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## President's Message

Dear Members,

Our General Assembly this month fell on the 80th anniversary of VE Day and we themed our event accordingly. You will find a full report with pictures later in this newsletter. Our speaker was the always excellent Angela Chantry. She and everyone else involved helped to create a very memorable day, perfectly combining reflection and celebration.

A few days earlier, on 28 April, we experienced the nationwide power cuts. This was a timely reminder that the things we take for granted in our daily lives (electricity, telephone, internet, water) may not always be available. Again, you will find an article later in the newsletter covering some of the lessons learned and practical tips for the future.

Finally, this month I had the opportunity to attend a meeting arranged by the British Consulate for charities and voluntary organisations across the Alicante region. It was a great opportunity to share experiences and ideas. The Red Cross made a particularly interesting presentation. Many of the services they offer could be very relevant to our members and they have agreed to make a return visit to one of our future GAs to explain how they can help.

One key message from different speakers was that we all need to adjust our expectations of the benefits we may receive from social services. In the UK we are used to the idea of contributing to the system, on the understanding that we will receive benefits in return when we need them. Whereas in Spain the state only expects to become involved when all other possibilities have been exhausted. Indeed, families have a legal duty to provide care and support to other family members when able and may be pursued through the courts if they fail to do so.

We were also reminded of the importance of anticipating our future needs and planning accordingly. This reinforced the same vital message that we heard last month from Steve Burgess of Age in Spain.

With best wishes to you all.

Chris





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## 80th Anniversary VE Day Celebrations

On 8th May 81 of our u3a members celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE day at our General Assembly. The hall was bedecked with red, white and blue bunting, decorations and flowers, the tables were adorned with red and white plants, fine bone china cups, a table quiz about WW2 and copies of black and white photos from the era.

Bill White entertained us all pre-meeting with a lovely selection of war-time songs and there was a wonderful atmosphere in the room from the start. Bill also kindly shared personal family anecdotes about the War and showed us some special family wartime treasures.

Members fully embraced the theme with most people dressed in red, white and blue and there were some fabulous outfits on display. Sue Holley, Carol Lockhart and Brigid and John Redmond deservedly won prizes for their efforts.

Home made jam tarts and scones, jam and cream were enjoyed by us all, Margaret Staines sang a beautiful solo of White Cliffs of Dover which led into some rousing singing by everyone, with four old favourites from the War and lots of flag waving.







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We were very fortunate to have a superb presentation by Angela Chantry which detailed what happened on VE Day and in the three months between VE Day and VJ Day, victory in Japan day on 15th August 1945.

The second part of her talk covered the 20 years post the end of the War and the social and economic issues of the time. And finally Angela introduced us to John Hemingway, the last of the Battle of Britain pilots, who sadly passed away in March of this year aged 105.

## VE Day 8th May 1945

Churchill made a broadcast to the nation which we listened to at the GA announcing that Germany had surrendered. A public holiday was declared and people partied for two days with huge crowds gathering to see King George VI and Queen Elizabeth and Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret make four appearances on the balcony at Buckingham Palace. The Princesses partied amongst the public, I suspect a first such event.

Japan had entered the war, seeking to quickly weaken US naval strength and capture strategically vital oil supplies, but also due to a desire for territorial expansion and a growing sense of national ambition. It sought to establish itself as a dominant power in Asia and it needed resources like oil and other materials to fuel its war machine and industrial growth.

Following the attack on Pearl harbour by the Japanese the US gave Japan the opportunity to surrender or face "prompt and utter destruction". Receiving no response the US dropped the atom bomb on Hiroshima. The USSR then declared war on Japan and Japan surrendered on 9th August 1945, with WW2 finally ending on 15th August.



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## Post-war Britain

Britain was victorious but bankrupt and accepted a loan from the US of 3.75 billion dollars at an interest rate of 2% in 1946, enabling our economy to keep afloat. Canada, also loaned us 1.9 billion US dollars and both were finally repaid in 2006.

Housing was a major issue and 750,000 new homes were needed. Between 1945-1955 one million new homes were built and 32 new towns were created including Stevenage, Hemel Hempstead and Milton Keynes.



