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President's Message

I hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas and New Year celebrations, whether you were here in Spain or elsewhere.

It was pleasing to see another good attendance at the GA on 9 January. The membership team was very busy signing up both existing and new members. For the second year we also distributed a survey on the tables, looking for suggestions on how we can improve our u3a going forward.

Once again, we were fortunate to have an excellent speaker, Bob James from Valley FM. He told us that his own involvement with radio grew out of an early interest in the technology and explained how commercial radio has evolved over the years to take advantage of new technologies. In the meet our member item Beryl Comar combined colourful stories of her own travels with practical exercises and suggestions for keeping our minds young and active and insights into the different stages of mental health.

With the festivities behind us now is the time when we look forward to the next year in the life of our Association. I know that the Travel & Entertainment team has lots of interesting things planned and the Goodwill team has similarly been busy planning some exciting fundraising events. I am pleased that we now have three coffee mornings a month for members to socialise and enjoy.

An important early step will be the election of the new committee at the AGM on 6th March. Please note that 23 January is the deadline for nominations for the committee members. If you are interested, you will find information on the next page.

In my view a strong committee should ideally combine the continuity offered by some existing members with the fresh ideas and enthusiasm that new members can bring. I am therefore very grateful that many of the existing committee members have already expressed their willingness to continue to serve. For Paula and myself this has been our first year on the committee and unusually we immediately became secretary and president, because there were no other nominations for these two positions. I must admit that at times we have been on a steep learning curve, despite the generous help and support of the more established committee members! However, we will be pleased to continue in our respective positions, if elected.

If you are interested in joining us now, an easier and less demanding route than ours could be first to put yourself forward as a vocale, being a committee member with no specific portfolio of responsibilities. As such you would immediately attend all our committee meetings and participate fully in our discussions and decision making. In this way you would see how we work and over time you could then get a sense of where you might like to become more actively involved in future.

With best wishes to you all.
Chris



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Nominations for Committee Members

Each year you have the opportunity to vote for members of your u3a Vall del Pop committee.

Please note the Annual General Meeting on 6th March 2025 is your opportunity to vote in your Committee going forward. We always welcome new members to the committee, giving new perspective and ideas, and making our u3a attractive and appealing for current and new members. Please consider this opportunity to bring fresh input to the association.

If you are interested, please speak with one of the Committee members to find out more about the various positions. Nominations must be with the Secretary by Thursday 23rd January 2025 (6 weeks prior to the AGM). Forms can be sent to you via e mail.

Please contact secretary@u3avalldelpop.com to request one.

The positions being voted upon at the AGM are:



President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Membership Secretary
Groups coordinator
Hospitality Officers x2
Public Relations Officer



Vocals (committee members with no specific area of responsibility)

Thank you for your support from your Committee.



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Bob James - Journalist & Broadcaster

At our January General Assembly we enjoyed a very interesting talk by Bob James, journalist and broadcaster with Valley FM radio. Bob has spent the past 40 years in radio, usually operating alone in a studio, so confessed to feeling nervous about facing an audience!



Vally FM serves the Orba and Jalon Valleys and surrounding areas and has been operating for 7 years. It is also available on line so people can listen anywhere in the world. They have received messages from as far away as China and Australia. In addition Bob covers the news for Talk Radio Europe based on the Costa del Sol.

Like many DJs he started his career as an Engineer and volunteered in hospital radio. From there he moved to a land based pirate radio station (at the time when there were several pirate ship radio stations which many of us will remember) and finally moved into commercial radio. Radio dominated the 1950s until the arrival of TV in most homes.

After moving to Spain he helped set up Orba radio which became Valley FM, a commercial and community station aimed at the English speaking residents of the Marina Alta, although they aim to be multi lingual.

When asked how they choose the music they play Bob advised they play a mix of music from the 60s to current day and play "what sounds right".

For news coverage they trawl national and local websites and news organisations and cover both major National and International issues and local ones, trying to access factual news in an era of fake news!

