



# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

Dear Members,

If you were one of the 88 members who attended this month's Easter themed General Assembly, you will know that we continue to be very fortunate with our speakers.

Steve Burgess from Age in Spain told us the history of the organisation and described the work they do. You will find a full report elsewhere in this newsletter. Two of his key messages were not to be afraid to ask for help and not to leave the big decisions too late. Asking for help need not mean giving up your precious independence. Often the opposite is true: getting the right help allows people to remain independent for longer. Many of the most difficult cases they see could have been avoided with just a little forward planning.

It was very clear that Age in Spain's values are fully aligned with our own. Indeed, Steve told me after his presentation that he and his colleagues enjoy working with u3a associations precisely because they encounter none of the fear of competition that they find with some other charities and voluntary organisations. On this basis we agreed to continue to publicise each other's activities wherever appropriate.

More generally we are entering one of the busiest times of our year, with a wide range of exciting trips and events to look forward to in the coming weeks, arranged by our fabulous Travel & Entertainment and Goodwill teams. I cannot say often enough how grateful I am to everyone who helps to plan and manage these activities on our behalf. Observing from behind the scenes I can see just how much work is involved ahead of each event and on the actual day.

One good example is our May General Assembly, which falls on the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Our committee members and many others have been working for weeks to deliver an event which will not only recognise the importance of the day but also incorporate some fun activities and suitable refreshments. After a number of GAs where we have seen attendance in the high 80s or low 90s perhaps this will be the day when we break through the 100 barrier!



With best wishes to you all.  
Chris





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Informing, Empowering,  
Connecting!

We were delighted to welcome Steve Burgess, Operations Manager for the charity "Age in Spain", and his colleague Teresa Filipovic, at our April General Assembly to talk to us about preparing for the future. Age in Spain is a registered charity which started in 1988 in Majorca to provide support to British people living in Spain. It's mission is to "Love later life" through empowering, informing and providing information in an accessible format.

Their website provides useful step by step guides, for example on how to renew one's NIE card, and a wealth of useful information. They also have telephone information lines which are manned three mornings a week by volunteers to provide personal help and information (see details at the end). They receive some 3500 calls and 80,000 online enquiries annually from people who are not always prepared for later life and need some help and advice.

They work with UK charities, for example, to obtain support for veterans, and can also provide extra support services and advocacy where required with social services, healthcare and town halls. In addition, they operate a telephone friendship service manned by volunteers who carry out weekly friendly chat calls for people who cannot get to social events and miss a friendly chat. Steve asked everyone in the room to think about their priorities when planning for the future and as we age, and lively discussions could be heard at tables. Steve then identified what he saw as the key ones we should all be thinking about:

Independence  
Security – feeling safe  
Financial stability  
Connection with a community – friendships, keeping active, keeping involved  
Health  
and members agreed with these.



**Steve Burgess**  
Operations Manager



**Teresa Filipovic**  
Strategy and Communications



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## Age in Spain presentation April 2025 Cont.

Steve talked about three key myths that exist and which may prevent people from seeking help:

1. Care home fear, the belief that we will have to end our days in a care home, but Steve explained various alternatives and that care homes should be seen as a last resort
2. Losing independence, but if one seeks help early on it can actually enhance independence.
3. Believing it is too soon to think about the future. Don't wait until it's too late, planning ahead gives choice.

He talked about how individual needs can change over time and that this can be a circle: from independent living, to needing occasional support e.g. after an accident or operation, to needing regular support, and hopefully a return to independent living in some cases.

**The care system in Spain** – key points to note:

- Any involvement in the Spanish care system is not quick so it is essential to think and plan ahead if we feel this may be necessary.
- Family are expected to take responsibility in Spain, even distant family.
- Social Services are hugely stretched and it can take years to get help.
- State support is means tested and can be part funded or not funded.
- It is only available to permanent residents who have been on the padron for five years minimum and have been resident here for two years before applying
- If you receive in hospital care and the doctor has concerns s/he can involve the hospital social worker. This can be a quicker route.
- Otherwise an application for state care is usually made through the town hall with support from your local doctor

### Care at home

This can be state funded by way of financial support or care staff but they may not speak any English and you may have to pay a contribution.

