

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

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**We must keep on
protecting each other.**



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

STAY ALERT CONTROL THE VIRUS SAVE LIVES

Members.

On arrival at today's AGM once you
have sanitised your hands signed in
and completed any bookings in the
foyer area please move into the
main auditorium
and take a seat.

Please use only the seats allocated
to minimise any transmission risk to
yourselves and others.

To comply with rules



Today - 1pm for 1.30pm

Lunch – Oasis Restaurant La Nucia

Cost: € **individual** per person.

Please indicate on arrival at the meeting
If you will be joining us for lunch.

Travel.

Planned trips.

No decision has been made on any of these trips
successfully going ahead at this time.
We are in the same situation as per last month.

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: We cannot arrange a date until
restrictions are eased. **Cost: about 30€**

This bodega 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 will be offering last year's Extremadura
holiday in March 2022. Surely life will be back
to normal by then. At least the number of cases
are now decreasing in Marina Baixa, so we can
hope that trips will be possible in a few months.
Please contact us, not our secretary, if you are
interested.

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Stay safe everyone until we can confirm future
events can go ahead.

Photography Competition.

Thank you everyone for your entries into the
competition. The closing date has now passed.
Judging has taken place. Many thanks to
Peter Rissing a keen amateur photographer.
Results will be announced today at the AGM.
Winners from each category will receive a bottle of
sparkling wine, runners up will also get a prize.



KATHMANDU

Wine and Dine,
Nepalese restaurant on Friday
9th April 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

15.00 € PP

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

Retiring Committee.

At today's AGM we have five
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.)

Anthony Coles
Vice President (1 Year.)

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.
A Huge Thank you to all.



Over the last year the U3A has
made a substantial saving in
production costs of the monthly
newsletter. This is due to the
reduction in monthly meetings
due to Covid and the website link
distribution.

Our main cost is Printing.
With this in mind going
forward next month we
will be adding "WhatsApp"
as a means of receiving
the monthly newsletter.



For members who do not use a
computer this may be a better
way of receiving the monthly
issue. Direct to your mobile phone

We will continue to provide a
printed version of the newsletter
but only by request. If you would
still like to receive a copy each
month at meetings in printed form
please register your name and
membership number with Terry.

If you would like to receive the
new what's app version, please
email [u3aterry@gmail](mailto:u3aterry@gmail.com) with your
what's app contact phone number
using the reference newsletter,
you will then be added to a closed
group titled U3A MB Newsletter.

It will continue to be available
as usual via the website.

www.u3amarinabaixa.com

New group suggestions

Do you have any suggestions for
new groups in the future?
This could be just 2 or 3 of you
meeting up over a drink to
discuss like-minded interests or
a new group which you may be
willing to oversee.
Remember we have the free use
of rooms at the Casa de Cultura
and Albir Social Centre if you
need accommodation.

President's Report



Hello all.

Looking forward to seeing as many
of you as feel able to come to the
AGM this month when at last we
are having our AGM albeit delayed
for a couple of months. It really
does seem a very long time
since last we all met up.

At last, the weather has settled
down especially as the restaurants
are also allowed to open their
terraces. There really is nothing like
having a coffee outside in the sun
with friends, although at the
moment we are restricted to four
per table, but this is expected to be
increased shortly as will the
capacity for inside the restaurants
and cafes.

As we all know the vaccine roll out
is not going as well as the UK, but
hopefully once the vaccine doses
are received by the local health
centres etc the ball will start rolling
quickly. In the meantime, we are
being very sensible by wearing our
masks at all times. When I am out
and about there are hardly any
people not wearing a mask or not
wearing it properly and so keeping
the infection rates low.

As Easter approaches there is little
doubt that the restrictions will not
change much but hopefully by the
end of April things will relax a little
and slowly, slowly we may get back
to a more normal life, whatever
that may be.

Stay safe everyone, till April.
hasta luego.

Next month's guest Speaker.

Wendy Kirkland
With a talk titled
"What A Dive"

Spanish Classes.

