



Today's Guest Speaker

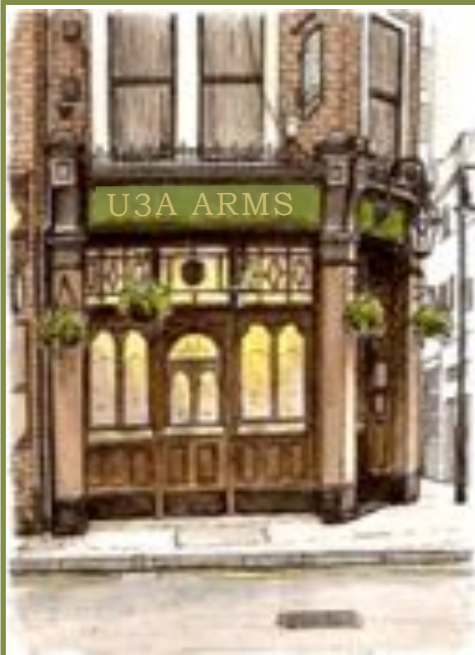
Elaine Mitchell

U3A Marina Baixa Picture Review of 2017

Next Month:

Mike Baker

Computer Questions and Answers



The Landlords of the U3A Arms invite you to a

Traditional Ploughman's Lunch

Saturday 19th May

1.00 pm

in Joan and Bill Flint's garden.

Numbers limited to 80 members.

Book early to avoid disappointment!

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Menu

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- ❁ Crisps and Nuts ❁
- ❁ Ploughman's Lunch ❁
- ❁ (includes selection of ham, ❁
- ❁ cheese, pickle, salad ❁
- ❁ and crusty bread) ❁
- ❁ Selection of Desserts ❁
- ❁ Tea or Coffee ❁
- ❁ 1/2 Bottle of Wine ❁
- ❁ Cost €10 per person ❁
- ❁ (includes raffle ticket) ❁

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Booking with Joan Flint today!
Full payment required with booking.



Dining Out

Monthly Picnic

Heliport, Balcon de Polop
Tuesday 10th April - 1.30 pm

Our next picnic is at a new venue in Polop. Directions: Take the CV-70 towards Guadalest. Turn into Balcon de Polop on Av. Balcon de Ponoig and follow the road up and up. See Elaine for full directions.

Contact: Elaine and Geoff Mitchell
96 686 4962 or 636 164 467

Dining Out

Sarita Indian Restaurant, Albir
Friday 20th April - 1.30 pm

Three-course meal with one glass of wine, one small beer or one soft drink. Main course, choose Chicken or Prawn Choose: Korma, Marsala, Curry or Madras (Mild, Medium or Hot)

Cost: Chicken, **€12.50** Prawn, **€13.50**
See Liz Parker at today's meeting.

Full payment required with booking.

Please remember that 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.



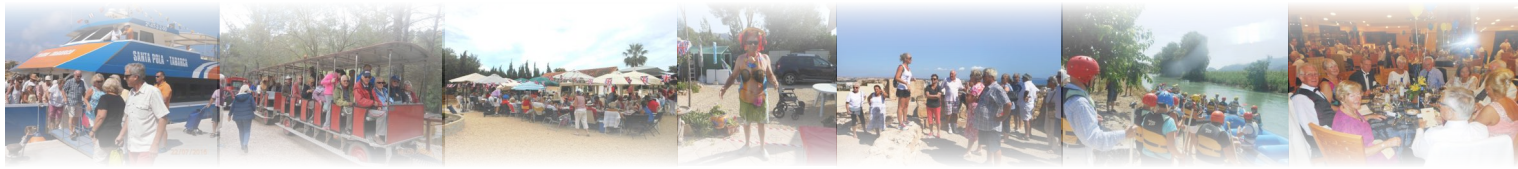
The Committee would like to express their thanks to the management and staff at Camping Villamar for the use of their venue last month.