Private care at home can cost 12-25 e per hour. Ideally ask for local recommendations for carers or local people who can help e.g. with shopping, cooking, cleaning which may be cheaper.

If using an agency check it is registered.

### Private care homes

Can cost 1500-3500 per month

### Public care homes

Funded by the state and one must be assessed financially to be offered a state bed. You may have to surrender your pension and be given 20-30e a week spending money. Likely they will be Spanish speaking and can be far away, wherever a bed is available.



*Unlock  
the Next  
Steps*





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## Age in Spain presentation April 2025 cont.



### Financial assistance

Under the Brexit leaving agreement British nationals can claim Attendance Allowance from the UK govt. It is a comprehensive form (30 Pages) detailing health issues, care/support needs, what you can or can't do for yourself. It is important to state worst case scenarios. Age in Spain can help with this claim. (So can JVH and Help of Marina Alta).

If one's total income is below 7000e a year there are Spanish state benefits you may be able to claim if you have been resident for more than five years.

### Veterans Benevolent Fund.

If you or your partner is/was a veteran and you have no savings, you can be assessed to help with the cost of an essential item e.g. wheelchair, stair lift, washing machine etc.

Royal British legion – Age in Spain can connect someone with them in their area

British Benevolent Fund – a possible last resort e.g. a grant to repatriate back to the UK, pay for funeral costs etc if no funds are available

### Returning to the UK

If you are considering moving back to the UK in later life it is important to note it can take up to six months to prove habitual residence back in the UK and apply for benefits etc.

Social Services are very stretched in the UK as well as in Spain

Age in Spain has prepared a guide on disengaging from Spain and re-engaging in the UK

### End of life planning

Age in Spain has a guide covering Powers of Attorney and wills and operates a wills service.

Key points:

1. Plan early – think two years ahead! Don't wait until help is urgently needed.
2. Consider many care options: at home, residential villages, supported living, care homes
3. Think/plan/share/shelve and enjoy!



Please check out their website [www.ageinspain.org](http://www.ageinspain.org)  
Tel: 00 34 932 20 97 41 Tues – Thurs 1100-1300



They are always looking for case workers to support English speaking clients if you have the time and skills to offer. They also need a President and Treasurer if anyone is interested. You can sign up to receive their quarterly newsletter by email. Please spread the word about Age in Spain.



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## Age in Spain presentation April 2025 cont.

Steve has kindly agreed to forward new, useful information for us to include in our own monthly newsletter. He left us a supply of bookmarks with their details on which will be at future GAs.

An excellent talk which I'm sure had us all thinking about our future, our choices, the help and support available and the need to plan in good time.



The Goodwill team made a donation to Age in Spain on your behalf.

Don't forget we have our own Friendship and Support team who can direct you to professional help and our Friendship and Support comprehensive booklet of local services which is available on line on our website [www.u3avalldelpop.com](http://www.u3avalldelpop.com) and at General Assemblies.



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## Forthcoming speakers & events at our General Assemblies

We try and arrange a variety of speakers to appeal to all members and you may be interested to know who we have booked (although they may occasionally be subject to unavoidable changes beyond our control).



On 8th **May** we will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE Day, WW 11 Victory in Europe, and we have lots of exciting plans. Bill White is busy practising on his keyboard a repertoire of old songs from that era. We love Bill's playing! Let's Sing Together will be leading the singing of a few old favourites and a special guest singer or two will perform.

The historian, Angela Chantry, will present a talk about 'what brought about the end of the War, the story of the last of "the few" Battle of Britain pilots and how Britain recovered'. This promises to be a very interesting talk. Bill White will share a few family anecdotes re the war in our Meet a Member slot.

The Polivalent will be decked in red, white and blue and we invite all members to dress accordingly in patriotic red, white and blue. There will be a prize for the most patriotic attire.

Marian White is kindly baking her wonderful traditional English scones to buy, to be served with jam and cream. And there will be a glass of free cava to celebrate the occasion!

We will host a plant sale in **May** and **June** instead of preloved, so we invite all gardeners to bring along cuttings and unwanted plants to sell for charity. Time to start potting up!





