

The AGM on Monday 25th Has Been Postponed.

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We remind that you must wear masks at our meetings, have your temperature taken on arrival.

Please make use the hand sanitiser which is freely available.

Please do not congregate in the foyer area. We have purposely reduced the number of tables in the foyer area.

Socially distance by two metres where possible always.

We must keep on protecting each other.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

STAY ALERT CONTROL THE VIRUS SAVE LIVES

U3A Marina Baixa Charity income chart 2020



Travel.



Since writing about our trips in the December Supplement Newsletter the number of cases in our area has increased rapidly.

There was little interest in our trip to La Zenia, so that trip was cancelled. Now also we have decided to cancel the trip to Denia.

Planned trips.

Ibiza: Tuesday 25th - Monday 31st May

Cost: 340 €, single room 460€.

Price includes:

Coach from Albir to Denia

Ferry to Ibiza

Coach to Hotel

Return transport from hotel to Albir.

Full board in Hotel

Free drinks (wine, beer, soft drinks, water) during lunch and dinner.

Bodegas D. Flotentino Perez in Casas De Juan Nunes and Miguelito Ruiz de la Roda.

Date: cannot arrange a date until restrictions are eased.

Cost: about 30€

This bodegas is southwest of Alcala and northeast of Albecete. Lunch in their spacious restaurant will be included in the visit. Next a visit to a Miguelito Ruiz shop offering their famous creamy pastries and other delicacies.

We are compiling a list of members interested in one or both trips. When we are able to collect money priority will be given to those whose names are on the interested lists.

Please contact us, not our secretary, if you are interested.

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Wine and Dine, Kathmandu Nepalese restaurant on Friday 12th February at 1pm. Once again 4 people per table so if you wish to sit with friends, book with friends.

Menu:

The 4-piece starter,
Main course choice of Chicken Tikka, Lamb curry, Chicken Mango or Chicken Madras, your choice mild, medium, or hot spiced.
Rice or Nan bread.

Glass of wine, beer, or soft drink, includes gratuity for

13.50 € PP

Again, please put your money in an envelope with the name of restaurant.



Retiring Committee.
At today's AGM we have four of the committee who are standing down from their current roles.

Joan Flint
Secretary (10 yrs.)

Maureen Barrett
Treasurer (8 yrs.)

Annie Wilson
Events Co Ordinator (3 yrs.)

Colin Butterfield
Press Officer (6 yrs.)

We would like to thank them personally and sincerely for all the hard work they have put in to help the Marina Baixa U3A run so smoothly during their time of service.
Thank you to all.

Sunday Strollers.

Christmas Stroll to the lighthouse
Taking part were 14 members of the U3A Marina Baixa Sunday Strollers. The group, broke with tradition and walked on a Monday, due to the lack of available parking on a weekend. Walking from the car park to the lighthouse in the Sierra Gelada in Albir and then back for our traditional Christmas picnic, organised by Group Leader Andy Graham. Everyone brought along something Christmas related.



Goodies included mince pies, Christmas cake, sausage rolls, biscuits etc. plus cava and beer.

Garry Bells dog unfortunately got lost for a while but was found again!! It is always a pleasant walk and the weather was fine and dry, with time to catch up on everyone's news and plans for 2021
(Colin Butterfield)



New group suggestions

A new year and a great time for anyone to introduce a new group into our U3A. Volunteers required.

Let us get members interested by starting some new groups. In the first instance please contact Garry Bell our groups co-ordinator with your idea. We are still trying to contact the member who wanted to start a Cribbage Club last year.

Wine & Dine Event.

On Friday 11th December, 38 Members of the U3A Marina Baixa Wine and Dine Group visited Restaurant Transylvania in Albir, where we had a fantastic pre-Christmas meal, which was enjoyed by all. We had the restaurant all to ourselves and were well spaced out on tables of four persons.



Another successful event well organised by Hazel and Ann, our wonderful Social and Events co-ordinators, they also arranged a free draw following the meal. Everyone attending was a winner and received a lovely gift, also Joan Biggs, of the Craft Group, supplied all the Ladies with an embroidery ring, decorated with poinsettias. It was lovely catching up with old friends and everyone said they really enjoyed the food served and by the look of clean plates they did.



Every picture tells a story!

Bridge Club.

Ann Yeraniosian the Bridge club group leader is retiring as its leader, we wish her well and thank her for all the work she achieved in making this group a success.

If anyone could step up and take over this group going forward, please contact our groups co-ordinator Garry Bell.

Group Activities A - Z

3C's Chaps Chatter & Coffee



Weekly - Thursdays
Saints & Sinners,
Albir 10.30 am

Contact: Geoff Mitchell
96 686 4962

Bridge - Intermediate



Cancelled until
further notice.

