

# U3A Calpe NEWSLETTER

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## June Lunch

We will be holding a 'Lunch at the Beach' (swimming optional!) after our June meeting on Thursday 13th June.

This will be held at Exotic on La Fossa beach (near the rock) and will cost €10 for a choice of any 2 starters, mains or desserts, and includes a drink.

Please contact Joy Lally to book your place on 96 649 8681 or [lallyandjoy@hotmail.com](mailto:lallyandjoy@hotmail.com)

Hello and welcome to our May Newsletter.

This month we are delighted to announce that this month our speaker will be Geoff Woodward and his talk is entitled 'The History of Gata de Gorgos'.

Please can we remind you to make sure you have registered your email address details with us, or if you think you have already done so, to check that the email contact information we already have on file is correct.

You can check this information with our membership secretary by either emailing her: [osborne.val@gmail.com](mailto:osborne.val@gmail.com) or seeing Val Osborne at the membership desk at any of our U3A general meetings.

U3A Calpe has already started sending out the newsletter by email and we want to ensure that it is delivered to our members' correct email addresses.

Also, don't forget to keep your articles and reports coming in for

further newsletters so that our fellow members can keep up to date with your news.

Remember, this is your newsletter, for the members, by the members.

## Coming events

The next General Meeting will be **Thursday, 9th May 2013** in the **Ifach Hotel, Salon Mare Nostrum** at 10:00 for 10:30 AM.

Will members kindly note that as of last month, our U3A General Meetings will be held at the Ifach Hotel, in their Salon Mare Nostrum room.

We will be holding our June meeting there and that will be our last meeting before the summer break. General meetings will resume in September at a venue to be announced at a later date.

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## Website News

### President's Blog

As some of you may already know, our President, John Pickford, has started up a webpage within our U3A website for his blog.

This page is designed to give members up to date news regarding the U3A and Calpe.

Why not go and take a look at it and add your own comments and ideas for interesting stories regarding the U3A Calpe? You can find the presidents blog at <http://www.u3acalpe.com/blog/>

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## Travel and Culture

### Viva España

Sunday 2nd June 2013

A journey into passion, fire and grace, coach to pick you up, lunch & their flamenco show.

We now have 46 people attending this event, including 8 non-members who are paying a premium price.

Only a few places are left for this trip so book now to avoid disappointment!

The cost is €35 (€37 for guests). Our coach leaves the Esmeralda at 12.30pm, and after enjoying cava, lunch with wine and the flamenco show we will return at about 5.30pm.

### Cordoba and Seville

3rd – 7th June 2013

Cost: €390 per person

This 5 day trip includes 4 nights accommodation on a full board basis with water and wine.

We need further support of this trip in order to make it viable so please book as soon as possible.

Cordoba, Mezquita, Mosque and the Plazo del Potro then on to Seville's Cathedral and bell tower, El Alcazar and not forgetting this is the home of Gipsy Flamenco!

### Alternative Eastern Med Cruise – Barcelona Departure

This trip is going well with bookings that have been coming in, so if you are interested, please don't leave it too late as the offer must close on the 31st of May!

For further details of these trips please contact John Pickford, Travel Co-ordinator: **96 583 4904** and [johnpickfordtravel@gmail.com](mailto:johnpickfordtravel@gmail.com)

Rod Anderton, Culture Coordinator, is on **96 583 2081** and [rodanderton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rodanderton@yahoo.co.uk)

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### Have a Giggle

If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

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## Groups News

### Choir

A reminder that the U3A Choir has now recommenced rehearsals. If you would like to join them, go along to the *Salon Blau* at the *Casa de Cultura* from 6PM on a Tuesday – all are welcome.

### Dance Fitness

Giovanna Wallis has now started her new Dance Fitness group. The next class will be on Monday 6th May. The class will meet at the Bolero Restaurant on La Fossa beach at 1PM

for a 1:15PM start. The class will be an hour and a half.

Why not go along and give it a try!?

Also, Giovanna is now looking for a new space to hold this class, as the Bolero will no longer be available as of the middle of May. Let her know if you have any ideas!

Call Giovanna on 96 583 3197 or 634 347 937 to book your place.

### **Guitar Lessons**

The bad news is, as you may know, the class is suspended till the end of May or perhaps early June. Liz and I are in the U.K. for some medical stuff. I will contact participants on our return.