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In **June** Richard Green from Jalon Valley Help has kindly agreed to talk to us about their role in the community and the services they offer. They are a very important charity in the area and we are pleased to work closely with them and support them.

Goodwill will be baking savoury goodies for your enjoyment: quiches, sausage rolls etc. Perfect to take home for lunch.

And then it will almost be time for our summer break, although our coffee mornings will continue throughout the summer so members can still meet up and book trips and events.

We have lots of fabulous trips and events arranged so please don't miss out.

One very special event is the **Party in the Park on 19th June** with the fabulous Entertainers. This is open to non members so why not get a table of friends, family and neighbours together and have a fun night out? And it only costs 10 euros!

Also our **summer dinner dance on 29th June** at Vall de Pop restaurant, Lliber with great food and wine, live music and lots of dancing! We still have a few places available.

And coming soon to book, a special **evening catamaran cruise on 16th July** from Denia with optional coach transport and optional dinner. Watch this space to book!

We look forward to seeing you soon.





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## u3a Trip to Murcia - 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025

44 members headed off from Jalon Rastro Car Park at 8.15 on Tuesday 11th March. After some recent miserable weather fingers were crossed for a dry day! After a short coffee break at Crevillentes we arrived in the City of Murcia at 11 o'clock. Beautiful sunshine greeted us!

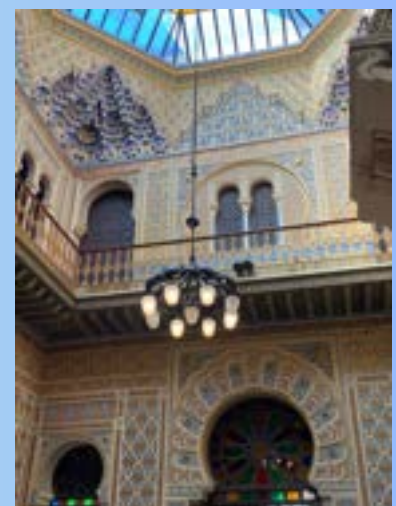
For us, like quite a few others, it was our first visit to Murcia City itself and we were not to be disappointed. I think the majority headed to the Catedral de Murcia first and what an interesting building it was. We got a dual ticket which also gave us entry into the Museum next door. The interior of the chapel is largely Gothic in style but the façade is Baroque. We learned that construction of the cathedral began in the 14th century. It continued to evolve until the 18th Century. It is made up of three naves, an apse and 23 Chapels. The Chapels dedicated to the patron saints of the labour unions and to the burials of the bishops and nobles that helped or collaborated with the construction of the cathedral. We had a very interesting walk round both buildings.



Heading out into the sunshine we visited another building we had been recommended to visit – the Casino! Not for gambling I hasten to add but to admire the building itself – it was beautiful.

After all this culture we decided to head to lunch. An extremely delicious home made pizza and chilled rosado was very pleasant.

No stops on the way home – just a raffle and time to reflect on a very good day enjoyed by all!  
Here's to the next one!



Carole Wardle



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## U3A Monday Ramblers

After a mild start to the year, March was quite a shock. I read that it was the wettest, and coldest, March on the Costa Blanca since records began. However in between some very wet, and some very cold, Mondays we also had some nice sunny days when we could meet and walk. Towards the end of the month it got warmer, and less wet, so hopefully we shall have some more warm and pleasant Monday's soon.

### 10 March – Alcalali to Parcent

We had to cancel our first planned walk due to heavy rain, so were pleased to have a forecast of cloudy/sunny for this walk. We did not do our planned walk because it involved a river crossing. A recce before the walk confirmed that the normally low level of water was replaced with a fast flowing river which would be dangerous to attempt to cross. Instead we kept to good paths between Alcalali and Parcent. Everyone was delighted to be able to meet and walk again which made this a very enjoyable walk indeed.



### 24 March – Jalon to Alcalali

17 March was another day of heavy rain, when once more the weekly walk was cancelled. But today was bright and sunny with higher temperatures than we have been used to recently, which prompted a few of the more hardy members to wear shorts. Jackets were worn at the start, but soon removed as we got warmer. Lovely walking weather and the weather looked very green and fresh after the long periods of rain.



