

Dear members, today we all meet for the first time since February. We have been allowed to use this venue temporarily until such time we can return to the Forum, we are grateful. Please always respect the social distancing measures in place and wear your mask where possible. Our association has had to rely on communication rather than actual gatherings and we appreciate Joan Flints regular bulletins being sent by email and are thankful all for your contributions to the monthly newsletters. With no sign of us being allowed to attend the forum in the immediate future we rely on these even more. Please send in information or stories which may be of interest to others useful for publishing

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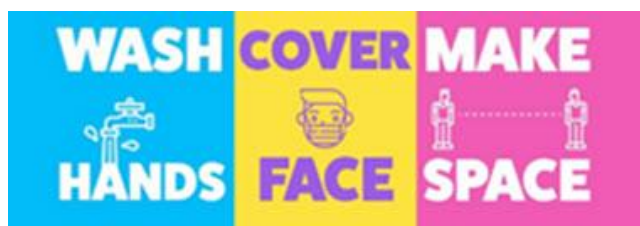
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We kindly request that you wear masks at todays meeting use the hand sanitiser which is freely available and socially distance where possible.



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.

U3A LUNCH.

Friday 16th October time 1pm for 1.30pm we will be at the Hotel Moli, in Alfaz del Pi.

Just let me know if you will be with us in order that I can inform the restaurant and they will make sure we sit together.

Choice of: Starters.

Salad, Vegetable Soup or Potato skins.

Main Course. Choice of:

Chicken breast, Battered Fish, Rump Steak

Dessert. Choose between:

Apple Pie, Chocolate fudge cake, or

Vienetta Ice Cream.

Includes: A Glass of wine, water, or a soft drink.

Please contact Hazel Layt & Ann Wilson for Further details. Remember to book early.

Travel.

The Ibiza trip has now been cancelled. The hotel has now closed. Refunds were available immediately from LPD travel.

In these uncertain times Margaret and Malcolm have decided not to organise any trips for the time being. They have made this difficult decision as they feel that it is not possible to organise any trips where members can be safe in a way to always guarantee social distancing. Please stay safe everyone. *Margaret Hamer.*

LPD TRAVEL

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phone: 966 868 477

location: Albir. (Opposite Mercadonna supermarket)

Contact: Margaret or Malcolm Hamer

for bookings. Tel: 602 293 642 or 604 537 275

u3ahamer@gmail.com

Group updates.

Some groups have now resumed. The Chaps and Chatter group run by Geoff Mitchel has been meeting weekly at the Saints and Sinners in Albir for the past two months, newcomers are most welcome. There have also been a few Wine and Dine outings. the next one being on the 16th October (thanks to Hazel and Ann, Spanish Lessons have now restarted, Crafts are holding regular meetings and finally the Watercolour group has just resumed recently. More groups will start up soon.

If any member has an idea for a new group which they think could be set up or perhaps you would like to run yourself, please contact Gary Bell our groups co-ordinator in the first instance. Earlier this year a member enquired about starting a Cribbage group if you are still interested please get in touch again now things are starting up again.

Keep checking the website News board page for regular weekly updates. Our aim is to give you the very latest information about our association, however we rely on your input and other trusted sources to provide this.

The Information printed in this newsletter is correct at the time of publication.

Presidents Report.

Hello all.

How time flies Summer is nearly over even though it is still very hot.

Just as we thought we were getting back to almost normality the wearing of masks became obligatory although there have been times when we have nearly forgotten to pick them up on the way out of the house or getting out of the car.

Family and friends have still not been able to come and visit because of the two-week quarantine when they go back home again. My brother has had to cancel his flights twice now as he cannot work from home on his return to England – it is a bit difficult to drive a train from home! Hopefully, John and I will be able to take a trip to the UK later next month even if we do have to self-isolate.

Stay safe everyone, till September hasta luego. *Ruth Morris* (President)

Life Matters.

Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand, wine in the other, totally worn out and screaming.

"Woo Hooooo what a ride! I wanna go round again...."
(anonymous)



Sunday Strollers.

The next planned walk is this coming Sunday the 4th October. Strolling around Altea town the walk will take roughly two hours and the pace will be comfortable. Starting at 6.30pm in the cooler part of the day. Philip Waterhouse will be guiding, the meeting point will be at the car park near to [Cocoliso, Costera dels Nassos, 03590 Altea](#). For a prompt start. Afterwards, we will have some light refreshment.

Spanish Lessons.

Spanish Language Classes have been offered in U3A Marina Baixa for more than 11 years now.

