

U3A VALL DEL POP CHRISTMAS MEETING

There was standing room only at the annual Christmas Meeting which, due to a last minute change, was held at the Social Centre in Jalon instead of the Multi-Usa in Alcalali. It was a bit of a squash but added to the atmosphere. In the outer room there were displays by several groups, a number of beautifully iced cakes from the Sugarcraft Group, Paintings from the Art Group, lovely cards from the Carding Group and books from the Borrowers. Many thanks to all the helpers who 'manned' the tables displaying this work.

The meeting was started by our Casual Choir serenading us with Christmas carols to which we could all join in. There was a very brief meeting to get the business matters attended to followed by the entertainment. This was kicked off by Rolf Mulstroh playing us a few popular songs on his guitar to which we could sing along. Sheila Skinner read a couple of poems from Colin of the Creative Writing Group, both of which raised a laugh. There was the Members' Free Raffle with Cecil Dean 1st, Kay Stubbley 2nd and Lynn Barwick 3rd. each winning a voucher to be spent on their choice from the list of our Discount Businesses. Then Santa arrived to a big cheer and gave out a selection of gifts and sweeties for all.

We were then entertained by our resident thespians, Denis and Linda Arthurs, who performed the panto Snow White, each taking on multi personality changes to achieve the story line, ably narrated by Bob Welham. At the end as always the prince got his gal! The President then asked for four ladies who might be willing to pull his crackers! Inside the crackers were jokes and the one that raised the biggest laugh would win a bottle of cava. Elaine Horton, Lorrie Harkness, Eve Fisk & Bill Bradley all joined in, with Eve winning and Bill the runner up.

The charity raffle was then drawn, and Sandra announced that nearly €200 euros had been raised for the chosen charity, Help of Denia. The raffle prizes were won by Pauline Warne – a huge fruit hamper, Elaine Horton - Christmas cake (kindly donated by Maureen Barrett) and Vicky Harkness – Poinsettia.

The entertainment was concluded with the Casual Choir singing 'Silent Night' and 'We wish you a Merry Christmas'. Then it was a stampede to get to the mulled wine and Stollen. Many thanks to the Casual Choir and all our Amateur Entertainers and helpers on the day.