe.org

Other Organisations Events

THE ARTS SOCIETY MARINA ALTA (TASMA) PRESENTS:

COMING SOON!

FRANK GEHRY: STAR ARCHITECT

By DRS. HELEN SIJSLING

WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2026

Gehry was a legendary American architect known for his post-modern designs and use of unconventional forms and materials. His most famous works include the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao in Spain, the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles and the Louis Vuitton Foundation in Paris.

TO BE FOLLOWED IN MARCH BY

EDWARD HOPPER: ALIENATION AND SUBJUGATION

By ROSALIND MIRANDA WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH 2026

Edward Hopper is acknowledged as the most important American realist painter of the 20th C. His work demonstrates that realism is not merely a literal or photographic copying of what we see, but an interpretive rendering. At 40, Hopper was a failure who couldn't sell a painting. Join us to learn how that changed!

Morning lecture: Espai La Senieta, Avda. de Madrid 15, 03724

Moraira

Doors open at 10.15 for 11.00 h lecture.

Evening lecture: Casa de la Cultura, Plaça de Baix 6, 03730 Jávea

Doors open at 18.45 for 19.30 h lecture.

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