

December 2017 Newsletter

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A Message from the Committee:

We would like to wish all our members



News from the Groups:

Backgammon Club:



The U3A Dénia Backgammon club has started well with a group of 16 people in total. We meet on a weekly basis at the De Tapas Bar in Dénia.

It started with a mixed group of experienced and new starters (some who had not played before) and through coaching from the experienced players the newcomers have settled in very quickly.

We are a friendly bunch and have just had our 1st Monthly 'Backgammon Unique Monthly Award' in the format of a Prestigious Cup which was won by Neil Parkin which he will display in his award cabinet over the Xmas period.



We meet on a weekly basis every Friday in the De Tapas Bar, Calle Patricio Fernandez 50, Dénia. Any interested party please come along and join the fun.

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Curry Club:



Another successful get together for our Curry afternoon this time at Aly and Joop's . Our Dutch friends laid a lovely table and the food cooked by everybody was delicious .

To finish off the meal Aly and Joop brought out a selection of liquor and schnapps which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

Our next get together will be at the end of Jan '18 , so David and myself would like to wish everybody a "Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year " $\,$

Regards Sabine (Group leader)

Cycling Group:



Rides each week from Cafe de cyclista bar Las Marinas 10am most Friday's.

Barbara goes out biking quite regularly, around and about the area and there are flat cycling routes and she is happy to meet and guide anyone interested in going out on a bike.

Fishing Group:



The fishing group continue to enjoy their days out though the weather has cooled considerably in the afternoons. We tend to start a little later and finish earlier.

Some of the day temperatures make it very pleasant. We have been several new members joining us and it's always a good day out. Although the amount of fish has got less, they seem to be bigger. Water levels are down, as they are throughout Spain.

The New Year starts the new licence, so if any members of Dénia U3a would like to join our group this is the time. We try to keep thing on a light note, and it's not competitive fishing, so if you need further information contact me through U3A.

I hope you all had a Happy Cristmas and wishing all the members Healthy new year in 2018.

Regards Derek

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Petanque Group



As usual for the month of December the weather has been getting progressively colder but hasn't deterred our regular players albeit fingers are beginning to tingle.

The standard of play remains high whatever the weather conditions and we are so

lucky to have blue skies and sunshine most of the time.

The photographs below show our recent winners firmly holding their prizes after beating their opponents in the weekly finals.



Our last game before the Christmas break will be on Tuesday the 19th December and we will resume play on the 2nd January at 10.30am.

Our 'Group' hope that all their friends in the U3A had a very happy Christmas and we will be raising our glasses wishing you all a Happy, Healthy New Year too!

Ann 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 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 contact Richard quiz@u3adenia.com

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Travel Group:

The travel newsletter will be published next week.

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U3A Dénia - Good Cause

Papa Noel visits the children's home to deliver your presents





A snow globe in the foyer donated by Help of Dénia

A small but select few representing U3A Dénia with Ana, one of the carers



Poor Papa Noel – I had to sit on his knee and promise him that I had been a good girl this year!!

I hope your knee has recovered Mick.





A great big thank you to all the U3A Dénia members who generously donated money to purchase the Christmas presents and shoe boxes for the children. This year Ginny Whitehead took responsibility for the purchase of the presents and filling the shoe boxes. The children also received a present from Help of Dénia and other generous associations. The children really are so grateful and get so excited unwrapping their presents.

For Sale/Wanted:



Straight Kneissl white star skis with bindings, 2mtr length, plus poles and Lange boots size 40/41 with carry bag.

Contact Lyn:	lynwickman@gmx.es	



Karaoke machine – never used – still boxed as delivered by Amazon

Ordered in error - cost €288

Any sensible offers of purchase will be considered and all proceeds will go to the Children's Home fund.

Contact pamrowlinson@gmail.com

Log burner + 4 flue pipes x 1m

Small crack in door of burner. The glass is stable and it is only a cosmetic problem

€50

Telephone Richard on 689 348 881 or Email Manitgdns@hotmail.com

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2 ceramic window boxes 22 inches long 6 inches wide 10 euros each.

Phone Maureen 966433487 after 2pm.



2 x hand painted pictures of poppies. 70 x 35 cms $\,$ €10 each



2 x chests of drawers (in good condition). 70h x 60w x 45d cms. €15 each



Black Bull (new). €15



Modern painting (good condition) black textured frame. 148 x 55 cms €15

Please contact: mandjoleary6@gmail.com

For Information:



The Bridge group which meets at at El Cid is offering free lessons to learn to play bridge, starting at 10.30 on the 17th January.

Contact Brenda on 966 404 533 or Tina on 965 584 135 for more details.

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