

NEWSLETTER



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Now is the month of Maying when merry lads are playing, each with his bonny lass

Welcome to our 20 new members. We hope you will enjoy what's on offer and feel able to share your talents & ideas. If you have an interesting anecdote please send it to me. Contact Enid Barton, 96583 7554, June 6th.

STOP PRESS

A big thank you, Edith, for volunteering to take over the Treasurer's job. We can now breathe a sigh of relief. You will recognize her from the Membership Desk. Thank you also to Miles who has held the post since November last & is retiring due to work commitments.

The Committee are looking at ways to reduce costs in some areas to use elsewhere. Many members now have access to the Website and as the Newsletter can be read online could we ask you to please only take a copy if you cannot read it online or for a buddy who cannot. Less copies will be printed in June.

It is great that so many people come to the meeting. I am sorry if some of you cannot get to meetings but I know people take Newsletters & activity sheets for others. Find a buddy or ask us to find one for you.

Please note, all correspondence should be posted in the U3A postbox at Total Post, box 146

Thanks to Our President, Beverley, for the Easter fun and to all who organised it



Congratulations, we appeared in the POST

Thanks to the ladies & Norman for all the beautifully decorated hats.

Members please note. All correspondence should now be posted in the U3A box(146) at Total Post in Calpe.

On July 7th your choir will be in concert at the Casa Cultura singing a lively & varied collection of songs. Mary is very encouraging and tells us that each of the parts is strong but that to balance properly we need more members. We work well at rehearsals but always with room for a laugh. Many members do not read music and may not have sung in a choir before but soon pick up their part. It costs 1 euro a week which pays for a glass of wine or water afterwards while we have a good chat. We meet at 6 o'clock on Tuesdays at the Casa Cultura in the Salo Blau which faces the main entrance. Why not give it a try? Someone can meet **you there if you care to meet a member .(Enid Barton) Please ring Judi Hiorns on 96583 6434**

The Discussion Group meets at the Galetamar Hotel at 11a.m. on the 1st & 4th Thursdays of the month
The Philosophy Group now has 13 members thanks to the Newsletter and my short talk but welcomes more to the Galetamar the last Saturday of the month at 3pm.. Peter Purvey on 96583 4139
 Both do not meet in July & August.

Party in the Park: High Summer. On Thursday, June 16th, 3pm to 8pm., what a perfect time to have a party in the park. The venue is Ermita St. Juan (signposted on pink from the town, past the Tennis Club or from La Merced) Bring family & friends for fun, games, music, dancing and wonderful food. There will be homemade paella, burgers, chicken kebabs with lemon & coriander, filet of salmon and all with a selection of fine salads, bread & alioli, sauces & dressings. Then choose from melon variety or pineapple wedges. Bring your drinks & have a ball watching the sunset on the Bernia. Maybe lifts can be arranged. Sign up now!

Travel News

The Far East cruise, 20 members have definitely booked but John has reserved 6 more places for a short while. Tickets are ready for collection at the General Meeting & cabins have been allocated

The Javea theatre trip is fully booked, meet at the Esmeralda as usual.

The September wine tour is still running as is the White villages holiday. Thank you John & Theresa.

Waterfalls Card Workshop on Thursday 26 May, Liz Lodge.

A 5 euro enrolment fee, which includes materials and refreshments, can be paid at the General Meeting or posted in Box 117, at Total Post. Contact Liz on 96587 4799. New members can make friends here.

Charity fun Dog Show on Saturday, May 14th at La Solina kennels, Jalon to support animal charities. Call Elaine on 96597 3822 (see local press for details.)

Summer Fete. MOFTAG are holding this on June 11th to raise funds to support their charitable efforts. Delicious homemade cakes, sausage rolls, pickles, jams, a bottle stall, raffle, and more. Join in the fun and meet new & old friends. See you in the square in front of the Delphin pub from 11 am onwards..

