

# NEWSLETTER



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**New Members.** Welcome to 19 new members who joined us at the March meeting.

**Thanks** to Sandy Bianco for Organising the red star group, Zumba Dancing with the Morara/Teulada U3A. It suits all ages and takes place at La Sieneta, the new white building near the olive tree roundabout, near the Friday Market in Moraira. Give it a try on Mondays at 4 p.m., cost 4 euros.

**Congratulations** to the Gilbert & Sullivan Society whose lively performance gave such pleasure and to the tenor, who came to their rescue.

**Forthcoming events:**



The speaker at the April meeting was Mrs. Chris Duffin, formerly a governor of a UK prison. In May her husband, Harry will give another fascinating talk, see the May Newsletter for further details.

A weekend in Madrid from May 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> go to the Travel Desk at the General Meeting to book for this super deal.

“Cabbages & Kings” an exciting demonstration by U.K. National/ International Flower arranger, Angela Hyde in the Salon de Actos Espai Senieta, Moraira, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 2.15..... ring Tina for more information.

Meeting of the Costa Blanca Gardening Club on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Salon de La Senieta. Ring Joy on 96649 8681

Javea invite you to their annual May Ball on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Tickets, including a meal, are 25 euros. Entertainment is by Abba Elite.

The Moraira Chess group invite our members to join their group on Thursday mornings at La Senieta. Contact Jan Luxton on 96649 8143

From time to time the Moraira Art Group organize free lectures at La Senieta. They have just held one on Van Gough, there will be more to come at La Senieta, the new white building on the olive roundabout near the Friday market carpark. Watch this space. Sandy Bianco.

## **TRAVEL: FUTURE TRIPS**

CONTACT JOHN or TERESSA on 96 583 4904

MADRID CITY VISIT & STAY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4 & 5<sup>th</sup> of May: 3 days (2 nights) including time out to visit Aranjuez & Lagunas of Ruidera, luxury coach 4 star hotel half board includes wine & water, Cost 225 Euros p.p. Madrid is Spain's capital city with all its splendour & history & is one of the best capitals in Europe to visit.

N.B. It cost us, 2 pensioners travelling by rail from Alicante, 380 euros staying only 2 nights. Congatulations, John, this is an excellent offer in a 4-star hotel half board plus a trip. We loved Madrid. Editor





Apart from a visit to Oceanographic I had never been to Valencia, so I was filled with excitement as we set off on a sunny morning for a visit to the city.

My target was the preparations for the Fallas celebrations on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Having dropped off the people visiting Oceanographic and the shopping centre and nearing our destination the journey started to become both interesting and frustrating. Aiming for somewhere near the Bull Ring as we reached a turning it was closed by the Police keeping traffic away from the processions. We finally came to a long dual carriageway leading away from the Bull Ring. It was lined solidly with coaches. Every time we found a gap the Police moved us on. At one of the junctions our driver managed to do a “U” turn and at last we managed to park in Gran Via de Fernando.

As we walked back in the direction of the Bull Ring the explanation for the large number of coaches became apparent; they were loaded with people making their way to the start of the many processions. It was a bit like walking down Oxford Street when the sales are on. As we made our way along the road, or to me more accurate, as we were taken in the flow, it reminded me of the advice Hagrid gave Harry Potter in “The Chamber of Secrets” “Follow the Spiders”, only in our case it was not spiders but people.

As we followed the mass of people heading towards the bull ring more and more processions started to appear. We stopped for a quick bite to eat and drink before making our way to the Plaza de l’Ajuntament for the start of the fireworks. We got to a point where it became impossible to fight our way through so decided to cut through some side streets, but not before we had witnessed traffic control not for cars but for the processions merging on their way to the dais. We finally found ourselves a good vantage point opposite the main statue and waited for the start.

By the end of a fantastic display where we were deafened and bombarded with the shockwaves from the exploding rockets, smoke filled the complete area. As we started to make our way back to the coach we had chance to admire more of the magnificent statues that littered the city. Bob Bamber.



Beverly enjoyed this meeting at the zoo.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. April Craft Workshop**

**Liz Lodge will help you to make a man card**(mini half shirt) and **lady’s card**(window). She will provide the materials(bring your craft tray) . 5 euros is payable at the General Meeting, April 14<sup>th</sup>. or in box 117, Total Post, Calpe.

For a lift arrange to meet by the dual carriageway, opposite the Marivo restaurant at 9.45 a.m.

❖ A tip from Beverly: Enquire at the Casa Cultura, free tuition & use of a computer are available !

❖ Be a computer buddy, pass on information about the U3A to someone you know who does not have access to a computer.