### 31 March – Parcent to Alcalali

Spring has finally arrived with a clear blue sky and temperatures of 23c. Many more shorts and short sleeved tops on display today, and we were grateful for the shaded walk along the side of the Col de Rates. Much warmer for the return to Parcent, which was through the campo with no shade and the higher temperature. Hot and tired when we arrived back in Parcent, more than ready for a long, cold drink in the shade.



If you would like more details about the group please send an email to [paulleniston@hotmail.com](mailto:paulleniston@hotmail.com)





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## Ladies at Lunch - March 2025

We were delighted to be able to try a new restaurant this month, Bistro Del Hierro, in Jalon. Normally, they do not open for midday service but were happy to organise a party event for the u3a Ladies Lunch.

I initially opened the booking with 25 places available, this soon increased to 30, the maximum the Bistro were comfortable with.

We were able to select from a three course menu, including several vegetarian options, all homemade.

It was a lovely lunch with great company and good to see faces we haven't seen for a while and some new members joining us.



Our next Lunch is on Tuesday, 15th April 2025 at Pepe's Restaurant in Alcalali. If, you want to join us please register through [u3avalldelpop.com](http://u3avalldelpop.com) Ladies at Lunch and I can get you on to my email list.

Please note that there will not be a Ladies At Lunch event in May, Paula stole the date for the Afternoon Tea Party, Tuesday, 20th May 2025, so I advise you get tickets for this event, and we all take advantage of all the savoury and sweet treats there.!

Sally



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## Events & Trips

All are/will be on Facebook and our website (when confirmed) and in our newsletter. All can be booked and paid for at General Assemblies and monthly coffee mornings or reserved via e mail. Don't miss out! They can sell out fast.



## Trips



**6th May** shopping trip to La Zenia

**28th May** day trip to Port Saplaya **FULL with waiting list**

**16th July** - evening catamaran cruise and dinner

**9th September** day trip to Santa Pola with optional boat trip to Tabarca Island (not yet on sale)

**14th October** day trip to Elche (and possibly shoe factory tbc)

Possible trip to Cocentaina medieval market - tbc

**20th November** Xmas shopping trip to La Zenia (not yet on sale)

**13th December** trip to see Christmas lights and market (Valencia or Alicante tbc) not yet on sale  
We are exploring a possible trip to the Ford factory, Valencia – watch this space.



**27th April** Spring fayre and car boot sale, Jalon

**20th May** cava afternoon tea, live music, clothes sale, Líber

**19th June** The Entertainers musical evening at Los Arcos

**28th June** Summer party/dinner and dance Vall de Pop, Líber

**31st October** Halloween event Pepe's, Alcalali with live music and dinner (not yet on sale)

**30th November** Christmas fayre and car boot sale

**7th December** Christmas party/dinner and dance (not yet on sale)



Lots to look forward to!

Thank you to Travel and Entertainment and Goodwill for planning and organising for us.





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## GROUP ACTIVITIES

Join in and meet new friends!



**Mahjong group is looking for some more mahjong sets. If you have one that is no longer being used please let Teresa know.**

**Would you like to play tennis for fun?  
If there is enough interest , then a new u3a group may be starting up  
in the Jalon area.**

**No confirmed dates or times yet.**

The Group Co-ordinator is available to assist and advise in starting new groups or to help existing groups to recruit members etc

**Teresa - Group Co-ordinator - [activitygroups@u3avalldelpop.com](mailto:activitygroups@u3avalldelpop.com)**

	Activity	Contact
	<b>Allotment</b> - We have a large 6m x18m allotment in Jalon. There is a shed and water on site.	SUE HARVEY & BRIGID REDMOND <a href="mailto:brigred4119@gmail.com">brigred4119@gmail.com</a>
	<b>Ballroom, Latin &amp; Sequence Dancing</b> - Whatever your level of fitness, ballroom dancing is a great way to exercise and meet new friends.	<u>DUNCAN THOMPSON</u> <a href="mailto:dtheys14d18m@gmail.com">dtheys14d18m@gmail.com</a> Telephone: 634 33 46 89
	<b>Bridge</b> - The aim of this group is to provide an opportunity for people to play bridge in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Library in Jalon.	WENDY SIM <a href="mailto:wendy.sim1@hotmail.com">wendy.sim1@hotmail.com</a> Telephone: 711090516
	<b>Canasta</b> - We meet every Tuesday afternoon at Casa Claudia in Jalon. New members would be very welcome to join us.	MARY WOOD <a href="mailto:marywoodspain@gmail.com">marywoodspain@gmail.com</a> Telephone: 675 674 301