Bob has worked with many radio personalities over the years and we are fortunate to have a number of people with a lot of experience in the radio business who live in the Orba area.

An interesting insight into the world of radio and a big thank you to Bob James.



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Membership Renewal January to March 2025

Renewals – Euros 10
New members/re-joiners – Euros 15

The renewal period will be from 1 January to 31 March 2025 and, apart from renewing at the GAs in February and March, I am trying to arrange Satellite Renewal Sessions in Jalon in January and Orba in February.

Watch out for dates and venues listed on Facebook Group

For those of you who have direct debits/standing orders, please could amend the amounts as above

Barbara Bentley
Membership Secretary

Please Note

Emails are being streamlined across the organisation

Contact Chris Barrett
president@u3avalldelpop.com

Contact Paula Barrett
secretary@u3avalldelpop.com

Paula_- Goodwill Team
goodwill@u3avalldelpop.com

Contact Carole or Sonia
travelentertainment@u3avalldelpop.com

Contact Linda Burns
news@u3avalldelpop.com

All general enquiries currently monitored by Peter Ellis
team@u3avalldelpop.com

gmail addresses currently in use will be deleted in the future



Please share your feedback on your u3a by
[email to secretary@u3avalldepop.com](mailto:secretary@u3avalldepop.com)

Please fill in this quick survey so that we can find out more about you and your preferences.

1. What do you enjoy most about your u3a?
2. What could we do to improve your enjoyment?
3. Have you been on any recent Travel & Entertainment trips?
4. Do you have any suggestions for future trips or events?
5. There are many varied groups running. Do you belong to any? If so, which?
6. Are there any other possible new groups that you would be interested in joining?
7. We hold three coffee mornings a month. Do you attend? Y/N
If so, do you find them enjoyable? Y/N
8. General Assemblies are held monthly, with a variety of things to interest you e.g. preloved and book stalls, Membership and Travel & Entertainment desks, plus refreshments and usually a speaker.
Do you attend? Y/N If so, do you enjoy them? Y/N
9. We are always trying to think of new ideas to vary each meeting. Do you have any ideas?
10. Do you look at our website and, if so, do you find it useful? Y/N
Do you look at our Facebook page and, if so, do you find it useful? Y/N
Do you read our monthly newsletter and, if so, do you find it useful? Y/N
Which do you find most useful for keeping in touch with what is going on at our u3a:
website Facebook or newsletter?

Thank you for your time and please add any other comments, ideas etc on the reverse.

Don't forget, we are always looking for new committee members or any one willing to help in any way. The deadline for nominations for this year's committee is 23 January.

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A Full coach left Xalo in November 2024 with ladies and gents eager to go to La Zenia shopping, it was a very hot day. Arrived back to the Rastro about 6-30, tired, with bags of shopping, great day had by all.

Thank you Carol for organising another great trip.

PS start saving for the next La Zenia Shopping trip in early May.





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Wreath Making & Table Centrepiece Workshop

If you didn't manage to attend our creative Christmas wreath making and table centrepiece workshop on 11th December you missed a treat.

Our fabulous teachers, Sally Ellis and Christine Brazier, had put a huge amount of effort into preparing everything we would need and had already been foraging for greenery and invited us to do the same. So we were fortunate to have masses of fir, spruce, ivy and different foliage to use as our bases as well as pine cones, sprayed walnuts and dried orange slices. Everyone also brought along a variety of decorations which were generously shared.



That turned out to be the warm up session as we then moved onto making door wreaths which was a lot more challenging! The art, we discovered, is to make small bunches of foliage which you wire tightly to a frame before decorating with baubles, flowers, bows, ribbons etc. Easier said than done! Sally and Christine made it look easy and were very patient and helpful and we were very grateful for their assistance! It's not as easy as they make it look!

Every wreath turned out completely different and equally stunning and I'm sure they are taking pride of place in our Christmas decorations. There is something special knowing you have made it yourself and I think we will all feel more confident about having a go again.