The Labor Government identified five key issues: squalor, ignorance, want, idleness and disease and in 1945 created the NHS to provide care from cradle to grave. They also nationalised major industries.

During the war women were encouraged to work to help the war effort and after the war they began to enter the workplace. Nevertheless, attitudes were slow to change and many men still believed that womens' rightful place was in the home!



## **“Ration books existed until 1954 in the UK”**



Between 1948-1971 the Windrush Generation was established in Britain with people from the Caribbean being enticed to work here to cover post-war labour shortages.

The 1950s saw the Teddy Boy era, the first youth movement of post-war Britain, and the introduction of rock and roll. In the US Elvis Presley became an icon and The Beatles stormed the UK.





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**John Hemingway** was "the last of the few", the last of the RAF pilots who fought in the Battle of Britain. Born in 1919, he joined the RAF in 1938, flew up to five sorties daily and was shot down and bailed out on no less than four occasions. He was considered a legend in aviation history by many and became known as one of the few following a speech by Winston Churchill on 20th August 1940. But he never saw his role in the Battle of Britain as anything other than doing the job he was trained to do.



We saw amazing footage and photographs of John and his colleagues and listened to a very moving song written about him.

Click this [link](#) to play the video.

Ironically, he claimed not to be a hero, but we dispute that.

In 1980 his hurricane aircraft was discovered in UK marshland and finally dug out in 2019 and rebuilt. Sadly he passed away on 17th March of this year aged 105.

A truly wonderful presentation by Angela which was informative and interesting, moving and humbling, and totally fitted our event.



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Thank you to everyone for your very kind feedback on the Assembly which members seemed to thoroughly enjoy. Here are a few of the lovely comments we have received:

Without doubt the best u3a meeting I've ever attended. Well done to all those involved.

It looks absolutely smashing. Well done everyone.

It was a brilliant morning, thank you everyone.

It was a truly brilliant morning. How lucky are we to have such a full and active u3a. I'm sure they can't all be so fabulous.

Absolutely brilliant morning. Very emotional and thought provoking. So many memories shared by many of us olduns! Great scones too, Marian. Big thanks to all the committee and volunteers for all your hard work in creating such a special celebration.

An amazing morning.

Loved it, awesome job.

Such a lovely morning with such amazing people. I feel blessed to be part of this group! So good to see everyone dressed up and those contributing their time and effort, a very moving morning.





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## Spring Fayre & Car Boot Sale



What a glorious day we had for our Spring fayre and car boot sale on Sunday 27th April. The sun shone, but it wasn't too hot, and there was a clear blue sky and a gentle breeze.

Over 70 craft stalls and car boot pitches supported the event, Matt Mason entertained us throughout with a range of great songs, the fabulous bbq, courtesy of Shaun Smith, kept everyone well fed and the refreshment stalls did a roaring trade. Home made cakes and savouries are definitely popular and almost sold out!

Bill and Marian White kindly ran the raffle stall with 15 great prizes and Yolanda provided her art stall where children could colour in a great canvas. Sadly there weren't many children present but those who were did a great job!

Added entertainment was provided by a cycle race past the rastro site which we hadn't expected until a few days before and may have deterred some visitors. But we live in an area popular with cyclists so we have to share our valley!





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A huge thank you to everyone who came to support us, to all the stall holders and to everyone who volunteered and worked so hard to make the day a success. It is important for the u3a to be seen as part of the local community and events such as this strengthen those bonds.

It was also great to have other local charities present raising money and awareness for their causes. Among them were Paws Xalo dog rescue, ARC, Caring for Cats, Jalon man trailing search and rescue, Jalon Valley Help and a cat charity from Benidorm. The Goodwill team work tirelessly throughout the year to raise funds for local charities in need and we are pleased to support their fundraising. We hope they all had a successful day.

Jalon Valley Help displayed a range of equipment they can provide to those in need and it was good to hear they made a valuable Spanish contact by being there. Interestingly Richard Green, their President, explained that what was once seen as an ex pat charity is now being approached by more Spanish people for help

Richard is kindly coming to talk to us at our June General Assembly about the services JVH offer and their aims and plans for the future. We look forward to welcoming him.

Our next fayre and car boot sale will be our Christmas event on Sunday 30th November. Always a lovely festive vibe!





