



# News&Views

The Newsletter for the International Club of Salobreña



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## RUTA DE LAS PASAS TOUR



On 22 May members will have the opportunity to enjoy a great day out by coach from Salobreña to the nearby Axarquía region to see at first hand the extraordinary “Raisin Route”. A beautiful route running through the villages of the Axarquía, where you can find the best raisins in the world! A route with special character that passes through the white villages of Moorish origin.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download our trip flyer for all the details.

The cost of the trip to ICS members is €38 or €42 for non-members and includes breakfast AND lunch! See Belinda Burt or Yvonne Bautista to book your place now! Email [icsalobrena2016@gmail.com](mailto:icsalobrena2016@gmail.com)

# From The Chair...



Hola, here we are again with another wonderful Newsletter!

The talk by Geoff Hutt, 'Americas after Columbus', was warmly received and all that I have spoken to, found it very informative and interesting. This was followed by a great trip to Cuevas de Tesoro. One of the highlights was a stop off at the beautiful village of Benagalbón. As we walked around we could hear members saying, 'I've seen this signposted but never thought to stop'. So take it from us, it is certainly worth the stop.

It was sad that we needed to cancel the Cordoba trip, but we didn't have enough takers. We will look at possible reasons for that when the committee meets again in May, although we have received feedback that the cost for a one-night stay was an issue. Fortunately, however, we have found a great alternative trip and have arranged this on the same day... La Ruta de las Passas In Axarquia (Raisin Route).

Before that we have an opportunity to experience lunch at the Escuela de Hosteleria de Salobreña, on 25th April, later on in May, a talk by Martin Riley about his time as a Guide in the Sierra Nevada - and I know he has some interesting tales to tell.

We are now heading rapidly towards warmer weather and the holiday season. For some this means visiting family and grandchildren or escaping the Spanish heat. For those that stay there are opportunities to enjoy summer activities such as live music in the rincones in Salobreña old town, events in the open air theatre and outdoor cinema - not forgetting a dip in the Hotel Salobreña pool.

Although the club takes a break in July and August, the committee will continue to meet and plan events for the coming months.

Enjoy the rest of the Newsletter, I hope there is something here for everyone. Remembering too, that your contributions are always welcome.

Sue Cottrell

**Chair, 2019**



# EVENTS

Find out what's in the diary for the International Club in the coming year. Some events are tentative or may be still in the planning stage and we will keep you updated with progress as we get more information.

Date	Event	Organiser(s)
Wed 24th April	Quiz	Giles
Thurs 25th April	Walk	Robert/Helen
Thurs 25th April	Lunch, Catering College Salobreña	Yvonne & Belinda
<b>May</b>		
Wed 1st May	Book swap and Badge Draw	Robert
Thurs 2nd May	Walk	Robert/Helen
Wed 8th May	Social at Hotel Salobreña	
Thurs 9th May	Walk	Robert/Helen
Wed 15th May	Talk by Martin Riley "Life as a Guide in the Sierra Nevada"	Robert
Thur 16th May	Walk	Robert/Helen
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Day trip – €38 (members) Ruta De Las Pajas, Axarquia Breakfast & Lunch incl.	Yvonne / Belinda
Wed 29th May	Quiz	Giles
Thur 30th May	Walk	Robert/Helen
<b>June</b>		
Wed 5th June	Olive Oil Mill Trip, free to members maximum 20 places	Tina/Belinda
Thur 6th June	Walk	Robert/Helen
Wed 12th June	Summer Lunch - BBQ Hotel Salobreña	
Thur 13th June	Walk	Robert/Helen
Wed 19th June	Tenpin Bowling	Robert/ Yvonne
Thur 20th June	Walk	Robert/Helen
Wed 26th June	Quiz	Giles
Thur 27th June	Last walk before summer break	Robert/Helen
<b>Club closes for July &amp; August Summer break</b>		