April Diary

Mon	2	Easter Monday
Tue	3	Golf Ten-pin Bowling
Wed	4	Spanish Culture, Guitar Lessons
Thu	6	Calligraphy, 3C's, Crafts, Petanca
Mon	9	Spanish, Bridge
Tue	10	Golf, Picnic
Wed	11	Classical Music, Guitar Lessons
Thu	12	Calligraphy, 3C's, Crafts, Petanca
Mon	16	Writers' Group, Spanish, Bridge
Tue	17	Golf
Wed	18	Guitar Lessons
Thu	19	Calligraphy, 3C's, Crafts, Petanca
Fri	20	Dining Out
Sun	22	Sunday Strollers
Mon	23	U3A General Meeting, Spanish, Bridge
Tue	24	Golf
Wed	25	Café Philo, Guitar Lessons
Thu	26	Calligraphy, 3C's, Crafts, Petanca
Mon	30	Spanish, Bridge

See Page 3 for full details of the above activities.



La Nucía International Day



The 5th Annual La Nucía International Day was held on Sunday 11th March. 35 different countries took part and there were over 50 stands. The event started

at 11.00 am with the traditional 'Parade of Nations'.



Throughout the day there were music and dance performances from some of the participating countries.

Sticking with tradition, U3A Marina Baixa had an Olde Tea Shoppe at the event. However, preparations had begun with military precision the day before, when the advance party descended on the Sports Centre to organise the space for the following day. They set up the stall and organised the tables and chairs so that everything was ready for the next day.

This year we had great support on the day from the membership with 12 non-committee members helping to "man" the stall in two shifts.



The stand was selling freshly made sandwiches with tea or coffee for only €2.50. Alternatively, for those with a sweet tooth, you could choose a slice of homemade cake with a hot drink for the same price. Needless to say, the stand proved to be very popular throughout the day. The event organiser, Bart Gomens, congratulated our team on our stall and even brought the Mayor to speak to everyone.



Lots of items sold means lots of washing up, so we shouldn't forget to recognise the excellent job carried out by our two scrubbers, John and Bill. Here they are hard at work and they even have a smile on their faces!



Thankfully, everyone's hard work paid off and we managed to raise €398 towards our Charity Fund. Thank you to everyone who helped on the stand or who baked cakes, as it really was appreciated.



The following message left on our Facebook page says it all:

"Well done to all the members who helped, we could see you'd all worked really hard and it was really well done. Lovely tea and cakes too!"

Your Council Needs You!

The Padron is the local Town Hall census that is carried out every year. The information gathered is used by Regional and Central Government to decide the level of subsidy to be allocated to each Town Hall Council. This subsidy is vital to each Council to ensure a continuation of essential services such as Medical Care, Ambulances, Social Services, etc.

You should register in person at your local Ayuntamiento office. You will need the following items:

- Passport
- NIE Certificate
- One of the following:
 - House Deeds or Rental Contract
 - Rates Receipt
 - Property Owner Authorisation

If you are Resident, the Padron is renewable every five years. If you are Non-resident then you need to renew every two years. The information you supply is not shared with any tax authorities.

Charity Cycle Ride

One of our members, Sean O'Reilly, recently completed a 150 km charity cycle ride from Cuenca to Madrid, part of the Pilgrimage Route to Santiago de Compostela.



Sean completed the three-day ride in February against strong headwinds and temperatures of -3 degrees. Not exactly conducive weather for biking 150 kms cross-country!

Sean has already cycled over 2,700 kms of the Pilgrimage Route. His next challenge is completing the part of the route from Madrid to Santiago, this June.

Sean raised €300 in sponsorship and he donated this to the U3A Charity Fund. He requested that the donation be given to the Franciscan Hospice in Gandia.

