

# U3A Denia

Asociación de la  
Tercera Edad de Denia  
www.u3adenia.org



## May 2018 Newsletter

### The Committee:

**President: Ken Yendell**

Vice President: Christine Whitelock

Treasurer: Phillip Johnson

Secretary: Sylvana Scannapiego

Ex Officio: Margaret Kelly

Ex Officio: Pam McGowan

### A Message from the President:

We welcomed some new members at the last meeting and they had the nerve to win the raffle prize! - A day trip for 2 to the Arts & Sciences Valencia. Let us hope they get over their guilt and enjoy the day.

The Group Leaders lunch was attended by more than half the leaders and I think was enjoyed by those present. I passed on your appreciation for their efforts and hard work and convinced them all to continue the good work for another year.





## **Committee Meeting**

Our second meeting was a lively and interesting affair. The highlights include a discussion on the Social worker (Almoner) and the approach required. We need a 'leader' to coordinate the helpers please.

The first coffee morning was held Saturday 26 May at the Cafe Solis Las Marinas. New members received a 'free' coffee from your President.

A need for a Publicity Person was discussed and thought worth pursuing. We have a job description to help the volunteer, all we need is a volunteer.

Philip and I had a good meeting with the web designer and now Philip has a good understanding of the site and I know a little more than I did before the meeting, but not enough to help anybody! Please contact Philip with queries or help required with our website.

We are progressing with plans for a Picnic in September, a Tea Dance in October and a Christmas 'do' late November. Please watch this and other spaces for updates.

Some pages on the website need to be updated and will be done soonish or sooner.

Ken will be attending a meeting of Regional U3A Presidents on Wednesday 13th June

A request was received from U3A Javea to advertise their upcoming charity ball. The committee decided that such requests can be advertised on our website only if they are cultural events, fundraising events and fundraising entertainment.

We are checking our insurance policy to confirm exactly what cover we have with this policy. Are there any ex Insurance people out there who can help with the jargon and details. Please contact me.

## Members Meeting

We had two speakers, a lovely interlude of information and singing from Sarah Ballard, who would like to start an A Capella group, those interested please contact a committee member and your email will be forwarded to Sarah.

The second speaker was Pedro Dominguez Crego from the Red Cross. It was very interesting and useful to learn what the Red Cross now offers. A range of alarm systems that directly contact the Red Cross emergency centre in Alicante and forward the details to local helpers. I would recommend that you contact Pedro, European Residents Regional Coordinator, at the Red Cross to find out more.

## Other interesting stuff

A good number enjoyed the Inaugural Drop-In Coffee morning, most insisting that they were new members! As a newish member, with very little memory of meeting any of these fine people, I believed them and their falsehoods were rewarded with free coffees. Two hours of conversation and laughs will, I hope, bring them all and others along to our next gathering.



Watch this space for updates.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the Royal Wedding. I am sure you all enjoyed the spectacle and the obvious love and happiness of the couple.

On your behalf, The Secretary and I were at a Garden Party at the residence of the British Ambassador to Spain.



We shared the hospitality of our host with aprox 150 guests from across Spain, all of whom are involved in good works for their local ex-pat communities. It was a splendid few hours culminating in watching the wedding on a choice of large screens whilst sipping Cava, Real Ale or G&Ts and nibbling cucumber sandwiches or Victorian Sponge.





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## **News from the Groups:**