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	<b>Card Making</b> - We are a group who enjoy crafting and, in particular, creating beautiful greetings cards.	CAROLE MARTEN & DEE ADKINS <a href="mailto:Dadkins1953@yahoo.co.uk">Dadkins1953@yahoo.co.uk</a> <a href="mailto:Cvicary2@gmail.com">Cvicary2@gmail.com</a>
	<b>Cinema</b> - We aim to show a wide range of films in English. If you want to be included in the Cinema Group mailing list please contact Group Leader.	CHRISTINE BRAZIER <a href="mailto:justnanny@live.co.uk">justnanny@live.co.uk</a>
	<b>Digital Photography</b> - Our aims are to develop our digital photography skills in a social and safe group setting; and importantly, have fun doing so.	DAVID BROCK <a href="mailto:Davidandeileen50@yahoo.co.uk">Davidandeileen50@yahoo.co.uk</a> Telephone: 606 995 919
	<b>Dining Experience</b> - We visit different restaurants mostly within the valley. Members can recommend an old favourite that they enjoy.	DIANE HOLMES <a href="mailto:ondrakiri@yahoo.com">ondrakiri@yahoo.com</a>
	<b>Dru Yoga</b> - A gentle but powerful workout. It calms and reduces stress, improves focus, physical strength, balance and energy.	SALLY MILLANE <a href="mailto:Sallysunshine436@gmail.com">Sallysunshine436@gmail.com</a>
	<b>Game Addicts</b> - We are a group that likes to keep those grey cells active, and pride ourselves on being a friendly, light hearted crowd.	GORDON RODMAN <a href="mailto:boneinjalon@gmail.com">boneinjalon@gmail.com</a> Telephone: 693 725 199
	<b>Ladies At Lunch</b> - We want to 'spread the wealth' so we plan these lunches at a variety of restaurants across our region.	SALLY ELLIS <a href="mailto:U3aladieslunch@gmail.com">U3aladieslunch@gmail.com</a>
	<b>Let's Sing Together...For Fun</b> - Love to sing anywhere, any place, when a tune pops into your head. We sing songs that we enjoy, are fun and lifts our spirits.	PAUL CORAZZO <a href="mailto:paulcorazzou3a@gmail.com">paulcorazzou3a@gmail.com</a> Telephone 603717784
	<b>Mahjong</b> - RIU RAU Jalon, Friday at 2.30pm A game rumoured to be around 2,500 years old, that is similar to Rummy, played with tiles.	BERYL COMAR <a href="mailto:berylcomar@gmail.com">berylcomar@gmail.com</a>
	<b>Men Who Munch</b> - What happens at "Men Who Munch" stays at "Men Who Munch" Come on Guys, join in with our get togethers at various local bars or restaurants.	GORDON SIM <a href="mailto:Thomassim007@gmail.com">Thomassim007@gmail.com</a>