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<b>September</b>		
Wed 11th Sep	Book Swap and Badge Draw	Robert
Thur 12th Sep	Walk (first after summer)	Robert/Helen
Wed 18th Sep	Talk by Harry McDonald "The Benefits of Yoga"	Robert
Thur 19th Sep	Walk	Robert/Helen
Wed 25th Sep	Quiz	Giles
Thur 26th Sep	Walk and lunch Alhama de Granada	Robert/Helen
<b>October</b>		
Wed 2nd Oct	Talk: Terry Everett "The Modern Olympics"	Sue Cotterell
Thurs 3rd Oct	Walk	Robert/Helen
Wed 9th Oct	Book Swap and Badge draw	Robert
Thurs 10th Oct	Walk	Robert/Helen
Wed 16th Oct	Alcala La Real, Jaen 42 euros per person	Yvonne & Belinda
Thurs 17th Oct	Walk	Robert/Helen
Wed 23rd Oct	Petanca. Vela Beach Salobreña	
Thur 24th Oct	Walk	Robert/Helen
Wed 30th Oct	Quiz	Giles
Thur 31st Oct	Walk	Robert/Helen
<b>November</b>		
Wed 6th Nov	Book swap & Badge Draw	Robert
Thurs 7th Nov	Walk	Robert/Helen
Wed 13th Nov	Trip to Caminito del Rey	Robert/Martin
Thur 14th Nov	Walk	Robert/Helen
Wed 20th Nov	Visit to Aprosmo Centre. Motril Centre for severely disabled	Yvonne
Thurs 21st Nov	Walk	Robert/Helen



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November		
Wed 27th Nov	Book Swap and Badge Draw	Robert
Thur 28th Nov	Walk (first after summer)	Robert/Helen
December		
Wed 4th Dec	Book swap and badge draw	Robert
Thurs 5th Dec	Walk	Robert/Helen
Wed 11th Dec	Winter Lunch	
Thurs 12th Dec	Walk	
Wed 18th Dec	Quiz. Bring tapas to share	
January		
Wed 8th Jan	Book swap and badge draw	
Wed 15th Jan	<b>AGM</b>	
Wed 22nd Jan	<b>Social at Hotel Salobreña and hand-over to new committee.</b>	
Wed 29th Jan	Quiz	

**Coming  
Soon...**

**Talk by Martin Riley -**

**"Life as a Guide in the Sierra Nevada"**



**Make a note in your diaries to join Martin at Hotel Salobreña Suites on Wednesday, 15 May.**

**Some great anecdotes and memories from this amazing part of the world.**

# CHARITY SPOT

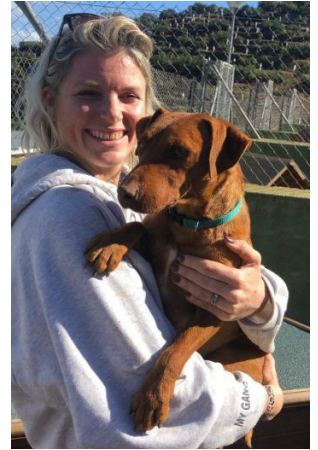


This year the International Club made three charitable donations. This month we thought we could take a look at the work of one of these worthwhile local causes...

VALLE VERDE  
ANIMAL RESCUE



Valle Verde Animal Rescue is an organisation dedicated to homing the dogs and cats they have rescued or are trying to rescue from our local area, and beyond, before they go into a kill pound where they have just a few days to be adopted before they are destroyed.



**Their mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home.**



Each dog or cat is treated for any health problem, spayed and vaccinated. They do a wonderful job and the dogs are really happy there. They are allowed to run loose in small groups and lead a life as free as possible.

They also run boarding kennels to help pay towards the rescues. The boarding kennels are spacious and as long as the dogs are sociable they are allowed to run with other dogs. Dogs are always very happy to stay there!

The setting for the kennels is beautiful and up quite a hill. For those who do not wish to make the drive, dogs/cats can be collected from La Herradura.