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## Caritas

Many members will have heard of Caritas, the Spanish charity, and twice yearly, at Easter and Christmas, we hold a collection of household goods and toiletries at our General Assemblies for the Murla/Benigembla branch of Caritas to distribute amongst local families in need.

Chris and I were invited to a meeting recently with Caritas Jalon//Lliber and Jalon Valley Help to better understand what they do, who they help and to see if there was any way we could assist them.

Many towns/villages have a branch of Caritas, which is a national Spanish charity, but each branch operates independently. Jalon and Lliber are joined. They are a small group of 10 local Spanish ladies who look after 36 families currently in the two villages who need financial and social support. These are families who do not receive any financial support from the Government. The President explained that if they do receive support then Caritas cease to help them.

So what do they do for these families? They work with the Town Hall and the Social worker to identify families in genuine need. These may be families who cannot work or who are on very low income. The welfare system in Spain is nowhere near as generous or supportive as in the UK and unless you are Spanish and have family who can support you in times of need, the situation can be very difficult.

They then provide food tokens to be spent in Mas y Mas, 10 euros at a time, to buy essential food items only. Large families may receive a little more and may receive a few a month. Those of us who shop in Mas y Mas will appreciate 10 euros will not feed a family easily. Caritas's monthly bill with Mas y Mas usually exceeds 1000 euros.

In addition they pay for or subsidise school meals for some children of less fortunate families which costs Caritas approximately 115 euros a month.

They can also assist with prescription costs at the pharmacy and, in exceptional cases, assist with rent and/or household bills for a maximum of 3 months. Amazon used to assist with this rent assistance via Caritas head office, but unfortunately they are ceasing their financial support.





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So how do Caritas Jalon/Lliber raise money to support these families?

They receive a nominal sum once a year from the Town Hall. The Lions organisation kindly hold an event twice a year on their behalf to raise funds. The church in Jalon donates it's collection 4 times a year and the Caritas volunteers hold a raffle at the Lliber Christmas fayre. They are also hoping to raise money at Xalonia this year. Jalon Valley Help very generously top up their funds on a regular basis when they are running low. The President showed us full details of their income and expenditure and were happy to share these going forward.



We agreed at the meeting to go away and see if and how our u3a Vall del Pop could support them through the Goodwill fundraising team.

Goodwill's terms of reference commit to supporting registered charities in the valleys and surrounding areas and every euro we raise through fundraising events and members' generosity is donated annually to valley and local charities. To date we have not supported a Spanish charity financially, for no particular reason, but we felt this was a very worthwhile cause. We are proud to be part of this wonderful community we live in and are keen to forge better links with the local Spanish community.

I am delighted that the Goodwill team agreed and decided to donate 1000 euros to Caritas Jalon/Lliber with immediate effect and to include them annually when deciding how to allocate any funds we raise in future. We hope you will agree this is a very deserving cause and a huge thank you to all our members who support all our fundraising activities.

We couldn't do it without you! We really do appreciate it and are proud of how much our u3a does to help local charities in need.





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## Electric Piano Donation to Murla School

We were recently approached by Mandi and Vicki, two of our lovely u3a members, whose friend had an expensive Yamaha electric piano she wished to donate to a good cause. This had belonged to her late husband and was a wonderful, expensive piano which she very generously offered to part with.

We approached Murla school, thanks to Sheila Skinner who acted as translator, and they were delighted to accept it.

On Tuesday 6th May Marian and Bill White, Vicki and Mandi, Sheila and Carolyn Holley, the very generous benefactor, visited Murla school and assembled and handed over the piano.



How fortunate that they have a temporary American music teacher, Marcus, who was delighted to receive it as were all the teachers and children. Marcus played a wonderful piece on it, as did Bill White and 2 of the children and the whole school gathered to listen. It was an emotional event and there were tears of joy and gratitude from several people.

I have no doubt this will continue to bring a lot of pleasure to many children and I am so proud and thankful that we can support Murla school through others' kindness and generosity. The children presented Marian with pictures they had drawn and thanked the u3a for all the gifts we have given them. They also invited us to their fayre in the square on 13th May.

