



Guest Speaker

Mike Baker

Computer Questions and Answers

A few minutes is given between the meeting and the 15 minute presentation to allow those members who may have an urgent appointment to leave.



May Day Lunch

Monday 7th May



HOTEL MOLÍ
Alfaz del Pi.
1.00 pm for 1.30 pm

Menu

Paté served with toast
Vegetable Soup with crusty bread
Deep Fried Camembert
Cheese on a bed of fresh salad



Chicken and Mushroom Pasta
served with a side salad
Roast Beef served with
vegetables and potatoes

Fillet of Salmon served with
vegetables and new potatoes



Chocolate Mousse
Ice Cream
Apple Tart



½ Bottle of Wine or Soft Drink or Beer



Cost: **€13.50** (including tip)

MAXIMUM ATTENDEES: 30

See Ann Wilson or Hazel Layt today.

*Full payment and menu choice
required with booking.*



Dining Out

Monthly Picnic

Eucalyptus Park, Albir

Tuesday 8th May - 1.30 pm

Use the entrance on Calle de Ludwig van Beethoven, which is the road parallel to Mastroianni's Restaurant
Contact: Elaine and Geoff Mitchell
96 686 4962 or 636 164 467

Garden Party

PLACES STILL AVAILABLE!

Ploughman's Lunch

Saturday 19th May - 1.00 pm

Join the fun at our annual Garden Party in Joan and Bill Flint's Garden.
Three-course meal and ½ bottle wine.
Cost: **€10** (includes raffle ticket).
Numbers Limited to 80 members.
Please bring cutlery, wine glasses and, if possible, table and chairs.
See Joan Fint at today's meeting.
Full payment required with booking.

REMINDER

Cash payments will only be accepted if the money is in an envelope which is clearly labelled with:

- Name and Membership Number(s)
- Event being booked
- Amount of cash enclosed

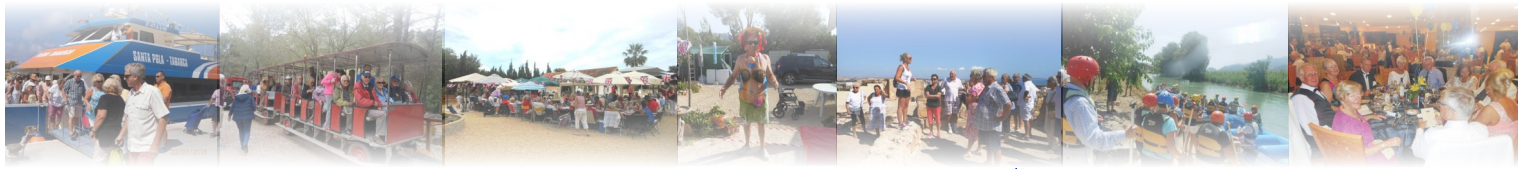
Envelopes are available at the booking desks and a separate envelope is required for each event being booked.

We have a policy of not saving seats. If you wish to sit with particular friends at any event then please arrive together.



May Diary

Tue	1	Golf
Wed	2	Guitar Lessons
Thu	3	Calligraphy, 3C's, Crafts, Petanca
Mon	7	Watercolour, May Day Lunch, Spanish Classes, Bridge
Tue	8	Picnic, Golf, Ten-pin Bowling
Wed	9	Solo Amigos - Lunch Guitar Lessons
Thu	10	Calligraphy, 3C's, Crafts, Petanca
Mon	14	Spanish Classes, Intermediate Bridge
Tue	15	Golf
Wed	16	Café Philo, Guitar Lessons
Thu	17	Calligraphy, 3C's, Crafts, Petanca
Fri	18	Solo Amigos - Coffee
Sat	19	U3A Garden Party
Mon	21	Writers' Group, Spanish Classes, Bridge
Tue	22	Golf
Wed	23	Guitar Lessons
Thu	24	Calligraphy, 3C's, Crafts, Petanca
Sun	27	Sunday Strollers
Mon	28	U3A General Meeting, Spanish Classes, Intermediate Bridge
Tue	29	Golf
Wed	30	Guitar Lessons
Thu	31	Calligraphy, 3C's, Crafts, Petanca



The U3A World Is Your Oyster

Members may not be aware that the U3A here in Spain and the UK are just part of a global organisation with branches around the world.

1973 - France was the first country to create a U3A which was attached to Toulouse University. There were close links to universities, tax-based funding and little self-help ethos. This French model continues to be strong in French speaking countries and in some other European countries.

1982 - The idea reached the UK, but the founders felt that the French model would not transfer well. An alternative model was therefore developed based on self-help, no tax-based funding and no formal links to universities. This model continues to flourish in English speaking countries and the UK movement is the largest, with over 1,000 U3As and nearly 400,000 members.



Today the global Third Age movement is represented by these two main models, with many variations in between.

