

U3A Denia

Asociación de la
Tercera Edad de Denia
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March 2017 Newsletter

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A Message from the President:

Over ten years ago when our Founder and First President Ian Nixon inaugurated our Association, I suspect that it was done so following many weeks and months of hard work by a relatively small group of people, a degree of trepidation, a small measure of uncertainty, and not a few sleepless nights. It was however a bold initiative, one from which we continue to derive a great deal of pleasure and enjoyment.

Embarking on any project involves facing many challenges and our founder members faced these admirably as witnessed by the success of the Association we have today

As with any venture, this continued success has been due in part to the evolution of the Association. We have for example made decisions to make payments to speakers, to give monetary support to the Groups, and importantly, depending on your perspective, to support two "Good Causes" both of which have enabled the Association to give something back to those in our community who are less fortunate than ourselves.

I am well aware that some of these decisions have not been met with universal acclaim, with some dissent being expressed. It is of course the absolute right of anyone to voice objection to any decision made by the Committee, and I unequivocally support that right. It should however be tempered with some thought being given as to the greater good and reputation of our Association.

I believe that the Association will, and must, continue this very necessary process of evolution, to be outward looking, while respecting the work and dedication of those who have gone before us, to make changes to what some may perceive as "Established Thinking".

The ethos of the Association has not changed since its' foundation, educating, informing, and making new friends. The continued evolution and the adoption of new ideas will ensure our stated aims continue to be adequately achieved in the future

Gordon Clifford
President

News from the Groups:

Allotment Group:



Allotment

Are you fit and active or just enthusiastic
come and enjoy growing your own veg or flower's
3 small plot's left, 8X4 mtr's situated between La Xara and La Sella.
Contact Pauline 965780228

The graphic features five small images: a basket of fresh vegetables including potatoes, carrots, and leafy greens; a close-up of purple flowers; a view of an allotment plot with a pond in the background; a close-up of red flowers; and a close-up of green plants in a raised bed.

Curry Club:

Once again everybody put in 100% and everybody's food was enjoyed by all. Girls power won the day and sent the boys into the kitchen to do the washing up whilst the ladies put their feet up with a glass of wine and tucking into the desserts.



We had a birthday celebration and a new member has joined our club.



Menu: Among a few great dishes we had Thai Chicken curry, Pork Vindaloo and a Vegetable Layer Bake.



The unusual recipe of the Vegetable Layer Bake has been included to show the results of imaginative cooking. It was invented by an Anglo-Indian friend in England and makes a marvelous main dish for a vegetarian meal. Serve with moist pullau rice, bhajis and spicy mango chutney.

Kind regards
Sabine Evans
(Group Leader)

Petanque Group:

"Weather! What Weather?"

Rain, wind and flood have hit the Costa Blanca this winter but nothing stops our players in their endeavour to pip their opponents in the final to become the weekly champions.



As you can see from the photographs someone has been practicing! Should we introduce a handy cap system perhaps. Ha! Ha!

Seriously well done to all our players for coming to the park each week and providing us all with such good competition and friendship, congratulations go to all our winners.

A special thanks to Sandra and Alan for organising the games for so many players during my absence.

Hopefully better weather is with us now, and the almond blossom has been glorious an indication that Summer and better weather is on its way.

Ann Price
Group leader.

petanque@u3adenia.com

Quiz Group:



The U3A Dénia quiz night takes place on the 4th Friday of the month at the Poligono Restaurant in Dénia. The price for the quiz, meal and including prizes is 13 Euros per person.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list for quiz nights please contact Richard quiz@u3adenia.com

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Racketball Group:

We meet every Tuesday at the Squash Court at the Tennis Club de Dénia, subject to confirmation of attendance the weekend prior by email to the Group. Times differ, dependent upon the numbers playing, but we usually play from 0900 to 1100.

Occasionally, new players could arrange a different day/time to play.

Interested Members can come along to have a look at the game, or play, but should contact the Group Leader to confirm times. All Members are happy and able to help others to learn the game.