This is another wonderful example of our u3a working with the local community and we thank all concerned, especially Carolyn.



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## u3a Trip to Valencia - 17th April 2025



On the 17<sup>th</sup> April we went to the beautiful city of Valencia for the day. Leaving a cool and rather damp Jalon at 8 o'clock to travel in a comfortable coach, we had the best part of six hours to explore the city as we wished

So many wonderful things to see/do in Valencia, plenty of culture in the historic centre, the cathedral, the silk exchange, museums, exhibitions (Tutankhamen). The ancient roman ruins in Ammonia Museum. Many shopping opportunities lovely shops and the popular Central Market, one of the most alive and appetizing in Europe, the fresh produce is fantastic with such variety and colour. The architecture and history of this market is stunning.

We also took advantage of the many places to sit and enjoy a break from walking with a tapas and glass of wine. The Plaza de la Virgen was a spot where many of us found ourselves for our first coffee of the day.

We were so lucky with the weather it was warm and sunny. We returned home by coach leaving at 4 o'clock, during which we had a free raffle and sweets to share. A very enjoyable day, thanks to Jeannie for organising and Paula for leading the day.

Special mention to the Birthday boy Alan .



Dawn Townsend







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## U3A Monday Ramblers



### 14 April – Alcalali to Jalon

A gentle walk through the valley to Jalon, then uphill to the picnic site. We return to Alcalali on a different path, the cross the river and a drink in the renovated square. Good to have it open again.



### 28 April – Parcent to Murla

Cross country towards Murla, crossing the river just before the village. Fortunately not too much water, despite the recent rain. After a picnic stop at Murla church we return to Parcent by a different route.

### 7 April – Lliber Zoo

This walk starts with a gentle ramble, then uphill past “the zoo” to the picnic site near Restaurante Vall de Pop. After a short banana stop we follow a narrow track back to Lliber. This walk is a little more strenuous than our normal valley walk, but well worth it for the views



### 21 April – Jalon to Alcalali

We leave Jalon towards the Col de Rates, but soon turn right towards Alcalali. After a short stop at the Ermita we make our way back to Jalon along the valley. A sunny morning prompted many of the group to take photos of the spring flowers



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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## Power Outage

What can we learn from the recent major power outage?

On 28th April there was a massive power outage that hit Spain and other European countries. Within 5 seconds 60% of the grid network power collapsed and millions of households were affected. Public transport was at a standstill, internet and mobile phone services were down and emergency services were operating in crisis mode. This was the worst electricity blackout in Spain's history.

Perhaps one of the most worrying aspects for many people was not knowing why, what the cause was or how long it would last. Some people enjoyed the peace and quiet and no interruptions. I was astounded at how quiet and peaceful the valley was.

We have shared an evacuation guide in our Friendship and Support booklet and in a previous newsletter as advice in the event of major fire or floods. But what can we learn from this major incident?

### Cash

Paying by phone or card has become the norm for many of us and many do not carry cash anymore. Queues formed at the cash machines that still worked, but many ceased to work or ran out of cash. Cash is still king! Where possible keep some cash handy for an emergency. People could not buy fuel for their cars, food in supermarkets etc.



### Radio

The power cut led to an information blackout as people spent the day without internet, WhatsApp, calls and TV, so many had no idea what was going on and how long it would last. This in turn led to speculation and trying to piece together news.

Those with a battery-operated radio were best informed. An essential piece of kit for back-to-basics communication and staying informed. But keep some spare batteries handy!



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## Power Outage cont.

### Tinned food

Microwaves, air fryers and some hobs and ovens demand electricity so food that does not require electricity to heat or prepare is invaluable such as canned fish, dry pasta and rice (if you have a gas hob), tinned soups, sauces etc. If you have access to a small gas camping stove you were lucky.



### Candles and Torches

Although candles and naked flames can pose a fire risk, many people do not possess a battery-operated light so had to resort to candlelight (romantic but risky). These are definitely worth considering, as is a good torch with working batteries. Keep some spare batteries just in case. Also useful if you need to get up in the night to visit the toilet and be safe.

### Powerbanks

Today some people have a solar powered phone charger which should be kept fully charged or a powerbank which requires electricity to charge it but will store a charge and last for many hours in the event of a power failure.