Café Philo



Monthly -
Next planned meeting
March 18th (Hopefully)
10.00 am to 11.30 am
The Forum, Alfaz del Pi
Contact: Kate Ferry
96 584 5039

Classical Music



Monthly - (Oct to Apr)
2nd Wednesday
Cancelled until further notice
10.30 am to 12.30 pm.
Geoff Mitchell's home, Albir
Contact: Geoff Mitchell
96 686 4962

Crafts



Weekly - Thursdays

Albir Social Centre
12.30 pm - 3.00 pm
Contact: Hazel Layt
659 018 400

Guitar Lessons



Weekly - Wednesdays
Next Door to Isa Rastro,
N-332, Albir
4.00 pm

Contact: Peter Ritson
96 687 5282

Member Assistance



On Demand
Support group for
Members in special need.
Contact: Sue Bell
680 214 320
Backup: Maureen Barrett
688 680 645

Petanca



Weekly - Thursdays
Scandinavia Park
Alfaz del Pi
3.00 pm

Contact: Colin Wilson
684 424 588

Solo Amigos



At Various times
Next Meeting TBA

See full details below.
Contact: Liz Blanchard
96 687 7364

Spanish Culture



Bi-monthly (Oct to Apr)
2nd Wednesday

10th February 2.30 pm
The Forum, Alfaz del Pi
Contact: Elaine Mitchell
96 686 4962

Spanish Language



Weekly - Wednesdays
Casa de Cultura, Alfaz
Beginners: 1.00-2.15 pm
Improvers: 2.30-3.45 pm

Contact: Joan Flint
96 680 8591

Sunday Strollers



Monthly -
Sunday 31st January
2.00pm

See full details below.
Contact: Colin Wilson
684 424 588

Ten-pin Bowling



Monthly -
1st Tuesday
Cancelled until further notice.

7.15 pm for 7.30 pm start
La Marina Centre, Finestrat
Contact: Martin Greener
684 423 586

Watercolour



Monthly -
1st Monday

1st February
11.00 am to 1.00 pm.
Casa de Cultura, Alfaz
Contact: Elaine Mitchell
96 686 4962

Writers' Help Group



Monthly -

11.00 am
Roy Gough's Home, Albir
Contact: Roy Gough
605 395 211

Latest Group News

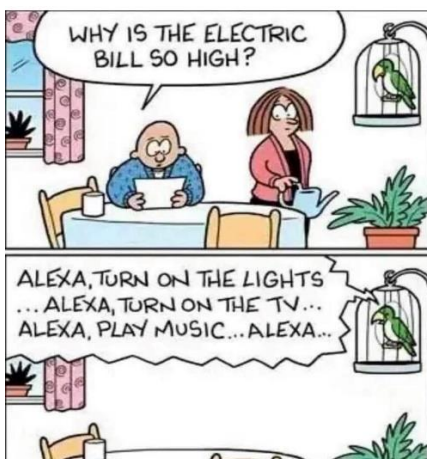
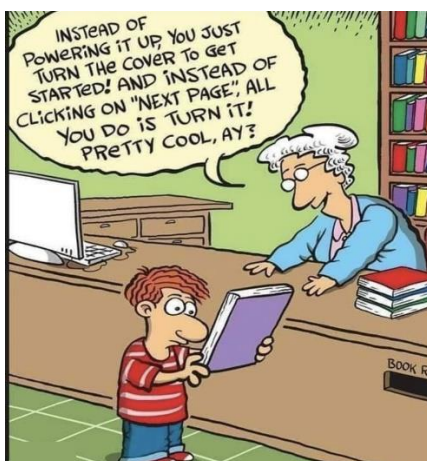
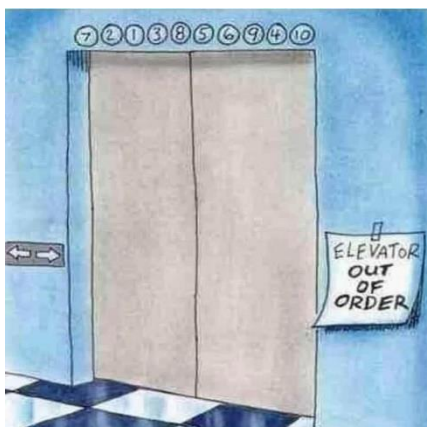
Sunday Strollers.

The next Sunday Stroll will be on the next Sunday after the AGM so, it will be Sunday the 31st of January meeting at 2pm for a 2.30pm start. We will meet at the Altea la Vieja central car park for a, well loved, circular route stroll from the village toward the Ermita Santa Barbara, returning to the car park for drinks at a local cafeteria. Hope to see many of you there. Social distancing is important while strolling.

Petanca. has restarted in the scandinavia Park in Alfaz Del Pi on Thursday afternoons at 3pm please come along and take part to show your support. If youve never been before thats okay as beginners are always welcome.

Classical Music. This group has been cancelled until the autumn.

Funnies.



Thanks for all your contributions.

Presidents Report.

Happy New Year to you all. Hopefully, you all had a good Christmas and New Year, at least as good as could have been expected in the circumstances. We only have another 11 months to plan the best celebrations at the end of this year and COVID will be a memory, not a distant one but a memory, nonetheless.

Vaccinations have begun in Alfaz in the residential homes, no news yet when the public will be receiving theirs but as soon as we know from the Town Hall, we will let you all know.

After a very cold snap last week it is noticeably warmer this week and even the nights are getting lighter and brighter, a sign that warmer days will be upon us sooner rather than later. (We can then start to complain about the heat.)

Brexit has finally happened and has still managed to catch a few people out who although have lived in Spain for many, many years still had not done anything to obtain their residency etc. I sincerely hope that this has not affected any of our members.

Hasta Luego.

Next month's speaker is, Wendy Kirkland and the talk is titled "What a **Dive**".

You can renew your membership today please contact our Treasurer to pay still great value at 10 € per person.

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via the website.



Next Meeting AGM
22nd February 2021

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