Spanish classes resumed last week after a lengthy break. Class sizes are much smaller now in order to maintain the safety and wellbeing of our members and only those who live together, sit together. Being able to get together again has been a tonic and despite not always finding learning a different language easy, there is a social element to the classes too. Everyone has made great progress since classes started last September and hopefully, we can continue to meet every week right through to the summer months. The facilities provided for us at the Casa de Cultura, Alfaz del Pi, are excellent and allow us to be socially distanced in very pleasant surroundings.

Classes have been provided for the past 12 years for U3A members beginning in September and continuing until June the following year. Under normal circumstances classes are limited to 12 but due to current restrictions numbers have been reduced during the 2020/21 session. It is hoped that we may be able to return to full class sizes in September but that remains to be seen. Two classes are offered - one for pure beginners and one for those wishing to improve their basic Spanish skills - and they are nearly always oversubscribed. Registration for classes beginning in September will take place in June. *Joan Flint*

Competitions.

In this challenging year with very few social events and trips taking place content for the newsletter has been difficult to source. Introducing the competitions in the first lockdown received a very welcome response with many members taking part. We have had Soduko, wordsearch, name the logos.

The most recent of which is Lights Camera Action. There is still plenty of time to get your entry in for this as the closing date is next Sunday 28th March. They are 20 popular film titles which I am sure many of you will have seen at one time or another. Have a go you could be the winner. The prize is six bottles of wine. The winner will be drawn at our next meeting.

Some sad news.

Many long-time members of our association will remember Brian Stapley. He was Treasurer in 2010 and was a keen member of the Petanca group. He returned to the UK in 2019 with his wife Pam who was suffering from Cancer. Our thoughts are with Pam at this difficult time.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the articles in the newsletters over last year please keep sending in items of interest it is very much appreciated. *Terry Read. (Editor)*

European Digital Green Certificate.

Key elements of the regulation proposed by the Commission to travel safely abroad. Post vaccine.

Accessible and secure certificates for all EU citizens and people with residencia status.

The Digital Green Certificate will cover three types of certificates –vaccination certificates, test certificates (NAAT/RT-PCR test or a rapid antigen test), and certificates for persons who have recovered from COVID-19.

The certificates will be issued in a digital form or on paper. Both will have a QR code that contains necessary key information as well as a digital signature to make sure the certificate is authentic.

The Commission will build a gateway and support Member States to develop software that authorities can use to verify all certificate signatures across the EU. No personal data of the certificate holders passes through the gateway or is retained by the verifying Member State. The certificates will be available free of charge and in the official language or languages of the issuing Member State and English.

Digital Green Certificate

#DigitalGreenCertificate

The European Commission presented a proposal to create a Digital Green Certificate to facilitate safe free movement of citizens in the EU during the COVID-19 pandemic. Digital Green Certificates will be valid in all EU Member States.



WHAT IS THE DIGITAL GREEN CERTIFICATE?

A Digital Green Certificate is a digital proof that a person:
















- ✓ has been vaccinated against COVID-19, or
- ✓ has received a negative test result, or
- ✓ has recovered from COVID-19.

- » Digital and/or paper format
- » With QR code
- » Free of charge
- » In national language and English
- » Safe and secure
- » Valid in all EU countries



We hope to have more information on this soon.

