

# U3A Calpe NEWSLETTER

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## Quiz Night

We will be holding our annual Quiz Night on Friday 18th October at 7 for 7:30pm.

This will be held at The Bolero and will cost €10 to include supper and prizes.

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 October newsletter.

Who would have thought that our good weather would continue right up to the start of this month!

Now that the weather is changing, we hope that you all manage to stay dry and warm in the coming months.

The most important news we had to give to you after our summer break was that we have **changed our bank details.**

We have moved our bank accounts away from Barclays as they closed their Calpe branch in August and wanted to move us to Benidorm!

Our U3A bank accounts are now transferred to:

**BBK Kutxabank, Calle Corbeta 13 03710 Calpe.**

## Coming events

Our next general meeting will be on **Thursday 17th October 2013** at the Ifach Hotel, Salon Mare Nostrum at 10:00 for 10:30 AM.

At this month’s meeting, we are delighted to announce that we have 2 speakers, Carole Saunders and Gema Rodriguez, coming along to give us a talk about The Maite Boronat day centre for disabled young adults. This centre is extremely under funded and there will be an opportunity for our members to purchase the items that the day centre attendees make.

Our AGM will be on Thursday 21st November at the Casa de Cultura at 10:00 for 10:30 AM

Please note that this is the **3rd Thursday** in the month.

## Local News

### English Classes

*From: Ann Dyer*

Native British speakers needed to help at English Classes for the Spanish unemployed in Calpe.

Classes will be on a Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9.45am - 1.00pm, at the Casa de Cultura Calpe. Classes start from Tuesday 15th October.

These courses are run totally for free by British volunteers. If you have a spare hour or two on either of these days, and you would like to help please contact us on 634 379 938 or email [inglesatcasa@gmail.com](mailto:inglesatcasa@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook - [inglesatcasa](https://www.facebook.com/inglesatcasa).

You do not have to speak Spanish to help. Go on do something different this winter...

### Interesting facts about Our Peñon

*From: Tina Wallis*

- The Moors called it the "Northern Rock".
- It juts out from the sea and is connected to the beach by an isthmus.
- The limestone mass penetrates one kilometre into the sea and is the highest rock in the Mediterranean ocean.
- It has been a recognised nature reserve for more than 20 years and is home to a rich array of wildlife.
- Climbers venture to the top where from a height of over 300 metres, they can enjoy some of the best views in the region.

## Travel and Culture

### Eastern Med Cruise Valencia & Barcelona 26/27<sup>th</sup> Oct 2013

Both of these cruises are fully booked, 101 members are really getting excited as the departure date gets ever nearer.

### La Zenia Boulevard Shopping Trip

A travel group sponsored trip on Friday 22nd November.

Cost for members only €5

Non-members will be charged €8. No refunds

### Alicante City Shopping Trip

A travel group sponsored trip on Wednesday 11th December.

Cost for members only €4

Non-members will be charged €7. No refunds

Both of these shopping trips will book up quickly, so get your seat booked as soon as possible!

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)

## Groups News

### Flower Arranging

This group, run by Tina Wallis, recommenced on Monday 23rd September at 10:30am. Towards the summer break this group moved to its new home of Bar Topacio III on La Fossa beach.

There will be 6 classes between September and Christmas. 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.

## Canasta

The U3A Calpe canasta group meets weekly on a Thursday at the home of Sandra Llewellyn.

Canasta is not a difficult game and can be played as solo, pairs or sixes.

All beginners are welcome, also seasoned players but the emphasis is on light hearted fun and getting together socially.

If you would like to come along and give it a go, please contact Sandra on 96 574 7221 for information and directions to her home.

## 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

We meet at the lanes in Moraira for a 7pm prompt start. We play 2 games and prizes are up for grabs! The cost is €8 per person.

As of this month, we will be holding the meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month (10th October, 14th November).

This will mean that if you wish to attend the November meeting, you will need to pay up front at the October general meeting.

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

## Member News

### Elections for Committee posts at the AGM

We are required by our Constitution to give 21 days notice of the

upcoming election process at our AGM on 21st November.

Nomination forms for the posts will be available at the next General Meeting and should be returned to our post box within Suite 416, Total Postal, Calle Corbeta 10, Calpe 03710 by close of play on Friday 8th November please, or as an alternative you may give it to any member of the Committee.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but still wish to be considered, then our U3A Secretary, Janet Bond, will be happy to email you a copy.

It's very **important** to have the form seconded or it will not be **valid**.

Committee posts which will be vacant are for a '**Social Events Organiser**' and for a '**Groups Co-ordinator**'. However please note all posts are of course available to be contested if you wish to participate.

We have had many new members join Calpe U3A since the AGM last year and it would be good to see some new blood joining the Committee.

Please note in the event of more nominations than posts we will, of course, have a voting process that will take part during the meeting.

### Limerick Competition at the AGM

Are you a budding poet? Or perhaps you might be a poet and you just don't know it!?

We are asking all of our U3A members to submit a limerick for a competition to be judged by you, the members at the AGM.

Submissions are to be emailed or handed in to any of our committee members by no later than the 11th November please.

## “Something to Do!”

*From: Peter Purvey*

There's always something to do!  
There's always something that must  
be done  
Right now and not in a minute or two,  
Be it washing and ironing or feeding  
the cat  
Or shopping and cooking and then  
washing up,  
There's always something to do.

There's always something to do,  
There's never a moment to stand and  
stare  
To cut your nails or brush your hair,  
The kids and the dog have run riot  
again,  
The fire's gone out and my back's a  
pain,  
There's always something to do.

There's always something you'd like  
to do,  
Such as put up your feet for half an  
hour  
And read a book or take a shower,  
There's always something you'd like  
to do.

There's always something that should  
have been done,  
A present bought or an errand run  
If memory served as well as when  
young,  
There's always something that should  
have been done.

There's always something that could  
have been done  
To help avoid the trouble to come,  
Still, better perhaps for us not to  
know  
That something could have been done.

One day, no doubt, there'll be  
nothing to do,  
And we'll sit and stare and wonder  
anew,  
At all those things we managed to do!

## Social Event News

*From: Joy Lally*

We will be holding a Christmas  
Dinner Dance on 5th December at  
the Hotel Diamante Beach, 7.00 for  
7.30 pm. Calpe U3A will be  
**sponsoring** part of the cost of this  
event.

The cost of tickets for members is  
only €25 with non-members to pay  
€32. This will include a 3 course  
menu with wine and water.

Entertainment will be provided by  
Duo Intermezzo. Cabaret show.  
Remember to bring your dancing  
shoes.

Dress code: Formal.

You can make your reservation for  
this event that is sure to be popular  
with Joy Lally at a General meeting  
or by telephoning 96 649 8681 or  
646729 794.

Email [lallyandjoy@hotmail.com](mailto:lallyandjoy@hotmail.com).

### Quiz Match U3A Calpe v U3A Val de Pop

In the New Year (probably mid/end  
Jan), we will be arranging and  
hopefully organising a return quiz  
match against U3A Val de Pop (Jalon  
Valley).

They managed to beat us overall last  
time in Senija, and were splendid  
hosts, we would like to return the  
compliment this time by ensuring a  
good turn-out by our quizzers, we  
would like to encourage any of our  
new members to take part, so don't  
be shy if you would like to join in  
then please let us know.

Depending on the success of this  
event we will be challenging some of  
the other U3A branches along the  
Costa Blanca coast.

Full details of this event will be  
posted on the website in due course.