### **Allotment Group:**

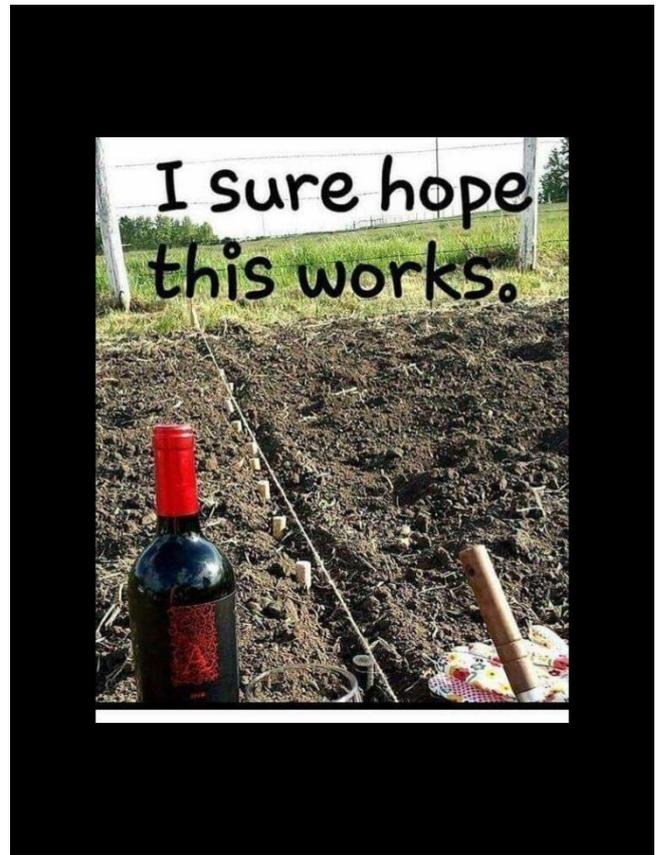


You take a packet of seeds thinking Monty Donn, pat your dog, wash out jars thinking Mary Berry, do a little Bill and Ben talking to yourself as you prepare your fork and hose wait for the gardener coming back from his dinner to ask his advice, then plant the tiny little seeds.

It's a waiting game weed or seed, they look alike.

Look up chutney recipes, water, weed and feed, talk to the little leggy seedlings delight in no day long deluge of rain willing the little beggars to grow, you've invested 1.5€ and the results are amazing the thrill of eating your home grown veg.

The sharing is everything it's huggable, so very very smilie, Denise smiled all afternoon as her beetroot are simply delicious.



We would like to share a link for tommy banks beetroot dish which we hope you may like to try.

[http://www the caterer.com/501242/tommy.banks-chef-masterclass-recipe-for-crapaudine-beetroot-cooked](http://www.thecaterer.com/501242/tommy.banks-chef-masterclass-recipe-for-crapaudine-beetroot-cooked-slowly-in-beef-fat)slowly-in-beef-fat

Drop in for tea or coffee anytime weekends are usually a hive of activity e.mail Pauline for directions [paulinewheeler@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:paulinewheeler@hotmail.co.uk)

Just a wee ohh and ahh no need to weed.

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**Backgammon Group:**



Photo of this months BUMA trophy being presented to Gordon Sellars by last months winner Maggie Whitmore.



This months 'BUMA' Trophy was won by Caryl Sellars seen being presented by Dave Thomas with her hard fought trophy, greatfruits and Superior bottle of wine...Well done Caryl.



Other winners for the weekly competition were, Team leader Dave, Norma and Graeme

If anyone is interested in joining our group please e mail Dave at [dash4954@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dash4954@hotmail.co.uk) for further information. We are a mixed friendly bunch at all different levels and the 'Backgammon Unique Monthly Award' format is designed to give everybody a chance of winning.

Dave, Team leader  
backgammon@u3adenia.com

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### **Cycling Group:**

Our easy riders Cycling group are expanding by the week. We have 8 plus riders in the link to go out every week through Orange groves to nearby local towns and villages.

We are a very mixed group with like-minded people coming from Javea, Ondara Dénia.

All abilities welcome.



I always take the front wheel out to get the bike in the car for the meeting point.

Keep those legs moving.

Regards Barbara Doms  
See webpages for contact details

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### **Petanque Group:**

Last month we experienced some computer glitches and the news of our weekly winners got lost in cyber space. 🐛

We sprung into Spring with attendance figures increasing week on week. fine

weather encouraging the return of some of our regular players and has also helped introducing some new members to our group.

Our games continue to be extremely competitive with some of the newer members showing promise and giving the more experienced players a run for their money!

Thankfully the good weather continues and friendship abounds culminating with sixty two members of our group enjoying a very tasty Paella in the park made by Veronica and the staff of Bassetes Cafe.



The photographs show our clever winners from the last eight weeks and some snapshots of us enjoying that lovely lunch.



**Quiz Group:**

# QUIZ

The U3A Dénia quiz night takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at the Poligono Restaurant in Dénia except in December. 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 see the webpages for contact details

**Travel Group:**

Trips which are now open for booking:

Arts & Sciences museum, Valencia 10<sup>th</sup> October

Christmas in Nerja, 23<sup>rd</sup> December **Sorry Fully booked but a waiting list is being compiled**

Fallas Factory and Museum 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Prague, Vienna, Budapest May 2019 – **Fully booked but a waiting list is being compiled**

For further details on any of these trips please visit the U3A Dénia website.