Group Activities



Weekly

Monday

Spanish Language RESUMES 26 MAR

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 Yeranorian 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
NO CLASS IN APRIL (EASTER MONDAY)
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 - 16th April
Roy Gough's Home, Albir - 11.00 am
Contact: Roy Gough
96 686 6865 or 605 395 211

Tuesday

Ten-pin Bowling

1st Tuesday - 3rd April
7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start
La Marina Centre
Contact: Pete Gale
633 279 130

Tuesday

Monthly Picnic

2nd Tuesday - 10th April
See 'Dining Out' on Page 1
Contact: Elaine and Geoff Mitchell
96 686 4962 or 636 164 467

Wednesday

Spanish Culture

Quarterly: Feb, Apr, Oct and Dec
1st Wednesday - 4th April
Elaine Mitchell's home, Albir - 2.30 pm
Contact: Elaine Mitchell 96 686 4962

Wednesday

Classical Music

2nd Wednesday - 11th April
Geoff Mitchell's home, Albir
10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Contact: Geoff Mitchell 96 686 4962

Monthly

Wednesday

Café Philo

4th Wednesday - 25th April
The Forum, Alfaz del Pi
10.00 am to 11.30 am
Contact: Kate Ferry 96 584 5039

Friday

Dining Out

3rd Friday - 20th April
See 'Dining Out' on Page 1
Contact: Liz Parker
96 689 0371 or 618 173 220

Sunday

Sunday Strollers

22nd April - Altea Campo
Meet at 2.30 pm alongside the Altea Sports Centre football ground for a stroll, following the river and around the campo of Altea.
Contact: Pete Gale 633 279 130

Various Days

Solo Amigos

Wednesday 11th April - 1.30 pm
Lunch - Verd i Vent Restaurant, Jalon
Confirm attendance with Liz by 9th Apr.
Let Liz know if you need transport.
Friday 20th April 11.30 am
Coffee Morning
Columbus Restaurant, Altea
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

British Consul Brexit Meeting

At a recent, well-attended meeting at the Forum in Alfaz the British Consul for Alicante, Sarah-Jane Morris, laid out the post-Brexit rights which have already been agreed by the 27 EU Members.



For those British Nationals residing here for more than 183 days per year, she recommended that they should have Spanish Residencia. She stressed that for anyone here living 'under the radar' the position has not been agreed. After Brexit on 29th March 2019, it could be more difficult to obtain Residencia or exceed the allowance of 183 days per annum.

A local Solicitor has confirmed that the following documents are required to obtain a Residencia Certificate:

- Original passport.
- NIE document.
- Padron certificate.
- Title deed or rental contract
- UK S1 form for healthcare. If you do not have an S1 or any other health cover, you must provide your private health insurance policy.
- Bank account certificate showing that a minimum monthly sum of €650 is paid into your Spanish bank account.

The Consul confirmed that the UK State Pension for expats in Spain will continue to be increased each year in line with the UK. She also recommended that everyone should register on the local Town Hall Census (Padron). See Page 2 for more information.

Several issues were raised during the Q&A session, including voting rights for expats and the renewal process for UK passports. There will be another update meeting in the Autumn. The Consul recommended checking the following official websites for the latest news.

www.gov.uk/world/brexit
www.facebook.com/BritsInSpain

Committee Vacancies

Nomination forms for Committee Vacancies were distributed at our February meeting. Prior to the start of the meeting Barrie Price (a former President) advised the Committee that, as our new President had recently resigned, he was willing to stand as President for another term.



Barrie's appointment is to be ratified at today's General Meeting.

Nominations have now been received for the vacancies of Assistant Treasurer and Social and Events Co-ordinator. Both positions will be confirmed at today's meeting.

Sadly, Rob Parker has decided to resign as Travel Co-ordinator. If you feel you could fulfil this post, please submit a completed Nomination Form to our Secretary, Joan Flint, by 11.00 am on Monday 16th April.

N-332 Driving in Spain

The above event will be held at the Fundación Frax Centre in Albir on Wednesday 18th April at 10.30 am.

Around 50 members indicated that they would like to attend the presentation which will be in English, accompanied by a slideshow. The talk is being given by the N332 Driving in Spain team. Entrance is free.

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 23rd April 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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