Group Activities A - Z

<p>3C's Chaps Chatter & Coffee</p>  <p>Weekly - Thursdays Saints & Sinners, Albir 10.30 am</p> <p>Contact: Geoff Mitchell 96 686 4962</p>	<p>Bridge - Intermediate</p>  <p>Cancelled until further notice.</p> <p>A New group Leader is required for this group.</p>	<p>Café Philo</p>  <p>Monthly - 10.00 am to 11.30 am Suspended until further notice.</p> <p>The Forum, Alfaz del Pi Contact: Kate Ferry 96 584 5039</p>	<p>Classical Music</p>  <p>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</p>	<p>Crafts</p>  <p>Weekly - Thursdays Restarted recently. No class on the 1st April</p> <p>Albir Social Centre 12.30 pm - 3.00 pm Contact: Hazel Layt 659 018 400</p>
<p>Guitar Lessons</p>  <p>Weekly - Wednesdays Next Door to Isa Rastro, N-332, Albir 4.00 pm Suspended until further notice.</p> <p>Contact: Peter Ritson 96 687 5282</p>	<p>Member Assistance</p>  <p>On Demand Support group for Members in special need. Contact: Sue Bell 680 214 320 Backup: Maureen Barrett 688 680 645</p>	<p>Petanca</p>  <p>Weekly - Thursdays Scandinavia Park Alfaz del Pi 3.00 pm</p> <p>Contact: Colin Wilson 684 424 588</p>	<p>Solo Amigos</p>  <p>At Various times Next Meeting TBA</p> <p>See full details below. Contact: Liz Blanchard 96 687 7364</p>	<p>Spanish Culture</p>  <p>Bi-monthly (Oct to Apr) 2nd Wednesday Suspended until further notice. 7th April 2.30 pm The Forum, Alfaz del Pi Contact: Elaine Mitchell 96 686 4962</p>
<p>Spanish Language</p>  <p>Weekly - Wednesdays Casa de Cultura, Alfaz Beginners: 1.00-2.15 pm Improvers: 2.30-3.45 pm</p> <p>Contact: Joan Flint 96 680 8591</p>	<p>Sunday Strollers</p>  <p>Monthly - Suspended until further notice.</p> <p>See full details below. Contact: Colin Wilson 684 424 588</p>	<p>Ten-pin Bowling</p>  <p>Monthly - 1st Tuesday Suspended until further notice.</p> <p>7.15 pm for 7.30 pm start La Marina Centre, Finestrat Contact: Martin Greener 684 423 586</p>	<p>Watercolour</p>  <p>Monthly - 1st Monday No class on the 5th April</p> <p>11.00 am to 1.00 pm. Casa de Cultura, Alfaz Contact: Elaine Mitchell 96 686 4962</p>	<p>Writers' Help Group</p>  <p>Monthly - Suspended until further notice.</p>

Latest Group News

Café Philo Group. This group has been suspended for the time being until the pandemic subsides.

Watercolour Group. Please note there will be no class on the 5th April (Easter Monday)

Crafts Group. Please note there will no class on the 1st April (Maundy Thursday)

Petanca Group. This group is hoping to restart at 2.30pm on April 1st (We are awaiting confirmation from the Town hall)

Sunday Strollers. Has been cancelled on the 28th March.



February 2021

U3A

Name the film competition.
 Just fill in the blank spaces to find
 twenty popular film titles.
 Just get five correct to be in with a
 chance of winning.

Just fill in the Blank spaces to name twenty (20) popular film titles.

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LOVEFiLM
 Let's watch another one

Closing date for the competition is Sunday 28th March 2021

Usual rules apply. Only one entry per member. For every five correct answers you will get one entry into the prize draw a maximum of four chances each with twenty correct answers. But if you only get five correct you still have a chance to win so please send in your sheet. Send your completed forms to: u3aterry@gmail.com (Just a photo of the page will suffice).

Name

Membership Number

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Funnies.



Thanks for all your contributions.



ROY WILLIAM GOUGH
U3A Group Leader

In the early hours on the 10th of March Roy Gough, a prominent member and group leader of our association, passed away in the hospital of Villajoyosa.

Roy was Born in 1937 in Leominster in Herefordshire where he lived until the age of 16.

He moved on starting his career as a cadet in the Metropolitan Police in 1953, served in many departments and retired as a senior superintendent in 1986.

Subsequently Roy worked for eight years as the Head of Security for a multinational company, until he settled down on the Costa Blanca.

Here he became an author publishing several books, guided other would-be writers to do the same and became a foreman in many social events. Roy was, next to the U3A, active in many aspects of our society until a food poisoning incident that turned into peritonitis, that pulled him suddenly away out of our midst. He will be missed by many. RIP.



Constable Gough



Superintendent

1937 - 2021



Our Next Meeting
26th April 2021



Marina Baixa

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Up to Date

Don't forget you can keep up to date with the latest information association news and activities every month by downloading this newsletter and checking out the U3A website.