Following our AGM we received suggestions of local charities we could support by making donations. One of the three charities suggested and chosen was Valle Verde Animal Rescue. Their dogs are currently being housed at the Valle Verde shelter at Cantalobos or in the foster care of a group of kind volunteers, to whom they are endlessly grateful. Naturally they are continually looking for opportunities to re-home animals and if you would like to find out about the four-legged friends that are



currently looking for their forever homes you can find out more by clicking the link to their website here: <https://valleverdeanimalrescue.org/>. You can also find them on Facebook!

You might have also already seen that they are holding a "P" Party at Hotel Salobreña Suites on Saturday 27 April 8:00pm—11:00pm...

VALLE VERDE  
ANIMAL RESCUE

LETTER

P  
PARTY!

Come dressed as something  
beginning with the letter P!

OUR MISSION:  
RESCUE  
REHABILITATE  
RE-HOME

VALLE VERDE ANIMAL RESCUE  
FUNDRAISING EVENING  
@Best Western Hotel Salobreña

Saturday 27th April 8pm - 11pm

Good food, Live Music,  
Raffle Prizes & Much More!

Tickets 17.50€ per head  
Includes Food and First Drink  
Please Come and Support us!

FOR TICKETS PLEASE EMAIL:  
valleyverdeanimalrescue@hotmail.com  
or call/text/whatsapp - 0034 603 739 886

[www.valleverdeanimalrescue.org](http://www.valleverdeanimalrescue.org)



# OTHER NEWS

## €100 CHARITY DONATIONS

### **Acompalia**

During one of regular club meetings at Hotel Salobreña Suites on Wednesday mornings. Sue Cottrell, Chair of ICS presented Lesley O'Brien, representing Acompalia, the local charity based in Motril raising funds to achieve their mission to build a hospice for the terminally ill, with a cheque for €100. Acompalia was the other charity nominated for a donation following our AGM in January.

If you would like to find out more about their excellent work [click here](#) to go to their website. You can also follow them on Facebook.



### **Damos La Cara**

Our Third and final donation to local charities was made last month. Former ICS Chair Margo Mcneill met with Maria Belén Villalobos of the Asociación Damos La Cara contra la violencia de género in Motril. The Association that supports those affected by domestic violence in the area, was created in 2015. As well as providing information and support for those affected by violence they promote equal opportunities between women and men and the participation and presence of women in political, economic, cultural and social life. We will feature the charity in a future edition our newsletter.





# Contributions

We are always delighted to receive contributions for the ICS Newsletter, whether it's photos, news of events or pretty much anything that might be of interest to our members...

This month we have a short story of wartime heroism, kindly submitted by our very own dedicated Vocal and all-round Quiz-Genius, Giles Killick. If you like the story, why not drop us a line... we would love to hear from you.

## Cher Ami

3 October, 1918 was when it began. 500 American soldiers had been stranded behind enemy lines. Within 24 hours, more than 300 American soldiers would die from enemy fire in the battle of Argonne. They had no food and no ammunition, were surrounded by the enemy and, to make matters worse, were exposed to friendly-fire because the allies thought they were the enemy. There was little hope for the remaining 194 soldiers.



Their last chance was to try and dispatch messages by the three carrier pigeons they had with them. The first two pigeons were shot down by the enemy and only one homing pigeon was left – the one they called Cher Ami. The desperate soldiers attached a final message to the little bird's leg – "We are along the road parallel to 276.4 and our own artillery is dropping a barrage directly on top of us. For heaven's sake, stop it."

Cher Ami took off and, while flying across the battlefields was shot down by the enemy but managed to take-off again. Beside being severely wounded, the little bird arrived at the U.S. headquarters pigeon loft just 25 minutes later – covered in blood, with a bullet in the chest, blinded in one eye and hopping on one leg – the "Lost Battalion" was saved and 194 survivors were rescued on 7 October.

