

# U3A Calpe NEWSLETTER

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## Inter U3A Quiz Night

The return visit from U3A Vall de Pop will hopefully see us into a win! Start putting your teams of 4 together and get in touch if you are up for the challenge!

It will be held at the Tennis Club in Calpe on Friday 14th March 2014 at 7pm and will cost €12 to include supper (you need to pre-book your menu) and prizes.

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 first newsletter of the New Year.

We hope that you all enjoyed yourselves over the festive season, whether you were here in sunny Spain or were feeling the chill in the UK or other parts of the world.

Please do not forget that without your news and articles to put in it, we would not have a newsletter at all. So please keep sending in your fun facts, stories and news items as we continue into 2014.

We are delighted to announce that our speaker this month will be Andrew Johnson with his talk entitled "Strange Fiestas Around the World". Some of you may remember Andrew's previous talk as it was very entertaining!

## Coming events

Our next general meeting will be on **Thursday 23rd January 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 meeting dates for 2014 to put in your diary:

- 20th February
- 20th March
- 17th April
- 15th May
- 19th June
- 17th July
- August – NO MEETING
- 18th September
- 16th October
- 20th November - AGM

Our speaker next month is Judith Goodall, the President of HELP of Denia and Marina Alta. They are looking for volunteers to provide short term support to people when there are medical or other health needs.

## **Local News**

### **U3A Choir at Town Hall Nuptials!**

As some of our members may already know, our young Mayor of Calpe got married on December 28th 2013.

A special invitation was extended to our very own U3A Choir to sing "You Raise Me Up" to his bride.

It was a beautiful ceremony in the small chapel of the church in the Old Town, and the invitations were entitled "A Christmas Wedding" (in English), much to the confusion of all of the Spanish guests! It just goes to show our language really *is* beautiful and perhaps it is an indication of the Mayor's love for the ex-pat's in his town!?

### **Music Quiz**

One of our members, Nick Green, is hosting a non U3A Music Quiz at the Asia Restaurant opposite Chez Flo on Friday 31st January. The cost is €10, half going to the Merced church, half towards a meal at the restaurant beforehand.

Put a team together to pit you wits against others!  
Contact Nick on 96 649 8619.

## **Travel and Culture**

### **Cuenca and Toledo**

Monday 7th to Thursday 10th April, 3 nights 4 days on a half board basis (bed, breakfast and evening meal with wine) Cost: €230 per person (€90 single supplement)

### **Calasparra**

Visit to the Sanctuary of the Virgin of de la Esperanza on 16th May.  
Cost: €10

### **Moscow and St Petersburg**

An 8 Day All Inclusive trip with guides included from 8th-15th June.  
Cost: €1510, plus Tax approx €130 (Single supplement + €450)

### **Alaska and Vancouver**

15 day trip including flights to Vancouver, Alaskan cruise and trip to Victoria Island.  
Please see website for more details.

More trips available on our website:  
<http://www.u3acalpe.com/trips/coming-trips>

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)

### **What is this?**

You can spend it, save it, invest in it, waste it. But you can't feel it, touch it, spend it or taste it.

Answer on page 4...

## **Groups News**

### **Ballroom Dancing**

Now meeting on Tuesdays from 4 till 6pm. This class includes a short lesson and is incorporated with Marcia's Tea Dance. Absolutely ALL are welcome.

### **Choir**

We will reconvene on Tuesday 18th February as Mary is in Oz!

### **Classical Music**

Now meeting on the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on 13th February.

## Flower Arranging

This group, run by Tina Wallis, will re-commence on Monday 10th February at 10:30am. Last year, this group moved to its new home of Bar Topacio III on La Fossa beach.

There will be 6 classes between February and Easter. Please contact Tina on 96 583 3197 or [tinamaria19@gmail.com](mailto:tinamaria19@gmail.com) for more information and to sign up for this group.

## J.U.G's

Next lunch is on Thursday 6th February, 1 for 1.30pm. Venue to be decided. Please contact Sue Longley to book your place on 96 583 3829.

## Men's Dining

Next meal will be on Thursday 30th January, 7 for 7.30pm at Porque No.

## Petanc

Is played every Sunday on the public courts at the far end of the Levante beach at 2pm.

## Swimming

The public pool will reopen on Monday 3rd February. Nicola Martinez will restart her U3A session on Wednesday 5th Feb from 10-11am.

They have now offered U3A members various discounts. To get these we need to buy an access members card for only 3 euros. Here are the following monthly payment options:

- Swim, Sauna and Jacuzzi €20 (normal price 35)
- Swim + AquaGym - Tuesdays and Thursdays for €35
- AquaGym only – Tuesdays and Thursdays €28

You must show your U3A membership card and be 60+.

Please contact Nicola for full details on 96 583 2837.

## Tennis (Improvers)

The Voramar courts were blown away during the recent winds so the group are now playing at the Taj Mahal restaurant area. Unfortunately they do not have exclusive use of the courts but same days and time as before: Mondays and Fridays 9-11am. Please contact Dave Roberts for more information on 617 829 665.

## Tenpin Bowling

Unfortunately this group has had to cease as the lanes in Moraira have been closed and moved to Gandia. I feel that it is too far for me to travel and cannot continue to lead the group.

If anyone would like to take up the position of group leader and take a group to Gandia once a month, please let me know as there is a possibility of teaming up with (or against) the U3A Vall de Pop who are continuing their group and travelling to Gandia.

Please call Giovanna Wallis on 96 583 3197 for more information.

## Yoga

Ted's yoga class has moved to the Gran Sol restaurant. Same day and time – Wednesdays from 10.30-12pm.

## Can You Help?

### U3A Scrapbook

It will be a pity if nobody comes forward to take over this crucial position. Unfortunately the creation of the scrapbook will have to cease, and we will not have a pictorial record of our future highlights.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Danielle for looking after this for us over the last four years.

Interested? Please contact a member of your committee to express your interest.

## **Reports**

### **Group Report: New Discussion Group**

We had nine lively sessions during the last year with an average attendance of eight, although 14 on one occasion did rather strain the seating and refreshment arrangements.

Here is a selection of the topics discussed: Attraction and Fear – Animals that display Grief, Religious Intolerance, The Destructive Emotions, The Positive and Negative Emotions.

The next meeting is on Thursday 30th January at the home of Peter Purvey, the group leader, 3:15 for 3:30pm. Please call him for directions on 96 583 4239. The proposed topic will be “Are women more naturally intelligent than men, or are they just better at making intelligent decisions” (Women have more neural connections between the left and right brains than men, but it has recently been revealed that they have lots more than previously known).

February's topic may have to be “survival after death!”

### **Event Report: Christmas Party**

*From: Joy Lally*

On Thursday 5th December 2012 we held our Annual U3A Christmas Party at the Diamante Beach Hotel in Calpe.

I was a bit perturbed when they switched rooms on me the day before

the event, but once we had sorted out how to reach the room and access for the loo's etc. it turned out to be a very nice venue.

The food was excellent, as was the service, there was plenty of space for dancing, and our entertainers, Duo Intermezzo did us proud with their cabaret act and music for dancing.

The ladies looked lovely in all their finery, and even the men brushed up well! The Mayor and his fiancée graced us with their presence, and our other guests of honour were Councillor Carole Saunders and her husband Malcolm.

In the raffle, the top prize of a camera was won by Eunice Hancy, which was very apt, since it was her husband Albert Hancy who once again, took the excellent photographs for us. To view the photos from this event, please go to our events reports page on our website: [www.u3acalpe](http://www.u3acalpe).

### **What is this? – Answer**

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