

#### March 2018 Newsletter

#### The Committee:

President: Ken Yendell

Vice President: Christine Whitelock

Treasurer: Roger Fell Ex Officio: Phillip Johnson Secretary: Mike Blower Ex Officio: Margaret Kelly

### A Message from the President:

Following the cheating revelations of the Australian Cricket team I would like to inform you all that I am reverting to my roots and will be supporting England during the next Ashes series.

For those who didn't attend the members meeting last week I commend to you to check out 'phrase passwords'. Among lots of interesting facts about cyber fraud this particular nugget could be very helpful to those amongst us who worry about 'failing' memory. It is a way of helping to remember those most important passwords. Speak to other members who attended or check it out on the web.

We are hoping to have a couple of group leaders 'selling their wares' at each members meeting in future. Next month Richard will lead the discussion on 'The Quiz'. Any others keen to advertise?

A member emailed me and suggested a drop-in coffee / tea morning and/or afternoon for those members fancying a chat and some company. The committee thinks this is a good idea. Initially on a weekly basis at different venues to suit all members. Philip Johnson has been put in charge to find venues and to start the ball rolling. Anybody interesting in running this as a group activity please contact Philip or myself.

The committee is considering a session on 'navigating our own website', to resurrect the computer group. Would those interested please contact me. Such a group would be particularly useful for the not so computer literate. Do we need 'computer buddies' for those without computers/ipads?

I attended a meeting of various charities this week to discuss the idea of an English/Spanish speaking Social Worker for the British Community in Marina Alta. It is very early days in the discussion, but as we progress I shall keep you all informed.

On the search for a new almoner, it was thought that our original suggestion may have looked like a full time job and may have scared people away. So how about an Almoners Group, a pool of members willing to drive people to hospital, visit the sick and assist the bereaved. Any takers? Anyone interested please contact me

So onwards and onwards and I look forward to meeting many of you at the next Members Meeting on 19 April.

Keep smiling <a href="mailto:president@u3adenia.com">president@u3adenia.com</a>

## **News from the Groups:**

## **Allotment Group:**

Hi folks.



All members are now welcoming spring and the sun, with grass cutting, strimming weeding and now planting ready for our produce for the summer.



Lesley has her shorts and bikini top on helping Kathleen tie up her sprouting beans, while the boys ferry bricks to the area designated for the new shed, for which John has kindly given us the space - spring project supervised by our neighbour John across the road who helps with building at Scan El Vergel.

All eleven plots are now full, welcoming Derek, Barbara and Andy our latest allotmentiers, and 2 names on the waiting list. Each plot is looking good and now eagerly waiting to get planting.





Please feel free to visit for coffee Monday and Thursday the kettle is almost always on.

For directions please contact Pauline: paulinewheeler@hotmail.co.uk

After the success of last year we will be having another open day to be decided later on in the year so watch this space.

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#### **Petangue Group:**

Weather conditions continue to be changeable but luckily it hasn't affected our Tuesday morning Pétanque games.

Our group has the good fortune of having willing members to deputise and take over in my absence.

So I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Sandra and Alan and Freda and Phil for taking charge of recent games.

The competition between our members is as keen as ever and the winners of recent matches can be seen in the photographs below. "



## **Quiz Group:**

The U3A Dénia quiz night takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at the Poligono Restaurant in Dénia except in December. 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 see the webpages for contact details

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# **Travel Group**

Please	click	on	the	link	on	the	U3A	Dénia	home	page to	view	the	latest	Travel	News

### For Sale/Wanted:

Nov. 2005 Ford Focus 2.0 TDCi, 139,000 Km, 3 doors, Metallic black, sunroof, cruise control, alloys, 4 new tyres, FSH, VGC,



€ 2950. ITV date is now Nov. 18

Contact: 966427467 (Dénia) 629690722 Chris Whitehead

# Speakers at Monthly Members Meetings for 2018:

April. Heidi Tryland. Speaking of osteopathic treatment.

May. Pedro Dominguez Crego from Cruz Roja.

Available help and resources from the Red Cross.

June Paul Whitfield. Ex fire officer.

About his experiences in the fire service.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Good friends are like quilts - they age with you, and yet, they never lose their warmth. Take good care of them!!!!