

# April 2019 Newsletter

Hope everyone survived the Gota Fria, according to the news it was the worst in eighty years. I know a lot of members were flooded and lost electricity and several cars thought they were submarines. But now we

have sunshine and hopefully summer is here. At the beginning of April we had some hot days but we expats still wore our hats and boots while tourists strolled around in shorts and t-shirts. I love it!



Introduction



The 2nd English Tea dance is Saturday 11 May, check your email for details.

Sunday 26 May Spring Picnic great food and wine to share, the sounds of *Hot August Night*. Invitation will be with you very soon.

Plus the regular group meetings. Please go to [www.u3adenia](http://www.u3adenia) for details on the wide variety of groups enjoyed by members and to find out when and where they meet.

26th May: Spring Picnic check your email for your invitation

## Diary Reminders

Saturday 11 and 25 - 11.30am. Coffee morning at Cafe Soles. Perfect occasion to catch up with old friends and meet some news ones.

Thursday 16 - 11.00am. Monthly meeting at Casa Cultura. The speaker will be the Consul for Alicante.

The Travel Group have two wonderful trips this month, Murcia and Caravac de la Cruz, then Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Both were fully booked very quickly but do look out for what they saw and did in the next Travel Newsletter.

Diary Reminders



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### Rummikub

Despite the dreadful Easter floods, approximately 12 people turned up for our twice monthly game of Rummikub held at the Peking Chinese Restaurant. Always a fun evening this was no exception. There was of course the usual good natured arguments over the 'smiley face' which I am sure only adults find confusing. The age range on the box says 7+ and I don't think kids of that age would find so many ways to place this wild tile. Anyway, if you would like to join us we meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6.30pm at the Peking Chinese Restaurant in Patricio Ferrandiz, Denia. You would be made very welcome and I am sure would enjoy a lovely meal after the game. Contact Norma at [rummikub@u3adenia.com](mailto:rummikub@u3adenia.com)

### Canasta

The Canasta Group meets every Tuesday afternoon at Cafe Soles. Canasta is a card game played either with a partner or individually, depending on how many people turn up on the day. Its quite an easy game to pick up so if you fancy leaning a new card game and have a couple of hours to spare, do come and join us. 2.30pm at the Cafe Soles. Contact Norma at [canasta@u3adenia.com](mailto:canasta@u3adenia.com)

### Dining Club

When I joined Deni U3A I was very hesitant about going to the Dining Club. I thought they would be great connoisseurs who knew the difference between a crimino and a maitake mushroom. But, I went to the April meeting at Fratelli Restaurant on the the Montgo and never stopped laughing. What a great group and what interesting stories.. Can't remember the food, the wine was super and the company was terrific. Says a lot for group leader Gail that there were guests from Moraira, Olivia and Javea U3A, even in last weeks weather. Having such a good time forgot to take photo.



### Moderate Walking Group

A walk on the wild side

Perhaps it was the walk leader's honest description of an hour's climb at the start of the walk that kept away the usual crowd, but just seven of us turned up for a circular walk around the mountains of Benirrama in the Val de Gallinera.

It was a sunny morning, but there was a biting wind as Pauline led us out of the village to start our walk.

Up we climbed for almost an hour (with a few stops along the way!) and were rewarded with this beautiful view along the valley to the sea. Having walked along the ridge, we made our way down the mountain back towards Benirrama in the distance, which was still another two hours away: Back in the village it was time for a well-earned drink and a delicious lunch in a local restaurant, where we were joined by two more of our members who were unable to walk with us on the day. Our thanks to Pauline for a wonderful walk and to Brenda for making sure we all ate what we ordered. Our next walk will be in May. If you would like to join us, please contact:

[moderatewalkinggroup@u3adenia.com](mailto:moderatewalkinggroup@u3adenia.com)

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### Petanque Group

Ann and Alun Price have moved back to Wales and this meant Ann had to handover the running of the petanca group. She was a hard act to follow. Ann has successfully run the group for some years and was highly respected for her efficient and friendly approach each week.

She has handed over her 'chalk and board' to us, Chris Buckingham and Liz Jones. We will do our best to keep things running as smoothly as possible.