### Various Essentials

Bottled water, a first-aid kit, baby supplies, a few days' worth of medication, sanitary items, a few days of pet food, fuel in your car. Basically anything that is important to you, don't let it run too low. We never know when an emergency will occur.

### The Vulnerable

If it is safe to leave your home to check on any vulnerable friends and neighbours please consider doing so. It can be scary if you live alone or are vulnerable and don't know what is happening or what to do.



Above all, stay safe

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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

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



### Friendship & Support Coffee Mornings Weds 10.30am

**28th May**

**11th June**

**25th June**

**My Mercat, Jalon**







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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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Non Members Welcome  
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**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.

MONEY RAISED FOR U3A GOODWILL CHARITIES

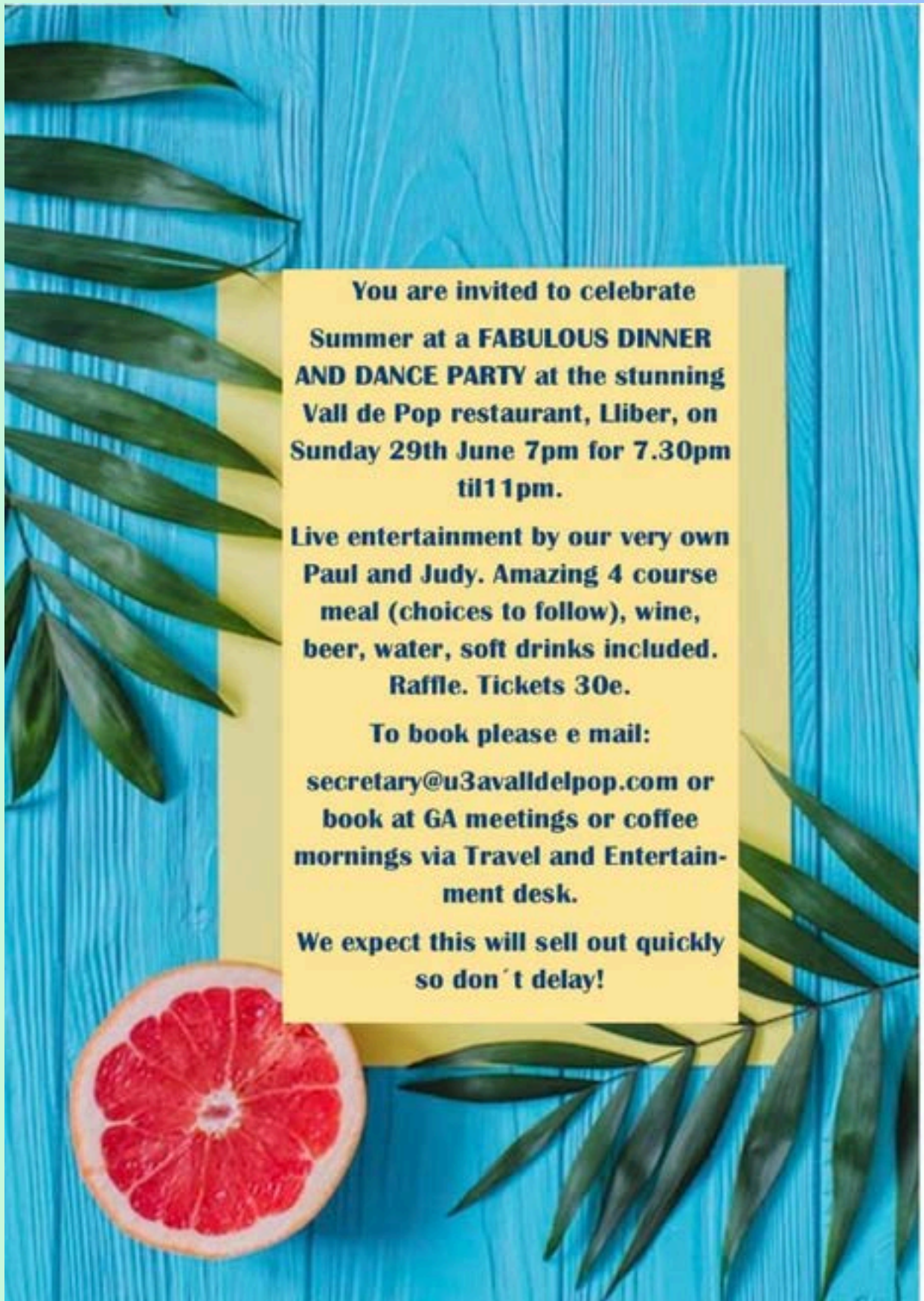
Tickets from GA, Coffee Mornings or [goodwill@u3avalldelpop.com](mailto:goodwill@u3avalldelpop.com)

