



u3a Vall del Pop

News4u

Issue 6 - Nov '09

U3A Open Day An outstanding success.

On Saturday, October 31st the Vall del Pop U3A held their very first 'Open Day' at The Multi Uso Building in

Alcalali. The day was opened by speeches from Mayor Don Jose Vincente Marco Mestre and David Garside, President of the Vall del Pop U3A. Static displays were presented by all of the various groups and individual moving displays given by the Tai Chi, dancing, and karate groups and fly fishing.

Forty eight new members joined the Vall del Pop U3A and many groups found that within hours their number had doubled or even trebled.

A great day was had by one and all with refreshment laid on by Madeleine.

The following page displays just some of the groups that exhibited at the Open Day.



President David Garside showing the Mayor Don Jose Vincente Marco Mestre of Alcalali, around the exhibits. - Photo by Julia Hughs



EDITORIAL - by Byron Dawson

This month's news letter is rather different and much shorter than previous newsletters. This is due to all those people who gave of their time and effort for the Open Day having something better to do than writing copy for this newsletter. A big thanks to all of you for making the day such a resounding success and a very big welcome to the 48 new members. Thanks also to Mayor Don Jose Vincente Marco

Mestre, of Alcalali for the use of the building. The U3A is a wonderful concept that provides opportunities for everyone to find something that they are interested in and making new friends. I just cannot let this opportunity go by without thanking David & Madeleine for having the foresight and confidence to have an open day. I know David and Madeleine that you must have had many sleepless nights, thinking "Will anyone turn up? Will this work? What happens if?" Well people did turn up and it did work and it's all thanks to you both. Very well done indeed!

Astronomy



Busy fingers



Birding



Painting



Chess



Cine



Computers



Mosaics



Drawing



Fly fishing



Lace making



Walking



Photographic



Tai Chi



Photos by Julia Hughs

And now, the rest of the news

U3A Starstruck

Third Age Club Members hold star gazing picnic

By Nikki Luxford



THE Vall de Pop U3A held its first Picnic with the Stars on Friday with the help of the Denia U3A astronomy group.

The 30 Vall de Pop U3A members in attendance were treated to an insight by eight knowledgeable astronomers from Dénia who explained about the various stars, star clusters and the moon.

Throughout the evening, participants were able to clearly see the moon's craters as well as Jupiter and its four moons through the four telescopes and binoculars brought along by the Dénia members. Dénia group

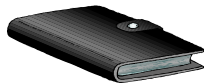


Photo by Ray Wood

leader, Christine Ord, explained that each evening the same amount of stars are present but light pollution, smog and other factors restrict how many the human eye can actually see. She also explained that this year is the 400th anniversary since Galileo first looked through a telescope and 40 years since the first man walked on the moon.

Read more in this week's Costa Blanca News edition

Dates for your diary



11th November Starting 7-00 pm at the cinema Lliber "And When Did You Last See Your Father"

General Meeting 7th December. Panto and Christmas Cheer.

Christmas Gala Concert. A night of Spanish music. 11th December Careline theatre Alcalali.

Dancing Evening Salon de Banquetes Avda del Mediterraneo Teulada. Starting 8-00 pm Thursday 12th Nov 10th Dec. Alf Jan 965730655.

Details of next meeting

**The next meeting will be
Thursday 3rd Dec.**

Xalo Town Hall

10.15am for new members.

10.30am for 11.00am start

Guest speakers TBA



Vall del Pop

U3A

Astronomy Group

Thursday 19th November

4.00 pm

Centro Civico – Alcalali

What to look out for in the next few weeks.



International Space Station flies over Xalo.

7th Nov 19.19 – 19.21pm

8th Nov 19.42 – 19.43pm

9th Nov 18.29 – 18.34pm

10th Nov 18.51 – 18.56pm

The Space Station will appear in the South West travelling at about 18,000 mph towards the North East.

On the 7th and 8th November, the Space Station will 'blink out' when it goes overhead, as it passes into the Earth's shadow.

Leonid Meteors

17th Nov from about 11.00pm onwards the Leonid meteor shower. Look to the East to see the meteors. Expect to see a meteor every few minutes.

Don't forget to make a wish!

Kings of Panto

Beauty & the

Beast



On the Costa Blanca, Careline Theatre are the acknowledged kings of pantomime. Scriptwriter, John Morley is recognised as the pantomime king in the UK and in most of the English speaking world. These kings are coming together under the very experienced direction (a string of eight big pantomime successes before she left the UK) of Marion Carter, to bring you **Beauty and The Beast** next January 13th to 17th at the Careline Theatre in Alcalali with Tasha Larkin as Beauty and Andy Crabb as The Beast. The box office on 652 294 750 is already finding tickets to be very much in demand. Tickets are priced at 12€ for adults and 10€ for children of twelve and under with a 10% discount for party bookings of 10 and over.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

RING BERNARD KING ON 96 646 23 85.



JALON VALLEY HELP
Are pleased to announce that their annual

FASHION SHOW

&

CHRISTMAS BAZAR

will be held on

Thursday 19th November

at

The Co-operativa Bar - Parcent

Doors open at 3:30 pm

ENTRANCE IS FREE

*There will also be a variety of stalls selling all sorts of goodies
A raffle and a tombola*

Why not come along and enjoy the fun!