We reintroduced the 1€ subscription each week and the winning prize of wine. This seems to have been well received. We hope to continue the tradition of having lunch together a few times each year using any money we accrue from the weekly subscriptions.

The numbers were down some weeks due, we believe, to there being no cafe or toilet facilities since the chiringuito was forced to

close. Thankfully, Veronica and Juan are back. They reopened the chiringuito at the beginning of this month. We're all delighted to see them back. Normal service is resumed...drinks, food and toilets. Hooray.

We start registration by 10am to allow play to start at 10.30am. The maximum number of players we can field is 40. So we will sadly have to turn away anyone over that number. The group is for U3A members. Visitors will be welcome if there are vacant places but members have priority. As with other groups, newcomer non members can try us out for a couple of weeks. After that they will be expected to join the U3A at a bargain price of 10€ for a year.

Thanks to you all for supporting us and we look forward to continuing a successful Tuesday morning petanca group.

So now to the rogues' gallery of the latest winners. ....

*Below: Cormac and Neil, Cath and Brian  
Kim and Peter, Tony and Sabine*

### Pilates

Have you ever thought you'd like to try Pilates or perhaps you have been a member of the group but not been recently?

Well, in any case this notice is for you. Numbers have been dropping in the Pilates group for a variety of reasons and there have been a number of changes in terms of timings and instructor. Low numbers can be sustained for a few weeks but the group can only continue in the longer term if more people attend on a regular basis.

So now is your chance to try it out or return to the group.

Group leader: More information can be obtained from David Ord who co-ordinates the group but he can be contacted through me using the link on website, look for the Pilates group. [pilates@u3adenia.org](mailto:pilates@u3adenia.org)

Meetings: Wednesday  
Time: 11:00 - 12:00 pm  
Venue: Denia Centro de Fitness





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### iBackgammon

The backgammon club celebrated its first anniversary with lunch at the Yahoo Restaurant. Players have made tremendous progress throughout the year and many received prizes for their achievements.

When group leader Dave Thomas announced the opening of the group he asked if any of the potential members who had a board to please bring it. This caused some confusion because at the first meeting we had a selection of games, anything from snakes and ladders to Ludo and even Cluedo. The confusion was caused because seasoned players like Dave always refer to 'the board.' To describe it as a backgammon board denotes a nouveau player!



Anyway, we managed and were taught the rules and strategies. By the second month we were playing tournaments. There is a weekly prize of an excellent bottle of wine. Here is Dave presenting prize winner Norman Kerr with his bottle. (Don't look too closely at the label!) Last Friday of every month we play for the prestigious BUMA Cup (Backgammon Unique Monthly Award), a silver cup which would enhance any mantel-



piece. Barbara Priest was a proud winner of this coveted trophy. Members have come on in such leaps and bounds it is impossible to predict a winner.

Meetings are held every Friday at 10.00 in Cafe Andreu on the corner of Avenue Joan Fuster and Calle Diana. Newcomers are welcome, with or without a board!





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### Board Games

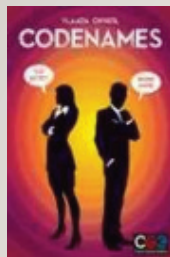
Jerry has more than 250 board games which he not only wants to share with you all but also teach you the rules and strategies.

The plan is to play at Cafe Soles on Wednesdays starting at 3.30pm.

Should be fun and the choice of games is impressive. The first week Jerry will set up half a dozen games as a trial. Youtube links can be made available for those who wish to study the games beforehand.



Confirm your intention to attend and then Jerry will confirm the opening night.



### CODENAMES

COMPLEXITY: LIGHT  
PLAYING TIME: 30-45 MINUTES  
NUMBER OF PLAYERS: 2-8 (BEST WITH 4,6,8)

- Two rival spymasters know the secret identities of 25 agents. Their teammates know the agents only by their CODENAMES.
- In Codenames, two teams compete to see who can make contact with all of their agents first. Spymasters give one-word clues that can point to multiple words on the board.
- Their teammates try to guess words of the right colour while avoiding those that belong to the opposing team.
- If the teammates interpret the clues correctly, they rescue their own agents.
- If they guess wrong, they may rescue enemy agents (helping the other team), or may even reveal the assassin (causing them to immediately lose the game).