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	Activity	Contact
	<b>Mosaic 1</b> - We create decorative mosaics using glass and ceramics. Join us to learn how to do this fascinating hobby. Contact group leader	LIZ WILLIAMS Lizwilliams2008@live.co.uk Telephone: 684116089
	<b>Mosaic 2</b> - Group buys materials to share, and have all the necessary equipment to create Mosaics. Contact group leader for more information.	SUE WILLIS suewillis2@hotmail.com MONIQUE LECKIE monileck@aol.com
	<b>Open Forum</b> - We meet fortnightly to discuss a variety of different topics, both serious and light-hearted. We are all different but we are all equal here!	ANNESLEY SINCLAIR annesleysinclair@gmail.com Telephone: 965730605
	<b>Petanque</b> - We meet every Wednesday morning in Lliber	GERRY BACON Gerard.bacon@yahoo.com Telephone: 600 652 821
	<b>Spanish Conversation</b> - An opportunity to practise Spanish you have learnt in a casual conversation. Beginner, expert, or somewhere in between?	HEIDI MORGAN mike_heidi@hotmail.com
	<b>Spanish Lessons</b> - The tuition is informal, in English, with plenty of opportunities for conversation and gaining confidence in a friendly and relaxed group.	CARMEN carmenmasfemenia@gmail.com
	<b>Walking Groups</b> - Make friends with others who enjoy exploring the excellent hill, valley and coastal walks. When possible we visit a local bar for refreshments.	JAN AND PAUL LENISTON pauleniston@hotmail.com Telephone: 651 633 198
	<b>Yarn &amp; Thread</b> - Anything to do with yarn and thread is welcome. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday morning of the month in Orba.	LORNA BOTTEN lornabotten@gmail.com Telephone: 96 558 3484

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## Cinema Club



All welcome, sit back and enjoy a fabulous movie.

Variety is the spice of life and we aim to show a good mix of movie genres.

2nd and 4th Mondays in the month  
Doors open 6.45pm for a 7.30 start.  
Jalon Salon (next to Town Hall)  
2 Euro donation

Non-members can enjoy a 1st taster visit  
You can bring a friend or guest along for one visit

For further information contact  
Christine Brazier  
[justnanny@live.co.uk](mailto:justnanny@live.co.uk)



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## u3a Vall Del Pop coffee mornings 2025

We look forward to seeing you at the following events.

No need to book, just turn up.

Please note, occasionally dates and venues may have to be amended so please keep an eye on the new website or Facebook for updates.



**Members General  
Coffee Mornings  
Weds 11.00am**

**Friendship & Support  
Coffee Mornings  
Weds 10.30am**

**23rd April**  
Blanca Bikes - Parcent  
**21st May**  
Restobar Quijote - Orba  
**June 18th**  
Blanca Bikes Parcent



**My Mercat, Jalon**  
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Non Members Welcome  
INVITE FAMILY & FRIENDS



**U3A  
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PRESENTS  
**THE ENTERTAINERS**

**Summer Party**  
*in the Park*

**19TH JUNE 2025**  
**LOS ARCOS GARDENS,**  
**PEDREGUER**  
**GATES OPEN 7PM**

Bring Your Own Picnic, Buy Drinks at the Bar

 The Goodwill Team.