2015 - The Third Age Trust established an International Committee and its main recommendations were:-

- to assist the establishment of U3As overseas, based on the UK model.
- to provide U3As with advice on language and cultural exchanges, particularly with European countries.
- to assist U3As or members, with issues about the wider Third Age movement.
- to produce an advice sheet, as well as maintaining a database of international contacts.

As part of the above initiative, earlier this year, members from across the UK had an exchange with Mauritius U3A.

Another area of focus is where there are U3As in places where members visit for long periods of time. Spain being a prime example.

The digital age is now upon us and there are three international U3A websites that have been created to provide additional global support to members.

www.worldu3a.org

World U3A has no buildings and no membership. It has no committees, beyond the steering group that oversees the work of the Secretary General. Its meetings take place on the internet via the Open University teleconferencing system.

It has the following functions and activities:-

- produces a monthly newsletter, 'Signpost', with items about U3A around the world.
- set up and runs MYU3A (see below) to provide international understanding and contacts for all active retired people around the world.
- achieves this through internet activity rather than through a traditional organisation structure.

www.myu3a.org

The Asia Pacific Alliance of U3As has shown how use of a simple technology can bring us together at virtually no cost. Over the last eight years it has held hundreds of teleconferences and set up the online project MY U3A.

www.u3aonline.org.au

The vast distances between centres in Australia prompted setting up an online U3A. The project now runs more than 60 short courses and they are open to anyone in the English-speaking world.

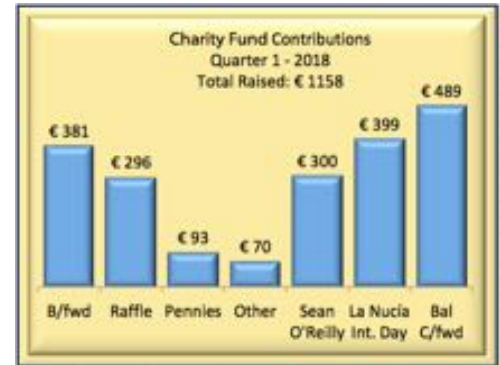
Membership to U3A Online costs only £14 per year and courses are then free. You can do as many or as few as you like. Courses include:

- Food for Thought • Train Your Brain
- Myths and Legends • Astronomy
- The History of Espionage

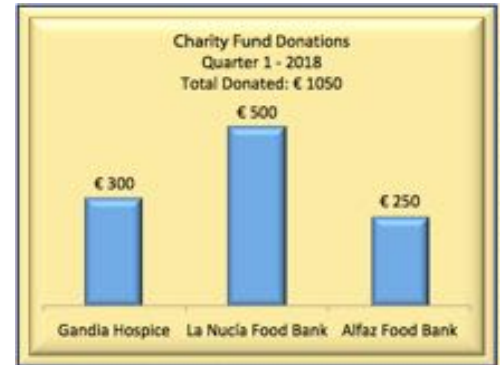
For more information, have a look at the above websites.

Charity Fund - Quarter 1 Update

Total contributions for the first quarter of 2018 were €1158. Our Charity Raffles raised €296 and our "Pennies" collection totalled €93. Sean O'Reilly donated €300 raised from his sponsored cycle ride and The Olde Tea Shoppe stand at the La Nucia International Day raised €399.



Total donations to good causes were €1050 during the first quarter. €300 was donated to the Gandia Hospice, €500 to La Nucia Food Bank and €250 to Alfaz del Pi Food Bank.



Thank you to everyone who assisted or donated.



If you are at an event, trip or group activity, please remember to take a photograph and maybe even write a short report. This information can then be used in the newsletter, on the website or printed in the newspapers.

Please send any items for the newsletter and website to Tom Smith. Any articles or pictures for the press should be sent to Colin Butterfield.

Group Activities



Weekly

Monday

Spanish Language

Casa de Cultura, Alfaz del Pi
1.30 pm to 2.45 pm - Introduction Class
2.45 pm to 4.00 pm - Refresher Class
Contact: Joan Flint 96 586 1226

Monday

Intermediate Bridge

Albir Social Centre Café, Albir
5.00 pm to 7.00 pm
Contact: Ann Yeranosian 96 588 8414

Tuesday

Golfing Group

Las Rejas Golf Driving Range, Benidorm
3.00 pm - 9 or 18 holes of golf
Contact: Colin Butterfield 96 587 1406

Wednesday

Guitar Lessons

Next Door to Isa Rastro on N-332, Albir
3.45 pm - 4.45 pm
Contact: Peter Ritson 96 687 5282

Thursday

Calligraphy

Maureen Barrett's Home, Alfaz del Pi
10.30 am to 12.00 am
Contact: Maureen Barrett 96 588 2192

