

# U3A Calpe NEWSLETTER

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## Christmas Party

Don't forget to book for our Christmas Party to be held at the Bolero on Saturday 8th December, 7 for 7:30 PM.

Details/booking with Tina Wallis,  
96 583 3197 or  
[tinamaria19@gmail.com](mailto:tinamaria19@gmail.com)

Hello and welcome to our November Newsletter.

Many of our members may have already experienced some heavy rain this month, but it is good for our gardens after the extreme heat of the summer. Let us hope that the predicted *gota fria* does not have its epicentre here in Calpe!

We would still like to re-iterate that no newsletter would happen without articles and news to put in it. It is your Newsletter and its interest and publication is dependent upon your input.

Amongst our membership we are really blessed to have a wealth of experience of the business world, travel, artistic talent etc. There must be so many amusing anecdotes waiting to be told. Why not pen a short article for others to share about your experiences?

## Coming events

The next General Meeting will be **Thursday, 17th January 2013** in the *Casa de Cultura* at 10:00 for 10:30 AM so please make a note of the date in your next year's diary.

As last year, we will not be having a General Meeting in December but we will still be publishing a Newsletter to be put onto the website and distributed at the Christmas Party.

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## Website Update – Health Pages

By: *Pat Spencer*

You will be pleased to know that the information regarding a new web page with information on health and related topics is now in the process of being put onto the U3A web site.

Topics will include the following: The Spanish Healthcare Administration, Patient Assistance & Information Service (SAIP), and Your SIP Card. Other sections will be put on over time.

As you will appreciate there is a considerable amount of work involved, in both writing and publishing this information.

I do hope that you find it helpful and interesting. I would welcome any comments and anything you would like included.

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## Members' News

As we informed you last month, Giovanna Wallis has taken on a new position within the U3A. In addition to updating our Web site when asked to do so, she will also be editing our newsletter.

As you will see in this newsletter, she has had a great response from our U3A members who have been writing reports for trips and events going on in the U3A.

However, we need to keep up this enthusiasm and we are now asking for articles and news to go into the January Newsletter.

Please send any items you would like to contribute to future editions (preferably as a Word document attached to an e-mail) to [editor@u3acalpe.com](mailto:editor@u3acalpe.com)

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## Travel and Culture

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)

## Murcia Shopping Trip

December 4th – Departing at 8:30AM  
IKEA/Primark - €8

This popular trip books up fast! Get rid of your winter blues with a shopping trip!

## Pantomime

January 2013

Rod Anderton will have further details at next months general meeting

## Russia – St Petersburg and Moscow

We would like to offer members the chance to visit Russia, but before doing so need to know the level of interest in such a trip. Upon receipt of this information we will be able to release the full details, to include costs, for your consideration. This trip is being planned for the end of August or early September.

Don't forget details for all of our trips can be found on our website: [www.u3acalpe.com](http://www.u3acalpe.com)

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## Groups News

### Bridge

Unfortunately the Bridge group is currently suspended as there has been a recent lack of players.

If anyone wants a game at the Galatemar Hotel on a Monday evening from 7:30 PM, please contact Tina Wallis on 96 583 3197.

## Flower Arranging

Flower Arranging is a very relaxing hobby. The object for each lesson is to produce a floral design to be enjoyed in your home by you and your family.

The group meets every other Monday at the Bolero Restaurant on La Fossa beach from 12:45 – 2:45PM.

The next meeting will be on Monday 26th November when we will be designing ideas for Christmas.

Please contact Tina Wallis on 96 583 3197 or [tinamaria19@gmail.com](mailto:tinamaria19@gmail.com) for more information and a list of requirements for the next class

## J.U.G.S (Just Us Girls)

The next meeting will be a lunch on Thursday 6th December, at the Aguamarina Restaurant, 1 for 1:30 PM

Please contact Sue Longley on 96 583 3829 to choose your menu and book.

## New Discussion Group

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 29th November. The agenda has not yet been decided.

Please contact Peter Purvey on [petercalpe@gmail.com](mailto:petercalpe@gmail.com) to book your place.