A super bring a plate lunch, which was more of a feast, washed down with cava added to our enjoyment and everyone went away having had a fabulous day thanks to Sally and Christine. Interestingly I saw several similar days advertised locally for 50-55 euros without cava!! Ours was only 15 euros including coffee, mince pies and cava, an absolute bargain! And to cap it all we raised 175 euros for the Goodwill funds which will go to a local charity in need so a success all round.



We started with coffee and mince pies while Sally demonstrated how to make a table centrepiece with a single candle as the central focus and then it was our turn. Many of us were apprehensive as we are not all creative, but under their expert guidance the results were excellent and every single one was shop worthy. They were really lovely, all slightly different but equally attractive. I think we were all amazed!





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Ladies at Lunch December 2024



The Ladies At Lunch were all dressed up and ready for their end of year Christmas Lunch, at Victoria Station, Parcent.

It was lovely to see sparkly tops and I even wore a dress for the occasion. It was beginning to feel a bit like Christmas with festively decorated tables and hanging Christmas trees.

We were all served a complimentary glass of Cava and a variety of canapes. Followed by our chosen starters, main courses and sweets.

Crackers were pulled and bad jokes told, and chatter filled the room. Possibly too much for other diners there. Hey! It was Christmas.

The obligatory photos were taken and everyone was presented with a small Christmas gift from me.

By the time you read this report we will be in 2025, WOW!

So, I wish you all a Healthy and Happy New Year.





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Murla School Visit

On Tuesday 17th December Papa Noel and his band of merry helpers visited Murla school to great excitement from the children. The school has 52 children ranging from toddlers to around 11 year olds and they were outside enjoying the sunshine when the sound of bells heralded Papa Noel's arrival.



As we do each year, his sack was full of bags of sweets for every child and they sat patiently waiting their turn while he was presented with cards they had made for him.

Then starting with the youngest, they lined up and each gratefully received their gift and it was fun to watch swapping and bartering going on amongst the older ones! Lots of photos were taken of lots of happy, smiling faces.

Raquel, the head teacher, told us how much pleasure the trampoline we donated gives the children and each class takes a day in turn to play on it.

She then advised they had visited a school near Paiporta in Valencia the day before to take money and items to re-equip the school as they had lost everything in the floods. It is heartwarming to see and hear of all the great help and support being given by so many and makes you appreciate how fortunate we are.



We were kindly invited to attend the children's end of term celebrations in Murla square the next evening and several of us enjoyed watching enthusiastic singing and dancing by all classes. To our surprise the children thanked the u3a Vall del Pop for our support for their school and presented us with gifts of home made Christmas decorations they had kindly made for us. We were delighted to accept these.

We are very fortunate to be embraced as part of such a friendly small community on behalf of the u3a.



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Coffee Morning



In December 18 of us enjoyed some beautiful sunshine (and delicious cakes and tostadas) at Blanca Bikes in Parcent for our last coffee morning of 2024.

Great venue and fabulous service by Paul, Charlotte and the team. We will be back here for sure next year!





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Walking Group



6 December 2024 – Group Christmas Meal

29 of us sat down to an excellent paella meal at Restaurant L'Era in Parcent. Not a very seasonal choice of meal, but an excellent and very enjoyable celebration of another successful walking year.

2 December 2024 – Tormos Isbert Dam

Our first walk of the month was this more challenging 10km walk, which included a short scramble over the dry river bed. The rest of the walk was a pleasant ramble on good, level tracks.



9 December 2024 – Lliber Zoo Walk

The zoo may not be very impressive, but the village was looking very festive and the blue sky all helped to make this yet another memorable walk.



16 December 2024 – Alcalali to Jalon

This was the last walk of the year, with most of the group departing to visit friends and family for the Christmas and New Year. A few brave souls wore appropriate hats, but try harder next year.



We completed 40 walks in 2024, each one providing many happy memories. In January we reduced our twice weekly walking programme to just one walk each week. We replaced our hill walking programme with shorter valley walks, which has proved very popular. I don't remember how many members we had at the start of the year, but it was certainly a lot less than the current 53 members. 34 are residents, who walk most weeks. 19 are non residents who join us throughout the year when they can fit in a visit.

