

Meets in Alfaz Del Pi at The Casa de Cultura and covers the area Albir, Altea, Callosa, La Nucia, Finestrat, Polop, Villajoyosa and Benidorm

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## News and Information

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2011

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – A trip to Valencia to include a tour of the Lladro factory and view the Fallas at a cost of 15€ per person. Departing from the Casa de Cultura, Alfaz del Pi, at 9.00 am. Leaving Valencia by 6.00 pm.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May** – A day trip to Cartagena. 15€ per person – more details to follow later.

**The following trips are in conjunction with Beniconnect and not solely for members of the U3A.**

*These trips are proving very popular so please reserve your place as soon as possible.*

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March – “The White Villages Route”**

*A 6-day trip (5 nights), half board including wine, from Benidorm to San Lucar De Barrameda, Cadiz, Jerez, Gibraltar, Arco de la Frontera, Antequera, Benidorm. The cost is 275€ which includes travel insurance.*

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Seville’s Fair 2011**

*A 4-day trip (3 nights), half board, to include wine, boat trip, travel insurance included, 249€ per person.*

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March-Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – “The Jerte Valley” (Cherry Blossom) – 365€ per person**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Louredes & Andorra. 291€ per person**

Please contact Carol if you are interested in any of the above trips - [carolfinnett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:carolfinnett@hotmail.co.uk).

#### **IMSERSO – Spanish Government Subsidised Holidays**

If you are interested in the above holidays please speak to Joan Flint who has all the information about these subsidised holidays as she has already booked to go on one in February. There is more information posted on the U3A News Board.

**\*\*Reminder:** Please inform **Joan Flint on 96 586 1226 or 677 721 902 or [billandjoanflint@gmail.com](mailto:billandjoanflint@gmail.com)** of any change of home address, telephone number, email address so that the database can be updated regularly.

*Amigos: Don't forget anyone needing assistance for any reason (not translation)  
please call Maureen Scott on 96 687 8423*

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING - MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2011**

10.30 a.m. for 11.00 a.m. at The Casa De Cultura, Alfaz Del Pi.

**WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?** Immediately after the March meeting Geoff and Elaine Mitchell will give a talk on how to research your family history with hints and tips.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Summer Time Begins - Clocks FORWARD**

**Weekly and Monthly Group Activities overleaf**

# CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT MONTH

## WEEKLY GROUP ACTIVITIES

**Monday** – **Spanish Beginners** at 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm at the Casa de Cultura (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor), Alfaz Del Pi – Call Joan Flint on 96 586 1226 or 677 721 902 for information.

**Tuesday** – **Spanish Conversation** from 11.00 am – 1.00 pm with Maureen Scott at The Forum. Contact Maureen on 96 687 8423.

**Tuesday** – **Games Group**: 3.00 pm–5.00 pm at the Paola Bar/Restaurant (near Tutti Frutti on Altea sea front). The only criteria is that you purchase a drink as the bar is not making any charge. Please bring along a game such as chess, cards, etc. when you come. If interested call John Finnett on 96 584 7273 or Mob 629 269 846

**Wednesday**– **Sugarcraft** at 2.00 pm with Joan Flint at her home, contact Joan on 96 586 1226 or 677 721 902.

**Thursday** – **Exercise and Stay Young (EASY)** Group with Liz Blanchard (new venue being sourced) contact Liz on 966 873 674 for further information.

**Thursday** – **Petanca** at 2.30pm at the Scandinavian Park, Alfaz Del Pi, contact Angie Taylor on 687 211 722

## MONTHLY GROUP ACTIVITIES

**Monday** – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in the month - **Watercolour Painting Group** at the Casa de Cultura (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) from (\*\* new time) 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm Call Elaine Mitchell on 96 686 4962 or 636 164 467 for information.

**Tuesday** – **Ten-pin bowling** on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm at La Marina, Finestrat. Call Pete on 633 279 130 to book your place.

**Tuesday** – **Picnic**. 22 March from 1-4pm at Playa Bol-Nou just outside El Paraiso. Take the N332 Villajoyosa bypass towards Alicante. At kilometre post no.135 take the next right to Villajoyosa. At the traffic lights take a right turn and then an immediate right turn again onto Urb.Montiboli. In 500 metres take a left turn, picnic site 500 metres on right. Please ring Angie if you are going on 687 211 722 or 96 587 8700

**Wednesday** – **Spanish History** with Marcus Aurelius on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of *alternate* months at 2.30 pm at The Forum. The next meeting is on 9<sup>th</sup> March - Call Marcus on 96 687 8516.

**Wednesday** – **Spanish Culture** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of *alternate* months 2.30 pm at The Forum. Group Leader Birgitta Tel: 96 686 5582. \*\*\***We are looking for a speaker for the June meeting**\*\*\* The next meeting is on the 13<sup>th</sup> April when Elaine Mitchell will talk on Picasso's Guernica.

**Wednesday** – **Café Philo** – 23<sup>rd</sup> March and 27<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30 in The Forum. *Please note these different dates as this is normally on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday.* Call Kate Ferry on 96 584 5039 for further information.

**Friday** – **Floral Art** at the Casa De Cultura, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm. Next meeting will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> April. Please note, there will not be a group in March. This group will now meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday each month. Contact Elizabeth Guest on 96 588 7820 for more information.

**Friday** – **Dining Out** 25<sup>th</sup> March – Nucia Park Restaurant at 7.30 Urbanizacion Nucia Park, La Nucia, Please contact Ann & Colin Wilson on 96 687 4359 or mobile 616 727 466 as places will be limited.

**Sunday** – On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month join the “**Hairy Bikers**” for a ride out starting at 10.30 am from La Nucía Supermarket car park. Ring Pete for more information on 633 279 130.

**Sunday** – **Sunday Strollers** - 27<sup>th</sup> March meet at Calpe 2.30 p.m. – For full details of meeting place please call Peter Gale on 633 279 130 or 96 588 1699.

**Proposed Golf Group**–Postponed until further notice due to ill health, contact John Finnett for further information.

### DISCOUNTS FOR USA MEMBERS

Members can obtain discounts from the following outlets: **Please show your membership card**

**Bookworld Espana** in Ondara 10%

**Specsavers** in Calpe 5%

**Sheila's Sewing Services**, Alfaz del Pi 10%

**LOCKED OUT** (Dan McCulloch, Locksmith 965888418 or 657 890 830), Local Area 10%

**COMPUTECH**, British Computer Shop, Sonny 966 873 881 (Opp. La Nucia Supermarket) 10% and 5% off hardware

**The Association accepts no responsibility – members participate in all activities at their own risk**