Thursday

3C's Chaps, Chatter and Coffee

Tio Leo Café, Albir
10.30 am
Contact: Geoff Mitchell 96 686 4962

Thursday

Crafts

Albir Social Centre
12.30 pm to 3.00 pm
Contact: Hazel Layt 96 689 5306

Thursday

Petanca

Scandinavia Park, Alfaz del Pi
2.30 pm
Contact: Liz Blanchard 96 687 3674

Monthly

Monday

Watercolour Painting

1st Monday - 7th May
Casa de Cultura, Alfaz del Pi
11.00 am to 1.00 pm
Contact: Elaine Mitchell
96 686 4962 or 636 164 467

Monday

Writers' Group

3rd Monday - 21st May
Roy Gough's Home, Albir - 11.00 am
Contact: Roy Gough
96 686 6865 or 605 395 211

Tuesday

Ten-pin Bowling

1st Tuesday
This month only 2nd Tues - 8th May
7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start
La Marina Centre
Players must wear proper bowling shoes, either their own or hire them for €1.
Contact: Pete Gale
633 279 130

Tuesday

Monthly Picnic

2nd Tuesday - 8th May
See 'Dining Out' on Page 1
Contact: Elaine and Geoff Mitchell
96 686 4962 or 636 164 467

Wednesday

Classical Music

2nd Wednesday - **RESUMES 10TH OCTOBER**
Geoff Mitchell's home, Albir
10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Contact: Geoff Mitchell 96 686 4962

Wednesday

Spanish Culture

Quarterly: Feb, Apr, Oct and Dec
2nd Wednesday - **RESUMES 10TH OCTOBER**
Elaine Mitchell's home, Albir - 2.30 pm
Contact: Elaine Mitchell 96 686 4962

Monthly

Wednesday

Café Philo

3rd Wednesday - 16th May
The Forum, Alfaz del Pi
10.00 am to 11.30 am
Contact: Kate Ferry 96 584 5039

Saturday

Dining Out - Garden Party

This month only
Saturday 19th May
See 'Dining Out' on Page 1
Contact: Joan Flint 96 586 1226

Sunday

Sunday Strollers

4th Sunday - 27th May
2.30 pm
Meet in the car park by the roundabout at the entrance to Polop Old Town, for a stroll to Polop's Cemetery Summit.
Contact: Pete Gale 633 279 130

Various Days

Solo Amigos

Wednesday 9th May - 1.30 pm
Lunch - Puente D'Oro, Albir
Confirm attendance with Liz by 7th May.
Friday 18th May 11.30 am
Coffee Morning
Casa de Cultura, Alfaz del Pi
Contact: Liz Blanchard 96 687 3674

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Member Assistance Group

Support group for U3A Members in times of special need.
Contact: Sue Bell
96 588 5274 or 680 214 320
email: susanandgarrybell@gmail.com
Backup contact: Maureen Barrett
96 588 2192 or 688 680 645



President's Report

First of all I would like to thank the membership for formally accepting me as their President. I will try to live up to the position.

It is with great sadness that the U3A Marina Baixa has lost valued members of the Committee who have done a great service for us all - they will be sadly missed. But we have to pick ourselves up and carry on. If anyone thinks they can assist in any way, no matter how small, then please come forward. Barrie

Brexit Update



Following last month's report on the British Consul's Brexit meeting, there has been an update on timescale.

European leaders met on 22nd March and agreed the Brexit transition period. The 21 month Implementation Period will begin on 31st March 2019 and run until 31st December 2020. This means that UK Citizens moving to Spain during this period should enjoy the same rights and guarantees as those who arrived before Brexit.

UK Citizens will be able to visit, live and work anywhere in the EU, broadly as they do now. UK Citizens currently living in the EU who want to move to a different Member State will be able to continue to do so during the Implementation Period.



Keeping Up-To-Date

Don't forget that you can view this newsletter and keep up-to-date with the latest Association news and activities by checking our website:

www.u3amarinabaixa.com

We are also available on Facebook and you can find us by searching for:

U3A Marina Baixa

New Committee Members

At last month's General Meeting four new Committee Members were appointed:



Barrie Price
President



Jacqui Silcox
Assistant Treasurer



Ann Wilson
Social and Events Co-ordinator



Hazel Layt
Social and Events Co-ordinator

We are still on the lookout for a Vice President and the Travel Co-ordinator post is still vacant. There will therefore be a limited number of organised trips until we fill this position.

If you feel you could fulfil either role, please submit a completed Nomination Form to our Secretary, Joan Flint, by 11.00 am on Monday 21st May

Nomination forms are available from Joan at today's meeting. You can also download a copy from our website.

Next Meeting



We usually meet on the fourth Monday of the month at the Casa de Cultura, Alfaz del Pi. Our next meeting will be held there on:

Monday 28th May 2018.

Doors open from 10.00 am. Desks close at 10.50 am to enable the meeting to start at 11.00 am.

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