If you would like to join one of our walks, or would just like more information, please send an email to pauleniston@hotmail.com



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Valencia Fundraiser Update

You may recall back in November we held a music and supper evening at Pepe's in Alcalali to raise funds for the Valencia flood appeal. We also added to this the funds raised at the November General Assembly and the proceeds from the Christmas dinner dance raffle. This was in addition to the shopping we purchased immediately after the flood from Goodwill funds which was kindly delivered for us by Project 4 All who were helping on the front line.

On what felt like the coldest morning so far this winter I met up with Arne Soeten, President of Project 4 All, on 10th December at 9am in the car park at Aldi, Moraira, to go shopping again for the people of Valencia.

As Arne arrived he had already collected donations. Apparently the law changed last year and supermarkets are required to donate their out of date products to good causes rather than destroy them. Two Mas y Mas stores and one Consum store in Benissa and Benitachell donate theirs to Project 4 All and I can assure you the food all looked perfectly edible. So six days a week they can collect whatever is available. What a great initiative.

Also Café Cortado runs an initiative asking customers to fill a carrier with selected grocery items and in return they get a free coffee and cake. It was great to see lots of full carrier bags.

We spent 1500 euros in Aldi, 500e of which was our donation on this occasion from members. We bought everything from meat, veg, fruit, canned goods, bread, milk etc to chocolate for the children and filled 10 trolleys to bursting. 30 bags of apples, 30 loaves of bread, 30 jars of coffee, 30 packets of sugar, chicken, washing liquid etc.....30 of most items, and we joked with other shoppers that Arne loves his food!

Aldi were very efficient processing the bulk purchase. For someone who hates shopping it was actually fun!



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It all then had to be sorted and packed into crates and loaded into his van ready for the trip and the van was full to the ceiling without a spare inch.

I gather when they arrive in the villages word quickly spreads and people start queuing, up to 200 or so families. They fill a carrier bag with an assortment of items, enough food for a family for a week. Not surprisingly coffee, sugar and chocolate are most in demand and we managed to buy lots of advent calendars at 60 cents each for the children.

As I left them some 2.5 hours later they were heading off. What an amazing thing for a charity to do and I am so proud that we are able to help. Thank you to you all for being so generous. Without your support we could not help in this way.



Every Tuesday currently they repeat this operation and provide over 150 families with food for a week. Sadly they often run out which I gather was the case on this trip after only visiting Paiporta.

We had money enough in our Valencia fund to support another trip which I presented to Arne on Monday 16th December ready for the Tuesday shop. Unfortunately I couldn't go shopping again on this Tuesday as I had a date with Santa and the Goodwill girls at the school in Murla which we visit at Christmas with gifts for all the children. This time I believe it is either heaters and white goods they will be buying with our donation or more food.

Then they plan to help some families who have lost everything to re-equip their homes completely with furniture, white goods, kitchenware etc. so if you have any unwanted items you can spare please let me know and we can deliver them.

I left feeling blessed and grateful for what we have and that there are amazing people like Arne in this world and our members for being so generous. I promised to help again and to deliver the rest of our Valencia fund so they can continue their great work. Arne sent his heartfelt thanks and huge hugs to everyone in our u3a Vall del Pop.



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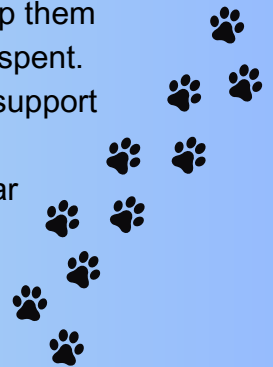
Charity Donations

Thank you messages received from the charities we donated to for 2024 from Goodwill funds

From Paws Xalo dog rescue

Paws dog rescue would like to say an enormous thank you for your very generous donation, we have a couple of projects in mind and your donation can help them become a reality, we will keep you posted as to how the money is being spent. Thank you all once again for all your hard work raising these funds, your support means a great deal to us.

