

# U3A Denia

Asociación de la  
Tercera Edad de Denia  
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## October 2017 Newsletter

### The Committee:

**President:** **Gordon Clifford**

Vice President: Christine Whitelock

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Len Roper

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Margaret Kelly

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### A Message from the President:

On Sunday the 22nd I had the privilege of being invited to attend the Allotment Group open day, and what a fantastic event the delightful members of this group put on. All the hard work involved in organising an event like this was well rewarded by the attendance of over 100 visitors and invited guests, who, as far as I could ascertain thoroughly enjoyed themselves, with plenty of good food and beverages available.

In addition, a large selection of homemade pickles, jam, plants, etc. were on sale to raise funds to purchase a Rotavator to ease the strain on somewhat elderly backs when preparing the allotments for planting

The hard work and dedication of this group were on display in the well tended and highly productive allotments. Well done to all those involved in the planning and organisation of this very enjoyable event.

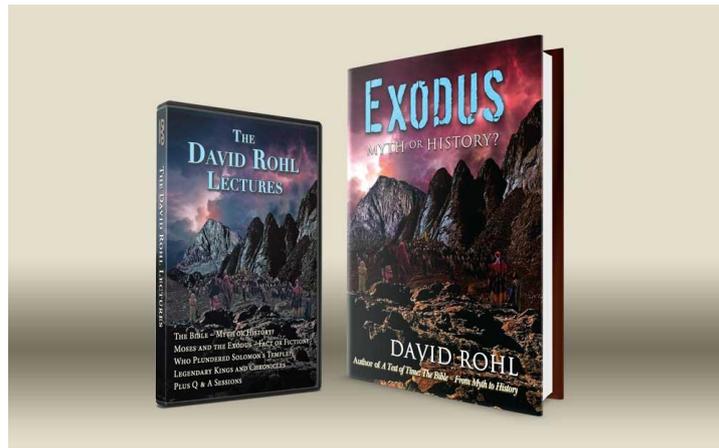
The success of the Allotment Group does however present something of a conundrum. If the efforts of a relatively small group can attract such a large number of attendees, why are the members meetings so poorly attended despite the efforts of the Vice-president in particular and the Committee in general to arrange some very good speakers? This observation is supported by the attendance of 65 members, out of a total membership of over 700, at the presentation given by David Rohl, probably the best speaker we have had, and an expert in his field.

Answers on a postcard please

Gordon Clifford  
President

## Message from the Vice President:

We were fortunate again to welcome David Rohl as our speaker. David is an historian, Egyptologist and former director of the Institute for the Study of Interdisciplinary Sciences. Since the 1980's David has put forward theories revising the chronology of Ancient Egypt, with particular reference to the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. Author, sometime Rock Musician and TV personality, David now lives amongst us!



Archaeology may seem dry and dusty to many of us. David makes it fascinating and doesn't blind us with scientific terminology. Over many years of research he has formulated a timeline which sits comfortably with the events of the Exodus set forth in the Bible. As I discovered on hearing him and having read some of his books and seen a TV documentary he co-produced and appeared in, Archaeology could never fit the events with the biblical accounts. Religious scholars and biblical Archaeologists and historians have largely accepted that the accounts, written often many hundreds of years after the events are an account of numerous movements of peoples across the area of Egypt and the Upper Nile in ancient times and by the names of historical characters such as Rameses II (portrayed by Yul Brynner in the film "Ten Commandments"). Believe me, they looked! No evidence can be found of an Israelite population in Egypt of those proportions in that period. Neither do Jacob, Joseph or even Moses figure in that, the Plagues visited upon them (Frogs, Pestilence, etc.....)

However, David (amongst other experts in the field) have found evidence in earlier Dynasties, that is under previous Pharaohs, that fits well. This was ground breaking stuff in Archaeological Circles! David explained to us with easy to follow maps, photos and archaeological details/historical-biblical accounts, that earlier times pointed to a large Israelite population in Egypt, evidence of the location, home and burial sites of the 12 sons of Jacob, the 12 tribes and the location of Jericho, where the "Walls came tumbling down"! Fascinating stuff and you had to be there to appreciate it all. Those who were unable to attend missed a treat.

On that note, we had a disappointing 10% of the membership in attendance to one of our best speakers, professional and interesting, who tours and lectures in many

countries and offers us his very extensive information for free! It leads me to ask what would you like, Fellow Members? Many of you contact me with suggestions of speakers, which I always follow up, but often don't work out, because of timings and various other reasons. I appreciate that. What I'd like is to hear what would entice you along to our monthly meetings? I encourage you now to come forward with suggestions; come forward yourselves if you have an interesting story to tell, maybe about your group and how you came to that interest, some other life experience you had. We would all love to hear you! I try to include informative speakers (such as Daniel Herranz, Lawyer in September) as well as light hearted and thought provoking speakers - coming up "Air Travel in the 60's and 70's from a retired air hostess" and a Buddhist Lama on relaxation, meditation and information on the Buddhist Monastery here in La Sella. An excellent place to visit or take a course, retreat or have lunch and a tour! Come on, we want you to attend the Members' Meetings, as well as your individual Groups. I am planning to ask Group Leaders and representatives to be at meetings as we used to a few years ago, before everything was "on the website"! Maybe you'd like to see faces and speak to the group members involved? The committee and I work hard to find and arrange these speakers, with thought of what will interest you. Contact me please with any of your thoughts on all the above at [christinehorrigan38@hotmail.com](mailto:christinehorrigan38@hotmail.com) or through the website (!)