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**For Information:**

**Catamaran Sunset Cruise**



We will be sailing at 7.30pm on a cruise of 2.1/2 hours. We will be entertained by Rob Sweeney who will have us all up and dancing.

We will be having a goody bag snack and half a bottle of wine per person before enjoying the sunset.

The proceeds will be going towards the purchase of a Christmas present and a shoe box full of surprises for each of the 23 children who are resident at the care home in Dénia. The gifts will be handed out by our very own Papa Noel.

Please come along and join us for this fun evening. There are a few places left.

Cost per person - 30€

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**For Sale/Wanted:**

# **FOR SALE - AS NEW**

## **CANON POWERSHOT SX620**

Digital Camera Optical Zoom – Wi Fi

**180€, all included!**

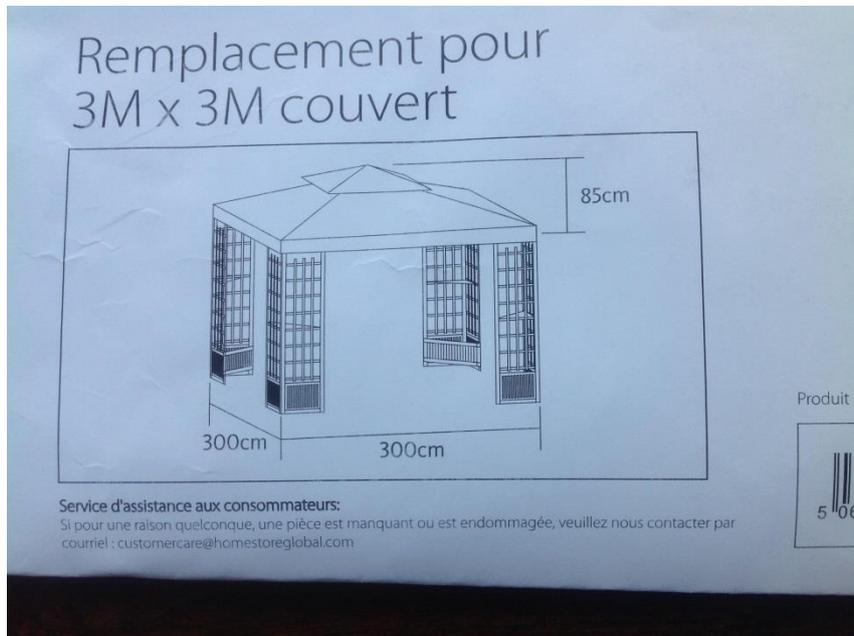
Includes: Hardcover case and Ultra ScanDisk, 32 GB. Battery loader and manual.  
Invoice from; Nov. 2017.



**For more information!**

Please, email: [marianned@live.se](mailto:marianned@live.se) or phone 96505 0238 or 6343 45 21

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For Sale due to new structure the attached Gazabo cover.brand new still in original Packaging.from Amazon for sale at £40 ( check the prices on Amazon) with this there

Are four curtains same fabric included in the price. Please email me for further details

[ripleysusan794@yahoo.com](mailto:ripleysusan794@yahoo.com)

Tel 661029752 or 965755234



For sale 2 Stressler real leather recliner chairs.

€400 for the pair. Ono

Contact Joy Briggs on 865511126

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Nov. 2005 Ford Focus 2.0 TDCi, 139,000 Km, 3 doors, Metallic black, sunroof, cruise control, alloys, 4 new tyres, FSH, VGC,



€ 2500. ITV date is now Nov. 18

Contact: 966427467 (Dénia) 629690722 Chris Whitehead

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Light fitting €30



Gas Hob. Ideal for rental property/outside kitchen. €50

telephone Lesley on 696082916 or email: [highstreet238-lesley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:highstreet238-lesley@yahoo.co.uk)

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**Speakers at Monthly Members Meetings for 2018:**

June Paul Whitfield. Ex fire officer.  
About his experiences in the fire service.

November Dénia Rock Choir

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**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**



The first senior moment.