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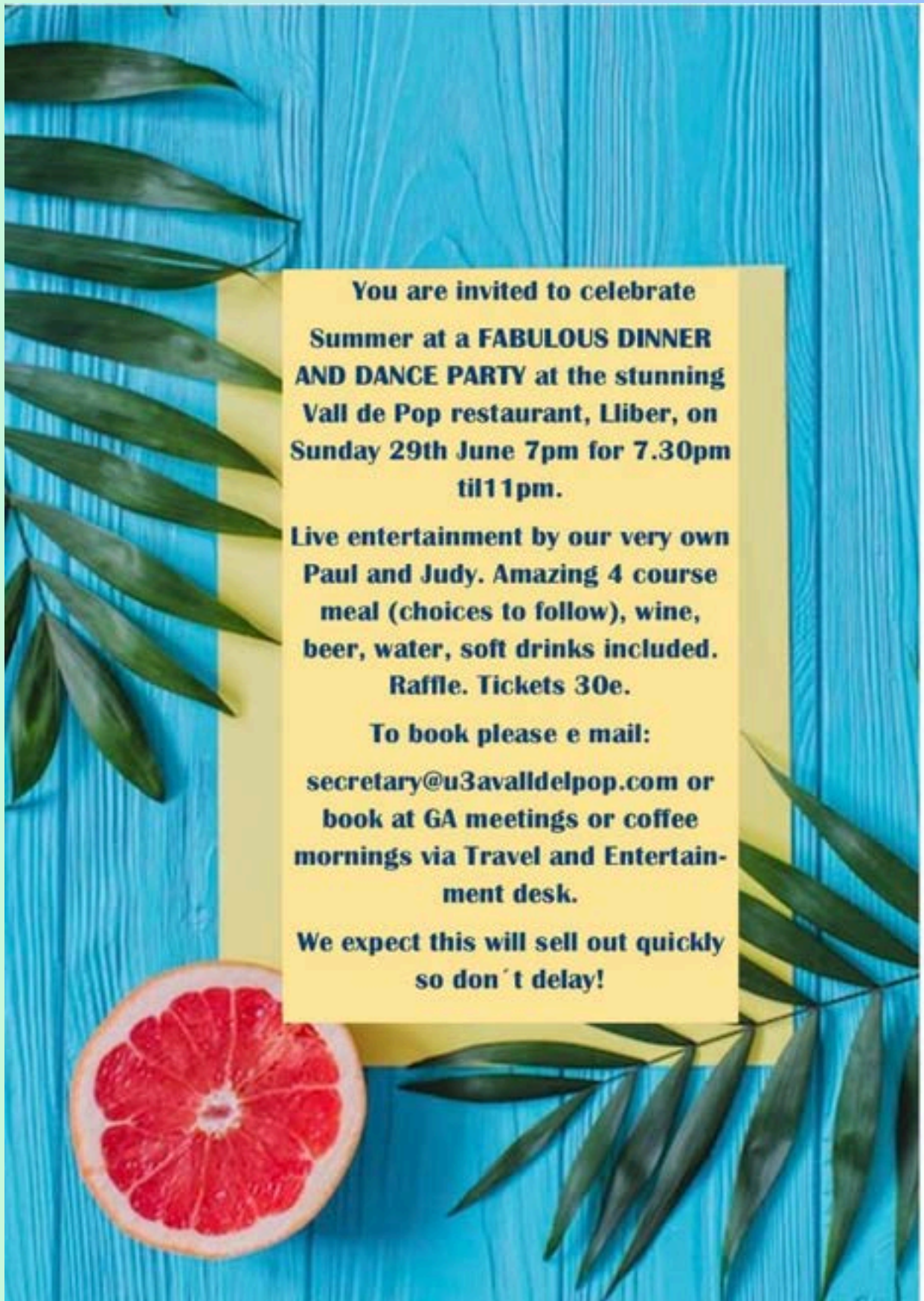


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The  
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Raising money  
for  
local charities

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*Invite you to an afternoon picnic party*

**Sunday September 21st - 2pm**

*at the OK band corral - Benissa campo*



 the OK band

**€10** door donation p.p. **10€**

*B.Y.O. PICNIC - DRINKS FROM THE BAR*

To Book

**goodwill@u3avalldelpop.com**

or

**sandie7armer@gmail.com**

*Please request a map when booking*

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## ELCHE

Join the U3A Vall del Pop on  
our trip to Elche  
Tuesday  
14th October 2025  
Price—13 euros pp

Coach will leave the Rastro car park in Xalo (Jalon) at 8.30am.

After a wander around lovely Elche and lunch, the coach will pick us up early afternoon to take us to Pikolinos Shoe Factory and Store before heading back to Xalo.

For further details & booking contact:- Carole Wardle  
Travel Co-Ordinator either via the U3A website or email:-  
johnwardle17@gmail.com

You might even find the time to visit the famous Palm Gardens in Elche, it takes around one hour by their little tourist train.



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## Working in Collaboration with other organisations



THE ARTS SOCIETY MARINA ALTA PRESENTS:

**FRANCIS BACON**

**An exclusive and illustrated lecture by Frank Woodgate**

**Wednesday, 7 May 2025, in Moraira and Jávea**

Until his death in 1992, Bacon was regarded as Britain's greatest 20th Century artist, and his dramatic images can be exquisitely beautiful and shocking at the same time. Perhaps more than any other artist, he captured the darkness at the heart of the human experience. Come along to discover how his work explores abjection, nihilism and hope!

Frank Woodgate is a Lecturer and Guide at Tate Britain and Tate Modern, also for the Art Fund, the National Trust, U3A and other cultural organisations. He has also presented for the Dulwich Picture Gallery, Pallant House Gallery, Chichester, and on cruises on behalf of Tate. Previously, Frank was scriptwriter for The Living Paintings Trust, which is art for the visually-impaired.