Warmest wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy healthy new year
From Jayne and all the Paws team



From Arne Soeten Project 4 All

Thank you very much to everybody involved from everybody at Project 4 All, from me, from everybody within Project 4 All for everything u3a Vall del Pop is doing for us. You guys are miracle workers and it's really, really appreciated. We can use it very much because we are going to the end of the year, Christmas is coming and we have Valencia to think of too. So yes, it's a really, really big thing so thank you very much.



From Caring for Cats

Oh my life, that is absolutely fantastic, just amazing. Thank you so very, very much. As you know, we've always got outstanding vet bills! Thank you really doesn't cover it.



From ARC

Thank you very much for that. I really need to replace quite a few bits for the pens and get a new roof for one as with all the rain recently we had a big leak.

Thank you!



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Charity Donations

From Jalon Valley Help

It is hard to put into words how much your letter cheered me up. Money is always welcome, but the recognition you have clearly expressed in your letter is most encouraging to me personally, the Executive committee and I know it will be for the volunteers who contribute every day to our efforts on behalf of the community.

The need for medical equipment including hoists and medical beds appears to have no limit. No matter how many we buy the demand soon pops up for them. Once again please accept my thanks on behalf of Jalon Valley Help Association for your generous donations this year which have been put to good use in obtaining a van for medical equipment deliveries and this time will help us buy more hospital beds.



From Make a Smile on behalf of the Children's home, Benissa

A huge thank you to all members of the U3A Vall del Pop for the very generous €1000 to Make A Smile! We can't thank you all enough for your kindness and support as we wouldn't be able to do what we do without our local community.



Your donation will be added to our Christmas campaign and will be used on gifts, vouchers or treats for the children in the Benissa home over the holidays.

Thank you once again for having chosen to support Make A Smile - we really appreciate it! That all sounds fantastic and thank you for your support and please pass on our thanks to all the members. All money kindly donated now is going towards the kids' Christmas (all 133 of them). Once again, thank you.

From Jalon search and rescue

Thank you very much for the letter from u3a. A big thank you from the dogs and their handlers. Now we are able to buy some much needed equipment. Warmest wishes for 2025.



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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 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



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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 10.30am

22nd January
Restobar Quijote, Orba

19th February
Blanca Bikes, Parcent

19th March
Restobar Quijote, Orba



Friendship & Support Coffee Mornings Weds 10.30am

My Mercat, Jalon
29th January

12th February
26th February

12th March
26th March



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Los Oliuos

Tea Party

You are invited to a fabulous charity Afternoon tea at Los Oliuos, Lliber, on Tuesday 20th May 2025 from 2-5pm.

Live music by the amazing Paul and Judy, lots of cava, delicious home made sandwiches, cakes and scones with jam and cream.

Also a clothes and accessories sale and raffle. Who can resist?