Unfortunately, this year's classes were cancelled due to lockdown, but I am pleased to say we have now resumed, albeit with smaller numbers due to the Covid-19 restrictions. We have two groups with 9 members in each, one for those with very little grasp of the language and one for those wishing to extend their existing knowledge. Each group meets every Wednesday for 1¼ hours at the Casa de Cultura. The start to each lesson this Autumn begins with a temperature check and hand sanitizing which seems now to become a way of life, along with wearing a mask... However, despite Covid-19, members are keen to meet and even more keen to improve their Spanish. It really is a pleasure to work with members, making new friends and learning in a relaxed environment. Let us hope that we are able to continue with our classes for the remainder of this year and through to June in 2021.

Joan Flint

2020 Classes.



Beginners.



Intermediate.

Wine & Dine Event.

On Friday, the 15th September Marina Baixa U3A held a well-supported event attended by 34 members, at the Oasis restaurant in La Nucia. The association has been to this restaurant on many an occasion, it is very popular. The Oasis can accommodate a larger number of diners, it is a perfect venue for the U3A and as usual the food was excellent and good value for money.. Well done to Hazel Layt & Ann Wilson for organising the Lunch.



Next year is the
MARI NA BAI XA



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

15th

Anniversary year.

**We are asking you all for
some ideas to raise funds for
a celebration.**

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



Weekly - Tuesdays

Hogar del Pensionista
Albir
4.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Contact: Ann Yeranorian
96 588 8414

Café Philo



Monthly -

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 2021

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

6.30 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
Cancelled until December.

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
Classes resumed on the
16th September 2020
Contact: Joan Flint
96 680 8591

Sunday Strollers



Monthly -
Sunday 4th October
6.30pm

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

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. **Sunday 4th October**, at 6.30pm the U3A Sunday Strollers will be out strolling again, this time in and around the old town of Altea. If you want join this outing register please via the website groups link, more information will soon be available. *Andy Graham*

Spanish Culture. If things don't take a turn for the worse I will plan on a December group meeting so you can look forward to the usual mince pies and I will be talking about the life of Salvador Dali and analysing the reasons behind his paintings. *Elaine Mitchell*

Please look for further updates regarding group activities restarting on the News board page on the website. This page is updated at least once a week.



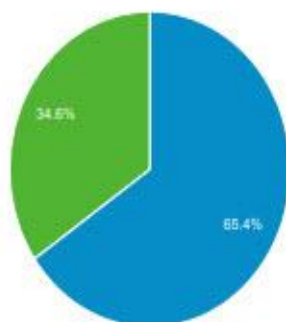
Name the Logo competition
WINNER.
Joan Flint.

All the correct entries were entered into the draw each correct answer gave a chance of winning.

Thanks to all who took part this time.

The correct answers were, British Petroleum (BP), Microsoft Windows, World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Iberdrola, Bentley, Michael Kors, Carrefour, Lacoste, Apple, Mercadonna Unicef, Rolls Royce, Repsol, Ryan Air, Starbucks, Pepsi. Respectively.

■ New Visitor ■ Returning Visitor



Website visitor Data. (Pic above)
Since launch of new U3A website. May 2020

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Funnies.



As the movie progressed, I was getting more and more annoyed, WILL THEY EVER BE QUIET? I silently fumed. Finally, after close to a half hour into the movie I tapped the blabbermouth in front of me on the shoulder and politely said, "excuse me Ma'am but I can't hear."

"YOU ARE NOT SUPPOSED TO!" she exclaimed, "THIS IS A CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSION!"

Trusted Partners.

we have several local partners who offer various discounts to U3A members. They are listed here:
Optician Services in Benidorm.
Salon.com Hairdressers in Alfaz.
Safeguard Spain Locksmith.
Shieldaig boarding Kennels & Cattery in Finestrat.
Interoptics in Alfaz.
Express Legal Solicitors Albir.
Steve Taylor Locksmith.
Present your membership card to get a discount. These savings can be a considerable benefit. Well above the cost of U3A annual membership.
For further details go the resources page on our website.

Committee. Vacant posts 2021

Nominations are being accepted for 2021, all nominations must be in before the general meeting in November. The following posts will become vacant as some of the committee will be standing down after several years loyal service.

Secretary.
Treasurer.
Press Officer.



If any member feels they can spare a little time and have something to offer to assist in the smooth operation of the association, we need you. Nomination forms are available via the website or from any committee member.



Next Meeting
26th October (TBC)



Keeping
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.

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Click the link on the website.

Please use your surname and membership number as a reference