

U3A Denia

Asociación de la
Tercera Edad de Denia
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April 2018 Newsletter

The Committee:

President: Ken Yendell

Vice President: Christine Whitelock Treasurer: Phillip Johnson

Secretary: Sylvana Scannapiego Ex Officio: Margaret Kelly

Ex Officio: Pam McGowan

A Message from the President:

Welcome to all new members reading this, my second message. I am sure you will not only enjoy the main reason you have joined but hopefully you will find many other interesting activities and to meet some interesting people. So welcome.

Spend time perusing the various groups all listed on our website - u3adenia.com and also where you can contact the committee members and group leaders. You would like to attempt something new and there is not a group? Tell us and we will find a knowledgeable person in the field to start one. Or, are you the knowledgeable person and there is not a group. You are now a Group Leader!

Well, an unexpected first presidential month!

With a nod to Oscar Wilde

To lose one committee member may be regarded as a misfortune; to lose two committee members looks like carelessness

So we say farewell to hard working committee members Mike as Secretary and Roger as Treasurer. So don't hesitate to thank them both when you bump into them at Petanque and Bridge. Both have helped the club expand and grow over some 8 years and leave a legacy to be proud of.

The volunteer replacements are already well into their roles trying to emulate their predecessors:-

Sylvana Scannapiego as Secretary and Pam McGowan as ex officio as well as Membership Secretary. Yes, I also carelessly lost the Membership Secretary. Philip Johnson has been promoted to Treasurer and will also take on the role as Webmaster.

A new female dominated committee had its first meeting last week and amongst many topics discussed I highlight the following.

- a member suggested a members lucky draw for 2 tickets for a day trip the cost of these two trips was approved and the draw will be held at the May Members Meeting. The winner must be present and available for the trip to Familia Castano Vinyard on May 18th.
- There was an ongoing discussion for the need of an Almoner It was agreed that we require a group leader to be in place with a number of volunteers. The leader would be a coordinator with a group to give assistance as required. Any volunteers?
- coffee mornings; we will have a trial run, information will be circulated
- the group leaders lunch will be held in May. Date and venue TBC
- the Facebook page will be closed and a discussion paper on GoogleGroup was circulated
- the role of publicity Manager was discussed and considered. The role description will be presented at the next committee meeting
- a possible picnic? A check with the Ayuntamiento regarding council regulations will be needed
- the bank documentation should be completed this week so we will be able to pay people and accept your money

Suggestions received for new groups which require Group Leaders. If you are an organiser and would like to volunteer, let me know as the committee is happy to help with finding venues and sourcing supplies if required.

Sunday Lunch
 Saturday Board Games
 Craft
 Sewing and Knitting
 Computers including Mobile Phones & the Internet
 Cookery - Chinese and Indian

Capella group, we have a leader looking for interested voices please email your interest to the secretary

The members meeting was preceded with a slide show of a lot of happy and smiling children at the Valencia Bioparc. The cost was covered from a fine donation from Jalon Valley HELP with a top up from you members. 23 children from the Residential Children Care Home took a day off school and really enjoyed the 'educational' day out. (at the meeting, I mistakenly named the children from elsewhere, I apologise for that)

Neil, your Intercambio leader explained some forthcoming changes to the postal services. See the full text at the end of this message**

Angela who started and led the Art Group for many years with enthusiasm as well as being a tutor, sadly has had to stand down. Thank you Angela and welcome Anne Mitchell. A new venue has been organised at the Dénia Tennis Club with a new start time of 2.30pm Thursdays. So a quick bite at Hungry Jacks, purchase a few items at Aldi and off for an afternoon daub!

A member has informed me that it is a requirement to list the alternative drivers for your cars. This form needs to be kept in the vehicle. I will place a PDF of the form on the website for downloading and printing. The form is in both Spanish and English and pretty self-explanatory.

Last but not least, we expect to be up to date with new member, payments and numbers next week. Watch this space.....

Thank you to everyone who donated to the two good causes and thank you for the milk, food and bedding. All much appreciated by the receivers.

Our next meeting will be Thursday 17 May at 11am at the Casa de Cultura

Keep smiling
president@u3adenia.com

**Changes to the Postal Service

The Spanish postal service Correos is making changes to the service it provides to areas that consist of low density housing; that is to say, residential areas outside of the urban nucleus of towns and cities. These changes will be implemented from October 2018. This is happening nationally and the council for each village, town and city will have to decide what action, if any, they wish to take to mitigate the situation for their citizens.