## Spanish Classes

Manuela has agreed to start a new beginners class on a Friday morning at 9:30AM. A minimum of 4 people is required to start the course, growing to a maximum of 6.

As Jan Newark has now taken back the job of co-ordinating the Spanish classes, please contact her on 96 583 6815 to book your place. And with classes at only €2 a session, it's a credit crunch winner!

## Swimming

We now have 3 lanes allocated at the municipal pool on Wednesday mornings 10-11AM.

This is a great idea on how to stay fit through the winter months.

Please contact Nicola Martinez on 96 583 2453 for further details

## Tenpin Bowling

This group has now had 2 very successful meetings and it all takes place in Moraira on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00 for 7:30PM.

Next meet is on 15th November.

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

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## November Quiz Time

Anagrams of famous UK landmarks:

1. A RAW SANDHILL
2. LENGHTEN ROOF HAT
3. HONEST GENE
4. CAST GENIUS AWAY
5. WE SAT BY TRIBESMEN

All answers at the end of the Newsletter.

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## Reports

### Group Report: Ballroom Dancing

By: *Paula Martin*

The Ballroom dancing started on Thursday 20th September 2012 at Marcia's Dance Studio under the tuition of Marcia, helped by Katie and Marcia's daughter Phadrea. We started by learning the following dances: Waltz, Social Foxtrot, Chachacha and Paso Doble.

Some of us were better than others but we all persevered. By the second week Marcia had introduced the

Quickstep which we all practised for a couple of weeks.

I was looking forward to the local Moors and Christian fiesta to have a go at the Paso Doble which the Spanish dance in the street, but as we all know the rain defeated us on the outside dancing. So I am still looking forward to dancing the Paso Doble at the next fiesta!

Last week Marcia sprang it on us that as Christmas is now approaching we need to learn Rock 'n' Roll. Some of the group were already quite experienced at this style of dance, but the rest of us struggled through it and I am sure we will be able to manage a few Rock 'n' Roll numbers by the time the festive season is here.

The class is doing very well and everybody is really enjoying themselves. There are a few places available if anybody else would like to join us. Please call me on 96 583 7678 for further details/bookings.

### **Event Report: Quiz Night**

By: *Tina Wallis*

On Friday 12th October, at The Bolero Restaurant, 11 teams competed against each other to see who were going to be the U3A Quiz Champions 2012.

The winners were "Racquets." Congratulations to Dave, John, Roger, Ann, Hillary and Jean, who won the quiz with a total of 62 points.

Runners up were "Walkers.com" with 59 points and 3rd place went to "Norfolk and Chance" with 52 points.

1st, 2nd and 3rd placed teams went home with some splendid prizes.

All that took part enjoyed supper with wine. It was a most enjoyable evening and fun was had by all that attended.

Many thanks to our Quiz Master, John Pickford and his team of helpers.

### **Trip Report: Honey Festival**

By: *John & Linda Totten*

On Saturday 13th October, 48 eager U3A honey tasters boarded a luxury coach bound for the town of Ayora (population 990) which is about 60kms south west of Valencia. Here the annual Honey *feria* is held, and as there are around 100 beekeepers in the valley. That's one heck of a lot of bees!

Our group (plus about 2000 Spaniards) descended on the town on the Saturday night, for an orgy of food and drink, available from a multitude of stalls, some of which had honey related wares. Having bought our ticket packs, coupons were exchangeable for any food or drink on offer, whenever the fancy took you.

Our accommodation was at the Hotel Cofrentes a few kilometres away from Ayora. This pueblo style hotel offered rooms of many styles, scattered around a central dining hall and other facilities. Our package included use of the golf facility, and the thermal spas which were lovely. Sunday morning saw us on a luxury 1.5 hr boat trip up the Rio Cabriel which was really great, before our short coach ride home.

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### **Answers to Quiz**

1. HADRIANS WALL
2. ANGEL OF THE NORTH
3. STONEHENGE
4. GIANTS CAUSEWAY
5. WESTMINSTER ABBEY