The class is doing really well. Every one is enthusiastic and now we've put a little work into our chord "tool box" we're ready to have some fun, learning how to play our favourite tunes. I've had suggestions of material from students and although "Bohemian Rhapsody" might be a little ambitious I think "Hotel California" and "House of the Rising Sun" are definite possibilities.

I played a few tunes at the April U3A meeting which resulted in signing up some more potential students. Not wanting to make the class too big for individual attention, I'll probably run another one in tandem. If you'd like to have a go, you don't need to buy an instrument first. Try a class with one of mine and then make the decision.

Another idea: If you have a guitar that you don't play and have no further use for, perhaps you could donate or sell it to a new student? I'll be glad to pass it on even if it needs a little restoration.

If you have any questions or need help, email me at:

[retromusic@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:retromusic@hotmail.co.uk) or call (after 1st June) 96 583 9581

### **Spanish Classes**

Due to cancellations, we can now offer further placements for beginners on a Friday morning at 9:30AM. If this would be of interest to you, please contact Jan Newark on 96 583 6815.

### **Tenpin Bowling**

A new format for this group!

We will meet at the lanes in Moraira on Thursday 23rd May for a 7PM prompt start. We will now be playing 2 games and prizes will still be up for grabs! The new cost is €8 per person.

There will be another meeting on 20th June and then we will have our subsidised social event before we break up for the summer.

Book with Giovanna Wallis on 96 583 3197 or [editor@u3acalpe.com](mailto:editor@u3acalpe.com)

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### **Member News**

#### **Christmas at Guardamar – by Norman Westworth**

23rd/27th December (5 days/4 nights) and similar to last year. This trip is not an official U3A event but known as "Sunshine Calpe Club"! For further details contact Norman Westworth on 96 583 2623 or [sunshinecalpe@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinecalpe@gmail.com)

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#### **To Go or Not to Go?**

*By: Clare Kennedy*

Oh! Who wants to be in England  
When no sun is there  
Whoever wakes in England  
Finds some morning – unaware  
That the F.T Index has slipped a point  
It'll soon be legal to smoke a joint!  
Whilst lumbers on the poll tax row

In England now!

And after Cameron then who follows?  
When no houses sell – so no-one  
borrows  
It's the wise bird who flies to a  
southern land  
With golf club, sun oil and phrase  
book to hand  
Then just for a visit he'll gladly go  
Back to dear ol' England now!

Apologies to Browning!

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## Reports

### Event Report: Inter-U3A Quiz Night

*By: Joy Lally*

On Friday 12th April, an intrepid party of 24 Calpe U3A members set off for *Bar Nou* in Senija to take part in a Quiz competition against members of Val de Pop U3A.

The quiz-masters were husband and wife team Derek and Anne Martyr, who had produced the quiz questions, conducted the quiz, and who, in due course, marked all the papers, totted up the scores, and even conducted 'Stand up and be counted' mini-quiz sessions at intervals during the evening for 'spot prizes'. Bev Taylor from Calpe U3A won a box of chocolates in one of these sessions, so well done Bev for being the 'last one standing'!

In the 10 section pencil and paper quiz, cash prizes were awarded to the top 3 teams. First and third places went to teams from Val de Pop, but Calpe U3A team 'Lucy Lastic' took second prize of €20! Big congratulations to Chris and Hilary Hare, Janet Bond and Audrey Wildman for maintaining the pride of Calpe U3A, and can we please book you for the return match?

When the total scores were added up for the 6 teams from each U3A, Val de Pop took the honours, winning by only 9 points.

All of the participants had a thoroughly good time (and a very good fish & chip supper!) and are keen to have a re-match, with U3A Calpe being the hosts next time. Chris Hare assures me that 'next time we will definitely win!'

So watch this space for details of our return fixture, and get your name down bright and early if you want to take part, and restore the pride of U3A Calpe!

### Event Report: Group Leaders Thank You Dinner

*By: Joy Lally*

On Saturday 27th April, the group leaders and committee members from the U3A Calpe enjoyed an excellent meal at the newly refurbished Gran Sol restaurant.

Everyone was welcomed by Vice-President Tina Wallis, who said that without our hardworking group leaders, there would be no U3A.

Music was provided by DJ Gordon Brocklehurst. We had some gentle background music during the meal, and then the tempo was raised so that the more energetic of us could 'dance off the calories'!

We also enjoyed some very good Karaoke performances from Nick Green, Giovanna Wallis and Keith Cherry, with a special Everly Brothers tribute sung by Nick Green and Michael Scannell!

So a good night was had by all, and if you'd like to be included next year, all you need to do is start up a new group of your own!