For those living within Dénia the latest information we have is as follows:-
If you live within the main urban area your postal service will not be affected.
(there is no map yet available to define the boundary but we can speculate that this means the area inside the following streets/places:- Joan Fuster, Torrecremada, McDonalds, Miguel Hernandez)

Those living in urbanisations outside of this perimeter who have a bank of postboxes (buzones) will continue to receive deliveries but you should check with your administrator that the arrangement and numbering of these buzones complies with the requirements of Correos.

Those living in individual houses or villas outside of the urban nucleus with their own postboxes will lose their postal service from October 2018. In response to this Dénia Council has decided to construct 12 banks of postboxes geographically distributed around it's area. Within the next few weeks residents should receive a letter from Denia Council informing them:-

Of the location of these postboxes

How residents can purchase one (it will be a one-off cost not a rent)

The cost

The period of time within which residents should decide whether or not to purchase one

The specific information which will need to be added to their postal addresses

Residents who do not wish to use this service will need to rent their own P.O.Box

Associations like the U3A will receive further details from Denia Council when it is available and this will be circulated to members.

News from the Groups:

Art Group:



Please Note New Venue: Dénia U3a ART GROUP is now at the Dénia Tennis Club.

It has private car parks at both ends. So from Dénia 'Calle 'Miguel Hernandez' CV -723 at traffic lights opposite the Gym, turn into Cami Llavador.

To enter the rear car Park go along to the Tennis Club Notice which is a dead end Road. > Straight ahead.

Or - go along the C/Assegador Marjal and opposite Aldi is the entrance to another car park.

We are at the back just outside the Tennis Club Bar/restaurant.

Join Us Every Thursday (Jueves) for 2 hours relaxing drawing or painting. - "Beginners and experts" all welcome.

Starts at 14:30hrs to approx 16:45hrs

Note: There is NO group in JULY and August.

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Backgammon Group:



This months BUMA Trophy went to Maggie Whitmore, (1st Lady winner) complete with wine and Easter eggs. This prestigious award as seen, was presented by team leader Dave Thomas on behalf of Neil Parkin who was last months winner.



The group has progressed rapidly since the weekly introduction of the doubling cube and the enthusiasm from Angie to encourage the use of the cube, although this same encouragement has not been shared by everyone due to only one winner so far.....Ah well I enjoyed the wine.....
Dave, Team leader.

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Curry Club:





I have 2 new ladies taking over the curry club whilst I am in the UK for the next 6 month.

Aly - 0034 665436801

Barbara - 0034 744481648

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Cycling Group:

What a lovely day today for our ride out to Oliva beach.
For our start. At John's Cafe de cyclista bar Las Marinas was really busy. It's hotting up folks on the cycling front. Young and old. !!

As usual, I put my bike in the boot of the car and start my ride from the cafe.



The routes we know are pleasantly through the pretty Orange groves. All ages welcome.

Regards Barbara Doms

See webpages for contact details

Fishing Group:

The fishing group continue to enjoy their weekly day out though the weather of late has made us change our regular Thursday to whenever we can get a good days fishing in. Though overall numbers of fish caught is down but there are still some nice specimen being caught. At the moment we are trying out some different baits and techniques on the river.

Any new members are always welcome to join us for a days fishing and we can help with information regards licences etc. The members are a very amicable bunch, and will always give advice to any new members joining us.

Below is photo of carp caught on Friday 13th April .



Regards Derek Fry
Please see the website for contact details.

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Petanque Group:

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Quiz Group:

QUIZ

The U3A Dénia quiz night takes place on the 4th 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

Rummikub Group:



Again, about 22 of us enjoyed an evening of Rummikub at the Peking Chinese Restaurant in Patricio Ferrandiz, Dénia on Tuesday 10th April. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm.

Rummikub, for those that have never played, is a game similar to the card game of Rummy, but uses tiles instead of cards and colours instead of suits. There are generally four to a table and play is individual rather than in teams and each game last for about 20 minutes to half an hour. At 8 o'clock we down tiles and eat a Chinese meal amongst old and new friends and all in all it's a very enjoyable evening. If you would like to play, whether a newbe or a rusty, please come along to our next session on Tuesday 24th April. You will be made to feel welcome and I know will enjoy the whole evening.

See the website for contact details

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Travel Group

Below is a report from Liz Jones who was the trip organiser for the recent very successful trip to **Mar Menor and Cartagena.**

We left Dénia on the Sunday morning and stopped for a couple of hours free time in Torrevieja at the playa. Then we carried on to Los Narejos Spa hotel, Mar Menor. A lovely hotel very comfortable, friendly and the food was excellent.