### Singles Get-Together

If you like cooking, but cannot be bothered to cook just for yourself, why not join us? We are a group of singles (male and female) who meet every few weeks. We all take turns to host a dinner or lunch, no haute cuisine required! In principle we cater for six people, unless of course the host can accommodate

more. Apart from home cooking we also meet for coffee, a glass of wine or a restaurant lunch or dinner. Why not give it a try? Anyone can join us, but members of the U3A take priority. You can e-mail me at: [mia.van.buul@gmail.com](mailto:mia.van.buul@gmail.com), and I will get back to you.



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### Easter Lunch

Well, what can I say about the Easter lunch except it was a fabulous occasion. Who knew how many milliners and artists we have in U3A!

The hats were creative, colourful, clever and magnificent and the decorated eggs would be welcomed by Faberge. Following a delicious lunch the ladies, and some gentlemen, paraded in their hats and the eggs were carried round on spoons (bit wobbly) to be judged for the winners. The parade was very similar to a Paris catwalk. I did not envy the judges, all the entries were masterpieces. Finally decisions were made and first prize for best hat went to new member Lisa Barrett and Lesley Duff won best decorated egg. We then danced to live music with vocalist Martin Andrews. The sun shone throughout and it was a happy and memorable day.



April memories



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### Editors' Notes

Many members were disappointed when the Christmas lunch list was full and they were turned down. It is difficult to find a restaurant that has enough space and tables for large capacity with parking, in or not far from Denia and at an acceptable price. In fact it is impossible. Both the committee and members have done a thorough search. This year we can have the space, parking and location but price for a delicious lunch with all drinks, mince pies, crackers and music will be Euros 30 per head. If you consider this too much for the Christmas lunch please let Ken know. I am going to hide Euros 4 a month beginning in May and hey presto, in December I can pay for the lunch without stress. So much is included in the price it will be well worth it.

So far this year we have had coffee mornings, tea-dance, Easter lunch, ballroom dancing classes, poetry competition and travel events and it is only April. As a non committee member I can say three cheers to them for doing a great job and giving us so much to look forward to.

There has been some confusion over sequence of event emails. The first email gives details of event asking you to book ASAP because of space. If you booked in time you will then receive a confirmation email with payment instructions. Finally everyone receives an 'event full' email. If you have received a confirmation this does not apply to you. Just means you cannot invite anyone else. The website is currently being updated and experiencing teething problems. Please be patient if there are emails you have not received. It is being rectified.

I would like to have a gossip and scandal section but was shouted down!

However, if there is anything you would like to share please let me know. Maybe a new restaurant, music bar, hairdresser or an announcement. Anything. If it gets edited out I will have tried. Enjoy May and sunshine. Ed.

### Information

Moving to and Living in Spain including Brexit guidance, residency, healthcare and driving [www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-spain](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/living-in-spain)

EU exit including negotiations and announcements about policy changes as a result of Brexit [www.gov.uk/government/brexit](http://www.gov.uk/government/brexit)

Preparing for Brexit including passports, driving licences, banking and flying with the EU [www.euexit.campaign.gov.uk](http://www.euexit.campaign.gov.uk)

Spanish Govt providing residents & business about implications and contingency measures on Brexit [in English]  
<http://www.lamonloa.gob.es/brexit/Paginas/index.aspx>

Advice or renewing European Health Insurance (EHIC) [www.sede.segsocial.gob.es](http://www.sede.segsocial.gob.es)

Received from the British Consul of Alicante:

As the date we are due to leave the EU has now been extended, please do encourage anyone who isn't registered as a resident to do so as soon as the appointments become available.

A reminder of the steps:

Go to  
<https://sede.administracionespublicas.gob.es/icplusplus/index.htm>

Select the province where you live from the drop down menu

Select the option ("Policia – Certificado UE" for Alicante and Murcia provinces," Policia – Certificados/Comunitarios") Follow through the steps to confirm your appointment

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### Letters to the Editor

Is there something you wish to tell the committee or the members? A photograph to share? A funny anecdote that still makes you chuckle? A great holiday destination in Spain? A secret parking space in town? A baker better than the Patisserie in Calle de la Mar.