The Marina Alta flower Club proudly presents an exciting demonstration, "Dutch Treats," by

Nel de -Jong at Salo de Actos, Espai Senieta Moraira on Thursday, May 26th, 2.15 for 3 p.m.

Also, on June 6th at Marion Hayes House, they are holding a fund-raising event, Cream teas & sales table.

Calpe & Benissa Lions Club will welcome the CWMBACH MALE CHOIR to Calpe's Casa de Cultura on Saturday 4th June. The Choir sing close harmony versions of a wide selection of traditional songs and hymns, and there will be solo performances by Rosemary Jukic (Soprano) and John Edwards (Bass). As a Grande Finale, members of our local Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir will be invited to join the Cwmbach Choir in the last songs. What a sound that should be with nearly a hundred singers on stage. Tickets are just €10 in aid of disadvantaged children in the area and are available now.

Blood Brothers one of the best musicals ever written and some of our members are working in it! 15th/16th May at the Careline Theatre, Alcalali, 30th May at the Casa Cultura, Alfaz del Pi. Ring 618 890 607

Letter from Jo & Tom Archer

"This morning I woke up really early, unable to sleep, I can't think why. It's now two months since Tom and I left Calpe, after a really wonderful send off.since we arrived back to our flat here, after the usual drive from Calpe to Santander, complete with dog, cat and enough bottles of Cava to sink the Val de Loire (our ferry).....We hope to see people when they visit the UK. If anyone is planning a visit, do get in touch, we will always travel from the depths of North Devon to meet up with you .

To read this letter in full, you will enjoy it, go onto the [website](#) now!

THE BEST EVER LEMON MERINGUE PIE Eleanor Wood

This is one sweet, with its three distinct elements that needs a careful balance of textures and quantities. The filling has to be lemony enough, neither too stiff nor too oozy. The meringue should be wafery crisp on the outside and soft and marshmallowy within.

For the pastry	Preheat the oven at 190 centigrade (gas mark 5)
4 oz plain flour (110g)	Make this by the rubbing method, adding cold water. Chill in fridge for 20 min.
1 oz margarine (25g)	Roll out to line a sloping sided pie tin (base 6", top 8"), trim edges.
1 oz lard (25g)	Prick base all over with a fork, cook high in the oven for 20 to 25 min.
	Remove from oven, lower oven to 150 centigrade (Mark 2)

For the filling.

2 /3 large lemons to make approx 100ml lemon juice and 25g lemon peel
half pint cold water (275ml)
3 level tablespoons cornflour –In a bowl mix cornflour and 2 oz caster sugar to a smooth paste with a little water
2 oz. Caster sugar Pour the remaining water into a small pan, bring to the boil then stir this into the cornflour paste, stirring until smooth. Transfer this back to the saucepan, bring back to the boil and simmer for 1 minute stirring to prevent it sticking to the pan
Take off the heat.
Beat in two egg yolks, the lemon juice, and 2 oz butter
Pour the mixture into the pastry shell, level off.

For the meringue

2 large whites ---Whisk to form peaks then beat in 4 oz caster sugar a quarter amount at a time
-- Spread meringue tart over to the very edge.

Cook for 45 minutes to a pale beige colour, crisp on the outside, squashy within. Serve warm & enjoy

Classical Music Group

At the April meeting we featured the music of Max Bruch. We had a very good turn out and I think the attendees were very favourably disposed to the music they heard. Next meeting of the classical music group is May 19th when we will feature the music of Johannes Brahms. The June meeting will be later than usual on June 30th as the manager of our venue, the Bolero, will be away on honeymoon for most of the month. At that meeting we will feature the music of Robert Schumann. Nick Green

A close trunk call -- Nick Green

We lived for 5 years in Umhlanga Rocks, 15ks north of Durban. Whenever we had visitors from the UK we would take them to Hluhluwe game reserve, about 3 hours drive north.