[www.u3avalldelpop.com](http://www.u3avalldelpop.com)





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**You are invited to celebrate  
Summer at a FABULOUS DINNER  
AND DANCE PARTY at the stunning  
Vall de Pop restaurant, Lliber, on  
Sunday 29th June 7pm for 7.30pm  
til 11pm.**

**Live entertainment by our very own  
Paul and Judy. Amazing 4 course  
meal (choices to follow), wine,  
beer, water, soft drinks included.  
Raffle. Tickets 30e.**

**To book please e mail:  
secretary@u3avalldelpop.com or  
book at GA meetings or coffee  
mornings via Travel and Entertain-  
ment desk.**

**We expect this will sell out quickly  
so don't delay!**





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**U3A VALL DEL POP  
EVENING SUNSET  
CATAMARAN CRUISE  
16TH JULY 2025 FROM DENIA**



**PRICE 35 EUROS PP**

**Come and join us for a sunset cava cruise with DJ  
Price includes coach & cruise, leaving from Xalo rastro at  
17.30 return 22.00 (numbers limited)**

**To book contact:- Carole Wardle, Travel & Entertainment  
Co-Ordinator**

**johnwardle17@gmail.com OR at the monthly GAs/Coffee mornings**

**Option to dine:- I will book a local restaurant before we sail  
but I must have your names no later than the 21st May (coffee  
morning). Menus will be available from 23rd April (coffee  
morning)**



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for  
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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*

[www.u3avalldelpop.com](http://www.u3avalldelpop.com)



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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



**PRESENTS:**

**WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE 2025: The Age of Jazz**  
**By Sandy Burnett**

Jazz is one of music's most important genres: a fascinating blend of rigorous structure, creativity, close-knit ensembles and imaginative improvisation. Back by popular demand, Sandy, a musicologist and gigging musician, will shed light on jazz from the inside. His talk covers the early years of jazz up to WWII. Swing by one of our most entertaining lectures of the season.

Sandy is one of the UK's most versatile music commentators, enjoying a career that combines broadcasting, performing and lecturing. After studying at St Catharine's College, Cambridge and working as music director for the RSC, National Theatre and in London's West End, Sandy Burnett spent a decade as one of the core team of presenters on BBC Radio 3. Combining engaging scholarship with hands-on expertise, he devises and leads cultural holidays all over the world, is the author of the Idler Guide to Classical Music, a highly sought-after double bassist on the London jazz scene and was appointed the Academy of Ancient Music's Hogwood Fellow for the 2018-19 season.

**We welcome you at two locations on Wednesday, 4 June 2025:**

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

**Doors open at 10.15 for 11.00 h lecture.**

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

**Doors open at 18.45 for 19.30 h lecture.**

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Spring has arrived in all its glory as well as world-class art exhibitions to include The Tate Britain: TURNER 250: Join the celebrations for JMW Turner's 250th anniversary in 2025. It is a year-long festival of special exhibitions and events to mark 250 years since the birth of painter JMW Turner.

From April 11 to September 28, the Guggenheim Museum Bilbao presents Helen Frankenthaler: Painting Without Rules, the largest exhibition ever held in Spain dedicated to this great artist pioneer of abstraction.

Interested in Costa Blanca events? We have listed many upcoming social, cultural and musical opportunities for you to participate in. It is sent to all TASMA Members and Friends. If you have any friends or family interested to receive this e-journal, they can do so by request via email: [marinaalta@theartsociety.org](mailto:marinaalta@theartsociety.org). We hope you are inspired, stimulated and encouraged to explore what is happening in our communities.

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