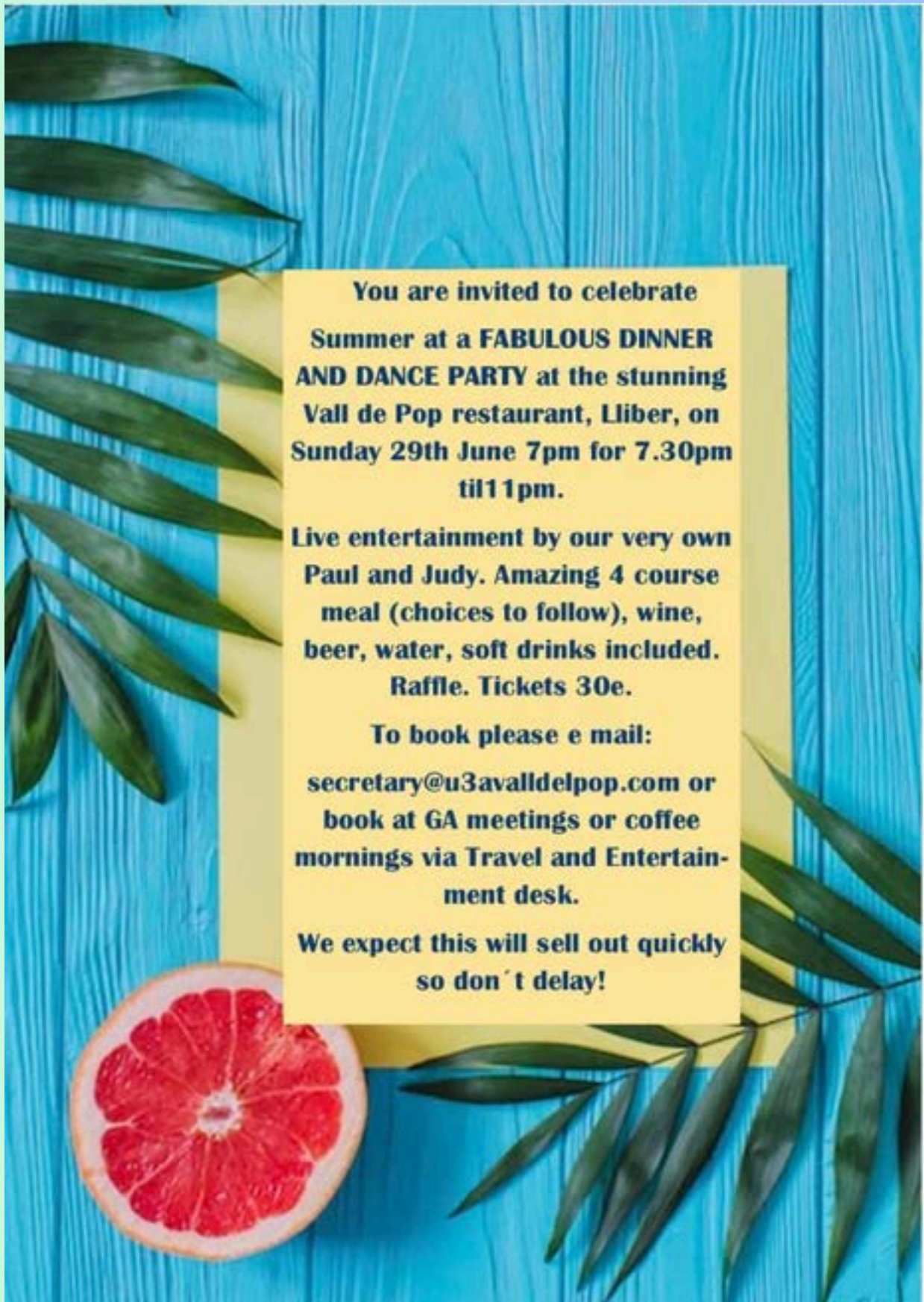
All proceeds will be donated to Paws Xalo dog rescue and u3a Vall del Pop Goodwill team.
Only 15€ including oodles of cava!

To book please e mail: p.heffron433@btinternet.com, book at u3a meetings or coffee mornings or purchase tickets in Paws shop, Jalon.

Venue: Los Oliuos, Ctra Benissa Jalon 13 (CV 750,) opposite old Lady Elizabeth school.
Parking available inside gates.



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GROUP ACTIVITIES

Join in and meet new friends in 2025!

Activity groups meet regularly to pursue common interests.


You can learn new skills or brush up on old ones, and it's a great way of making new friends!