Although it is possible to drive yourself around in your own car, we always booked a game ranger and bespoke viewing vehicle. One gets to see much more that way due to the expertise and specialist knowledge of the ranger. On one of our many visits our guide was an excellent Afrikaans lady who was as cool as a cucumber and knew just where to find the different species. I always felt that a visit was incomplete unless we saw elephant. Our ranger reckoned she knew where she could find a herd and we duly set off down a track with thick bush either side. After a short distance we were confronted with a huge bull elephant blocking the road accompanied by several baby elephants. The ranger calmly stopped the 4x4 and told us to keep absolutely silent. So far so good but then we heard a rustle in the bush behind us. Another huge elephant emerged behind the vehicle with more of the herd completely trapping us. I knew we had a problem when the normally dead cool ranger said "Oh Sh.." Fortunately they must have liked the look of us as after about 5 minutes (which seemed like a lifetime), the elephants in front of us moved back into the bush and we were able to get away.

Elephants frequently crush cars if they are annoyed by them so we were very lucky to be able to tell the tale.

Quiz Time

Some more anagrams to try

Work it out here

Now in Spanish

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| 1. cava doo | ----- | _g_ _c_----- |
| 2. beg a cab | ----- | ___z_ |
| 3. ure being a | ----- | __b__i__ |
| 4. ego cutter | ----- | __l____n |
| 5. oo! Better
(answers in June) | ----- | r_____ch_ |

MAY DAY year 1966 (Looking Back.) Eleanor Wood

May Day, what to do? Where to go?

I know, Hyde Park, Speakers corner, people, atmosphere, a man standing on a box shouting “What do you think of what the government are doing?” another man dressed in black with a bill board on his back saying”The end is near, make your peace with God.”, people shouting and putting their arms up.

I walk into the park following the path, there is a man sitting on a bench wearing a raincoat which looks odd on such a sunny day, and a man and a lady running, their trainers look so large on their feet, it makes their legs look thin.

I continue deeper into the park and come to the big tree; it’s so wide it takes four people holding hands to circle its trunk, and so high that it hurts the back of your neck when trying to see the top.

I sit under the tree and think of all the years it’s been in the park and what it would have seen. Ladies called nannies always dressed in Gray pushing large baby prams, very well dressed men and ladies in open carriages pulled by elegant horses, and the days when search lights flashed across the skies, with sounds of explosion and the smell of burning.

I leave the tree to follow a sound of children playing; there is a large pond with small model boats, a little boy crying his boat has stopped in the middle of the pond and he thinks he will not get it back.

I go to a grass verge nearby to lie down, when you lay flat down, looking up at the sky, you feel that you are being lifted up The sun is warm on my face and with the warmth, the sound of the small motors of the little boats, I drift of to sleep. Time goes so fast when you are asleep, it’s soon the end of the wonderful May Day.

The above story comes from the days of 1966 when with my husband Brian and daughters Sharon and Deborah,I often went to Hyde Park on Sunday. We lived in Barking, Essex, so it was not far to go and not expensive as we had a motor bike and side car, which was 15 years old and Brian’s pride and joy. I always called it Tilly. There was one Sunday after the day in the park when, with thermos and food, we were waiting to cross the main road to leave and as always there was a lot of traffic. As we waited, we could see to the other side, where there was a very large Mercedes Benz car show room, with its wonderful new cars behind closed glass door, its private forecourt empty, and there was Tilly, parked in front of the doors, on its own. Brian looked over and said,” Now, I think that is a wonderful sight”.

By Eleanor Wood

Diary Dates

Tina is organizing a supper & quiz night on Wednesday, October 26th. at El Bolero.

The Group Leaders & committee reward bash is on October 12th.

The Christmas lunch which replaces the December General Meeting will be on December the 8th.

Thank you, Tina

Finally, thank you, Peter Barton, for all the time you spend rescuing me from the computer!