Thanks for listening Christine Whitelock - Vice President

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### **News from the Groups:**

#### **Allotment Group:**

## **U3A DÉNIA – ALLOTMENT OPEN DAY**

Over 100 people attended an Open Day on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October held by the Allotment Group.



During the day they were treated to delicious freshly cooked BBQ burgers, Paella, enpanads as well as a selection of vegetarian dishes and fresh salad and coleslaw.

This was followed by various homemade cakes. Everyone was treated to drinks and freshly made Sangria.



There were stalls with lovely homemade pickles, chutneys and jams made from vegetables produced on the allotments. There was a bottle stall and one selling lovely hand painted shoes and miniature wheelbarrows filled with plants. All products were offered on a donation basis and the money raised will go towards the purchase of equipment for the use of the allotment owners.



As people arrived they were handed a free raffle ticket – the prize was a hamper full of fresh produce from the allotments. Margaret and Bob Kelly won the raffle.

It was a very successful and well supported event and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended. Please can we have more days like this?

There is just one allotments still available – so if you would like to own one the cost is just €10 joining fee and €40 annually which includes water).

Please contact: [paulinewheeler@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:paulinewheeler@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Cycling Group:**



Barbara Doms (Group Leader) with Hazel de Lucci on a ride to Pego  
We have 4 other people who join us sometimes on the weekly rides.

Please contact Barbara if you are interested in joining this group:  
[cycling@u3adenia.com](mailto:cycling@u3adenia.com)

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## **Fishing Group:**



The fishing group continue to enjoy their weekly day out. We have continued most of the summer months. We have a good turnout most weeks and catches and quality of the fish remain good with some nice weights of individual fish. New members are always looked after and helped by loans of rod and tackle where we can. The members are a very easy going group and we try to keep it on a light footing with loads of banter between the members. Though we have to be licenced to fish in Valencia area it's well worth the initial outlay - probably not more than a couple of euros a week. And always a good day out.

Any U3A Members interested in joining the group please email me or contact a member of committee at the meetings

Regards Derek  
[fishing@u3adenia.org](mailto:fishing@u3adenia.org)

## Petanque Group

We hope that everyone has had a lovely Summer break and are enjoying this beautiful autumn weather hoping that long may it continue to be sunny and cooler providing our players with ideal conditions.

We are gradually coming back up to full strength as members return after the summer break.

As you can see from the photographs below we continue to produce worthy winners who have managed to come through after reaching the final, fending off close competition from runners up in the play offs each week. Congratulations as usual to them all!

Ann  
Group Leader

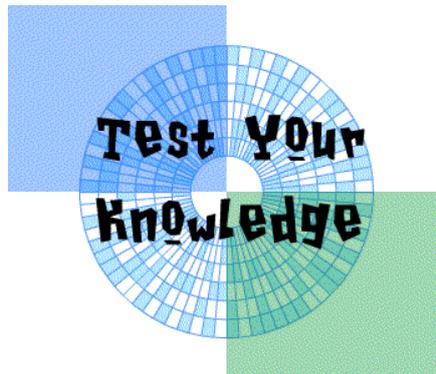




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### **Quiz Group:**



**We are looking for volunteers please to compile quizzes from November onwards.**

The U3A Dénia quiz night takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at the Poligono Restaurant in Dénia. The price for the quiz, meal and including prizes is 13 Euros per person.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list for quiz nights please contact Richard [quiz@u3adenia.com](mailto:quiz@u3adenia.com)

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### **New Groups:**

We have two volunteers to run new groups.

## **A Singles Cooking/Social Group**

A group of maximum six singles, male or female, to come together once every two to three weeks at somebody's place for a 3-course meal. The host(ess) decides what he/she is going to prepare and of course every time the meeting will be at a different place.

If you are interested in joining this group please contact: [mia.van.buul@gmail.com](mailto:mia.van.buul@gmail.com)

## **Spanish Conversation:**

A Beginners/Intermediate Group - Spanish for those wishing to be able to converse in Spanish on everyday topics, such as reserving a table in a restaurant, ordering food in a restaurant, buying food at the market etc.

Suggested day/time Tuesdays 1pm -2pm

I am a qualified Spanish teacher who has taught Spanish in London for many years.

If there is sufficient demand we can progress to an Intermediate/Advanced group later.

If you are interested in joining this group please contact:  
[Katleencliodhna@gmail.com](mailto:Katleencliodhna@gmail.com)

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## **For Sale/Wanted:**

### **La Sella Golf Share Rental:**

A 27 hole family membership - reduced to €500 for the year January the 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31st.

The renter also has to pay the La Sella Golf Club €1400 for annual membership plus €4 for each 18 holes he plays.

If interested please contact:

Home : 96 645 6533

Mobile : 610 986 192

Email : [davidcannon66@gmail.com](mailto:davidcannon66@gmail.com)

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Due to change of vehicle I have the following items for sale:



Hapro roady roof box 100 euros ono. ( check out the prices on Amazon)



Citron Cactus roof bars 100 euros (over 200 euros new)



19" Samsung TV plus sky digi box 50 euros

Telephone 965755234. Or 672640179

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Two childrens car booster seats. Good clean condition €10 the pair

Three ink cartridges for use with Epsom printer. Yellow, Magenta and Cyan (Blue) €15

Contact: Norma = [normablanche@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:normablanche@hotmail.co.uk)

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HP Printer 25Euros



Black and Decker 115mm angle grinder with 6 discs 25 euros

Phone Maureen 966433487 after 2PM Dénia.

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**For Information:**



## **Guest Speakers**

Monthly meetings are on the third Thursday of each month except December.

**November** The Rock Choir will be here to entertain us

Hope you can come along'

Christine Whitelock  
Vice president

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