It is a more gentle version of Squash, played with larger rackets and balls, and is played on a Squash court with similar, simple rules. Rackets and balls are available to have a go, and those continuing to play will be expected to buy their own racket after a few games.

Players need usual kit, and shoes that will not mark the court. The session costs 4 euros, collected on the day. Changing Rooms and Showers are available subject to a 5 euro charge to the Club to receive a Pass Card. A Passport photo is required for this.

Racketball is an excellent way to maintain fitness and activity levels appropriate to our usual age group.

If you would like to join this group or would like further information please contact Brian Sear

racketball@u3adenia.com

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For Sale/Wanted:



garden tools spade fork rake and hoe 10 euros each or 35 euros the lot.



3 sets of darts 10 euros each or 25 euros the lot.



tools spanners 7lb mallet chisels 20 euros the lot

Phone Maureen 966433487
I live in Dénia near the old hospital

For Information:

Guest Speakers

Monthly meetings are on the third Thursday of each month with a break for July and August

In **April** we have Skip Archimedes a motivational life coach coming to speak to us about keeping fit, healthy and happy as we age. His life is a very inspiring story.

May we have a Notary to speak to us and explain some of the legal things we have to deal with.

June Ruby Philpott the geologist will tell us about the geology of detecting and discovery of oil in various parts of the world and the history of how and why it's there.

September we have a retired FIFA professional referee to tell us some interesting stories of his career.

October The Dénia Rock Choir will be here to entertain us.

November David Rohl the well known archaeologist and historian will give a talk on the real story of the Exodus from Egypt.

Hope you can come along to some or all of these events.

Christine Whitelock
Vice president

If you have any questions which you would like to propose to any of our guest speakers please can you let Christine know and she will inform the relevant speaker so that they come to the meeting fully prepared. vice-president@u3adenia.com

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Welsh male voice choir visits Teulada

The Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir are pleased and very proud to welcome from Wales the internationally-renowned Pontarddulais Male Choir and to share the stage with them and Dolce Divas at the Teulada-Moraira Auditori on the 6th May at **9pm**. The Welsh choir will be 80-strong and the local choir should provide another 40 voices, providing a rousing finale when both choirs sing together.

The Pontarddulais Male Choir has achieved prominence through a record 16 first places at the Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales and 2 first places at the Llangollen International Eisteddfod. They have undertaken 13 overseas tours including Canada, United States of America and several European countries.

The Welsh choir is in constant demand for concerts the length and breadth of the United Kingdom, as well as television and radio work. During the 55 years of its existence the choir has raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for charity.

Tickets for this prestigious concert, price 12€, are available online now at instantticket.es, from Teulada Ayuntamiento front desks, the Ayuntamiento Office at Espai La Senieta Theatre in Moraira and the Teulada Auditorio Box Office. Donations from tickets sales will be made to Teulada-Moraira Proteccion Civil, the Alzheimer Centre and Make A Smile.

Asked about the Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir's 10th anniversary year, founder and president Mike Evans said, "The choir has come from very small beginnings in 2007 to a well-respected and constantly improving choir, which has earned its growing reputation and popularity. We look forward to a memorable season."

The choir is also planning an exciting concert at the Cuevas de la Calalveres in Benidoleig on 30th June. The audience will be seated in the open air on what is hoped will be a lovely warm evening, whilst the choir will be singing in the wonderfully acoustic entrance to this historic cave. Tickets 10€, supporting single-parent charity Guardian Angels and Proteccion Civil, Benidoleig. For reservations, please call 965 744 577 or email cbmalevoicechoir@gmail.com

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Pontarddulais Male Choir

with guests



COSTA BLANCA MALE VOICE CHOIR

and Dolce Divas

Teulada-Moraira Auditori

6th May 2017 - 9pm

Tickets €12, available online at instantticket.es, from Teulada Ayuntamiento front desks, Ayuntamiento Office at Espai La Senieta Theatre, Moraira and Teulada Auditorio Box Office

Supporting Teulada-Moraira Protección Civil, the Alzheimer Centre and Make A Smile