Monday we went to La Zenia shopping centre. There's something for everyone there and we returned to the hotel laden and exhausted.

Tuesday we headed off early to Cartagena. And there we met our excellent guide, Marian, who spoke excellent English. She spent some hours taking us round a fascinating city. History made easy!



She even introduced us to a new coffee, Asiatico, which you will only find around the Cartagena area. It has coffee, liquor 43, brandy, condensed milk and cinnamon. Delicious according to those who tried it.

Our final day, Wednesday, we went to the liquor 43 factory.



Another very interesting tour finding out about this very popular Spanish liqueur. Finishing off with a tasting....and no small samples here.

From there we went on to Santa Pola where we had some free time in the sunshine, before heading back to Dénia.

Our driver Salva , looked after us very well throughout our trip. We had fun with him practising his English phrases.

Home again, having had a really good time on an enjoyable trip. One I'm sure we will include on a future agenda.

Below is a report from me on the recent trip to **Albufera:**

On Thursday 19th April 44 members went on a day trip to Albufera. We visited a typical Valencian house called a Barracca where we were met by our guides Jaume and Jose



Our guide Jose

We also visited another house, Casa de Demana, where the guides informed us about the history of the Albufera national park with a short video presentation.



Here we were then given information on the flora and birds which inhabit the park.

Following a break for coffee one of our party decided to attach themselves to another group from another U3A – a search party was organised and the very red faced missing person was eventually located. In the meantime the rest of the party enjoyed a leisurely walk with the guide through the trees and along part of the beach.



Our guide Jaume

We then enjoyed a lovely paella meal at a local restaurant.



We were then taken to join two boats and our guides Jaume and Luis informed us of the wild life and we enjoyed seeing herons and waterfowl along the way. One of the boats had an engine failure and had to be towed – it all added to the fun of the trip though.



Our coach was waiting for us when we left the boats and we returned to Dénia a very happy group of travellers who were a pleasure to be with.

A very big thank you to everyone who sent photographs and lovely comments regarding both of the above trips. It is very rewarding to know that you are enjoying the trips we have on offer.

Other trips which are now open for booking:

Familia Castano Vineyard, Yecla 18th May

Arts & Sciences museum, Valencia 10th October

Christmas in Nerja, 23rd December

Fallas Factory and Museum 7th February 2019

Prague, Vienna, Budapest May 2019 – Fully booked but a waiting list is being compiled

For further details on any of these trips please visit the U3A Dénia website.

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For Information:

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LA DIVERSIDAD
FUNCIONAL,
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SÁBADO

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MAYO

Jardines
El Poblet
21:00H

Rotary
Club Rotario de Dénia



Recogida de Tickets:

- FiatC Seguros Javier Seguí
Paseo del Saladar, 56 (Dénia)
- Optica Pérez Buigues
C/ Temple San Telm, 17 (Dénia)

Now and again the Rotary Club of Denia arranges a Gala Dinner with profits going to various local charities.

This year we have again organised this event which will take place at 21.00h on Saturday 5th May at Jardines El Poblet in Denia.

This is the big sala de fiestas which is situated on the road leading to Las Rotas - just at the point where the road to las Rotas splits from the road leading up to the Montgo and Javea.

There will be a nice raffle with gifts from Hotel Los Angeles(weekend) and Balearia etc.

You can contact me at mlkersbergen88@gmail.com

or cellphone: 0031652376641.

Local phone: 966474535

Cost is Euros 35pp for the diner including drinks.

Best regards,

Marie-Louise Kersbergen (U3A member)

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For Sale/Wanted:

FOR SALE - AS NEW

CANON POWERSHOT SX620

Digital Camera Optical Zoom – Wi Fi

180€, all included!

Includes: Hardcover case and Ultra ScanDisk, 32 GB. Battery loader and manual.
Invoice from; Nov. 2017.



For more information!

Please, email: marianned@live.se or phone 96505 0238 or 6343 45 21



Three metal curtain poles with finials and wall brackets. 2 x 6ft, 1 x 7ft. Will separate €16

normablanche@hotmail.co.uk



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€400 for the pair. Ono

Contact Joy Briggs on 865511126

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



€ 2750. ITV date is now Nov. 18

Contact: 966427467 (Dénia) 629690722 Chris Whitehead

Speakers at Monthly Members Meetings for 2018:

- 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.
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calories
(noun)
Tiny creatures that live in
your closet and sew your
clothes a little bit tighter
every night.