We welcome you at two locations on Wednesday, 7 May:

**Morning session: Espai La Senieta, Crta. Moraira a Calpe 8, 03724 Moraira**

Doors open at 10.15 for 11.00 h lecture.

**Evening session: Casa de la Cultura, Plaça de Baix 6, 03730 Jávea**

Doors open at 18.45 for 19.30 h lecture.

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### Javea Players

Jávea Players invites u3a Members and friends to the Magical Musical  
Beauty and the Beast at the Union Musical Gata de Gorgos  
The only full scale English Musical on the Costa Blanca

My Fair Lady and Oliver were warmly  
applauded, now Beauty and the Beast will be  
unforgettable.

Come and join us in fantasy land.

- A talented cast from 10 different countries.
- Jávea Players' 180th performance in their 49-year history.
- A live band with two pianos, violin and flute and wonderful songs.
- Imaginative costumes, state of the art lighting & sound and a dynamic set.
- Under the direction of Cherry Cabban and John McDonald, Musical Direction Aileen Lightfoot and Choreographers Kate Sutton, Alee Reed & Rachel Gibbons, the show will leave you spellbound.



Bookings: <https://javeaplayers.com/bookings/>

Performances at the Union Musical, Gata de Gorgos 164 seat theatre  
<https://javeaplayers.com/jp/find-us/>

Our designated charity for 2025 is CancerCareJavea





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**We bring you some fantastic air and sea shows for May / June time.**

### **SPLASH IN - SEAPLANE & ACROBATIC SHOW**

**Sunday 4th May 2025**

**12€**

This fantastic festival simply called Splash In is coming to Los Alcazares for 2025. The event takes place along los Alcazares beachfront so you can find a good spot to sit and watch all the incredible action.

So far, six seaplanes are confirmed, with three coming from Spain and others arriving from Italy, Switzerland, and Germany. More aircraft are expected to join as the event date gets closer. In addition to private pilots, the Spanish Air Force will participate with firefighting seaplanes, demonstrating their critical role in wildfire prevention and emergency response.

Two larger planes, the Donisilestar, and the Tuaila Note, will also take part, performing impressive aerial maneuvers that are sure to entertain aviation fans and spectators.

One of the highlights of the festival is the Schneider 'SIGLO XXI' Cup, an exciting competition where pilots must navigate a challenging course without using GPS. Instead, they will rely on traditional navigation skills, showcasing the precision and expertise required to fly seaplanes.

**A day out not to be missed !!!**

### **SAN JAVIER AIR SHOW**

**Sunday 15th June 2025**

**12€**

This fantastic airshow is back again for 2025 and promises to be better than before. It's more than just an air show, it's a place to be in awe at the sheer talent and skill of the pilots, the power of the planes and so much more.

The event takes place along the beach so you can relax on the sand and enjoy the stunts and skills of the talented members of the Spanish air force acrobatic team. You may even get the chance to meet the pilots and explore the different aircraft on display.

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### **IL DIVO IN MURCIA Tuesday 22nd July 2025**

72€ Excellent Grade B tickets and coach transport

What amazing news... The incredible Il Divo are coming to Murcia.  
Playing at the Enrique Roca Stadium The Il Divo trio is now formed by Urs  
Buhler, Steven LaBrie, Sebastien Izambard and David Miller.

Il Divo have been pioneers in the classical crossover operatic pop genre and is  
considered one of the main musical phenomena of the century. Over 30 million  
albums sold and numerous gold and platinum hits in 35 countries.

This year they bring us their XX 20th anniversary tour so expect a lot of their  
favourite tunes along with some new material.

We have Category B tickets in an excellent direct front stage area

Pricing: 72€

Dates: 22nd July 2025

Category B seats.

**Happy travelling,  
David and the Coachtrips Team**

**David's Coachtrips SL**

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VALLE DE GUADALUPE

Dirección artística: Rocio Realid

**Dancing ABBA**

El mayor espectáculo sobre ABBA visto en España



**SÁBADO 24 MAYO 2025**  
**Auditori Teulada-Moraira**

**NUEVA FUNCIÓN**  
**20:30 h**

Entradas: **gotikumi**





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