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@u3avallpop.com

If you would like to promote your group in a future Newsletter

Please contact Linda at news@u3avallpop.com

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

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	Card Making - We are a group who enjoy crafting and, in particular, creating beautiful greetings cards.	CAROLE MARTEN & DEE ADKINS Dadkins1953@yahoo.co.uk Cvicary2@gmail.com
	Cinema - 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 justnanny@live.co.uk
	Digital Photography - Our aims are to develop our digital photography skills in a social and safe group setting; and importantly, have fun doing so.	DAVID BROCK Davidandeileen50@yahoo.co.uk Telephone: 606 995 919
	Dining Experience - We visit different restaurants mostly within the valley. Members can recommend an old favourite that they enjoy.	DIANE HOLMES ondrakiri@yahoo.com
	Dru Yoga - A gentle but powerful workout. It calms and reduces stress, improves focus, physical strength, balance and energy.	SALLY MILLANE Sallysunshine436@gmail.com
	Game Addicts - We are a group that likes to keep those grey cells active, and pride ourselves on being a friendly, light hearted crowd.	GORDON RODMAN boneinjalon@gmail.com Telephone: 693 725 199
	Ladies At Lunch - We want to 'spread the wealth' so we plan these lunches at a variety of restaurants across our region.	SALLY ELLIS U3aladieslunch@gmail.com
	Let's Sing Together...For Fun - 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 paulcorazzou3a@gmail.com Telephone 603717784
	Mahjong - 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 berylcomar@gmail.com
	Men Who Munch - 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 Thomassim007@gmail.com

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	Mosaic 1 - 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
	Mosaic 2 - 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
	Open Forum - 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
	Petanque - We meet every Wednesday morning in Lliber	GERRY BACON Gerard.bacon@yahoo.com Telephone: 600 652 821
	Spanish Conversation - An opportunity to practise Spanish you have learnt in a casual conversation. Beginner, expert, or somewhere in between?	HEIDI MORGAN mike_heidi@hotmail.com
	Spanish Lessons - 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
	Walking Groups - 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
	Yarn & Thread - 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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Working in Collaboration with other organisations



CATHERINE THE GREAT heads up TASMA's Glittering Year of Arts Lectures on Wednesday, 5 February 2025, in Moraira and Jávea.

THE ARTS SOCIETY MARINA ALTA (TASMA) invites you to join the 1762 Court of Empress Catherine II, sole ruler of the Russian Empire and the world's foremost collector.

From the arts to architecture and dazzling jewels, her craving for cultivating and accumulating the finest items formed the nucleus of the St. Petersburg Hermitage Museum.

Accredited Lecturer, Andrew Prince, who shares Catherine's consuming passion for jewels (his own exquisite collection has adorned many celebrities, to include Miss Piggy and the stars of Downton Abbey), will reveal the unknown secrets of her lust for art and private passions. His entertaining and informative lectures on the history of jewellery and fashion have delighted audiences around the world.

This presentation will be given at two locations on Wednesday, 5 February:

Morning session: Espai La Senieta, Av. Madrid, 03724 Moraira

Doors open at 10.15 for 11.00 hrs. lecture.

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

Doors open at 18.45 for 19.30 hrs. lecture.

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ENJOY THE STORY AND STAY for the COMPLIMENTARY DRINK and SOCIAL SPHERE!





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IBIZA 7 DAY BREAK

13th - 19th October 2025

495 euros per person / 679 euros single room

This great special rate for Ibiza includes return coach travel to Denia, ferry crossing to one of the islands and return transfers from the ferry to hotel. If that's not enough these prices also include travel insurance and they are on a full board basis which include free drinks at meal times. In Ibiza, known as the white island, surrounded by crystal clear waters, you will stay in the pretty resort of Santa Eulalia at the 4* Hotel La Cala which is very convenient as it is just a 4 min walk to the sea front, port and promenade.

The hotel itself boasts a large sun terrace, bar, swimming pool, restaurant, which alongside modern, comfortable rooms and regular entertainment, provides the perfect place for a well deserved break away.

Ibiza has lots on offer from shopping and sight seeing to boat trips where you can view the incredible sea life and enjoy some water sports in the bay. Take a moment to wind down and appreciate the beautiful sunset from Café del Mar – in our opinion a highlight of any holiday to Ibiza.

Our price includes:

- * Transport to / From Denia port
- * Travel insurance
- * Return ferry crossing
- * Transfers to / from hotel

* 6 nights full board with drinks inc at mealtimes at the 4* Hotel La Cala in Santa Eulalia

Please note that this trip is for people ages 55 or over as its a special deal.

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Happy travelling,
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