Medics managed to save the life of Cher Ami and even carved a wooden leg to replace the one that had been blown off. The French government decorated the little bird with the Croix de Guerre medal.

Sadly, as a result of the wounds, the brave little bird died less than a year later.

Many of the saved soldiers began referring to their flying saviour as Chere Ami (with an "e") because they were now aware that their little champion had been female.

(with thanks to Neil Patrick for his original contribution of the details of this story)



# PUZZLE PAGE



## Restaurants and Bars

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EL SURTIDOR  
 LA TRAVIESA  
 EL BUEN COMER  
 LUTE Y JESUS  
 BAR RUFINO  
 LA BODEGA  
 LA JABEGA  
 LA CANA  
 LA CRUZADA  
 LA GOYA  
 EL MOLINO  
 BAR ALASKA  
 ARAIS  
 EL PENON  
 LA CAMPANA  
 EL LIMITE  
 LA ROKA

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/597763/>

## WORD SEARCH

Here's a little local word search  
 – just for fun!

See if you can find them all!

Play online...

[Click here](#)

## SUDOKU

This month we have a Sudoku puzzle for you to try...Complete the Sudoku puzzle so that each and every row, column, and region contains the numbers one through nine only once.

Sudoku puzzles are provided by [www.sudokuoftheday.com](http://www.sudokuoftheday.com) – visit them and get a new Sudoku every day!

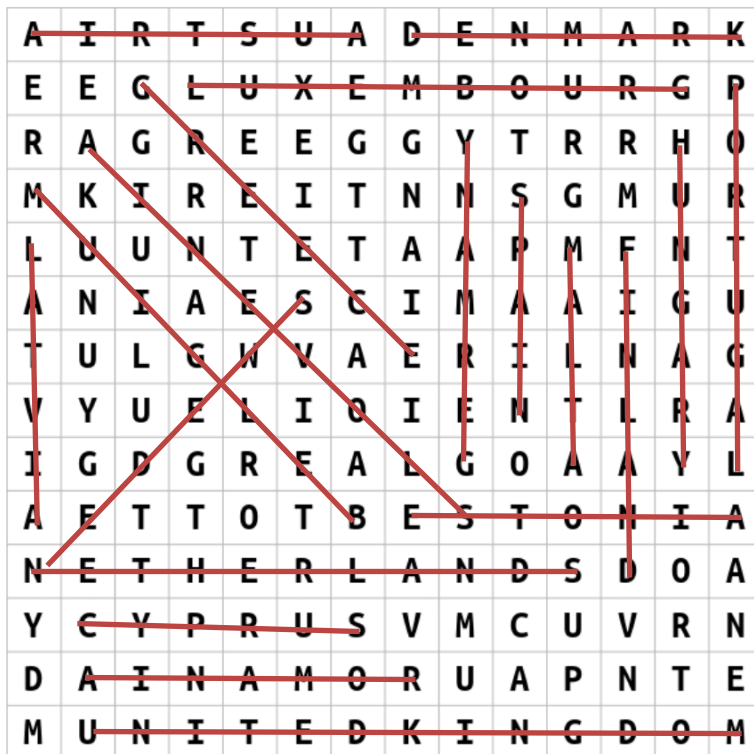
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# PUZZLE PAGE

Last month's solutions



## ICS Wordsearch



NETHERLANDS  
SPAIN  
GERMANY  
FINLAND  
CYPRUS  
ESTONIA  
SWEDEN  
GREECE  
LATVIA  
ROMANIA  
UNITED KINGDOM  
LUXEMBOURG  
PORTUGAL  
DENMARK  
AUSTRIA  
SLOVENIA  
MALTA  
HUNGARY  
BELGIUM  
ITALY

## TAPAS ICS WORD SCRAMBLE

ANERSEJEB

SBAAH

PATAS

ITSEPROR

LNGABDOASI

TOECAQUR

SMBAAG

BNEEROOQS

DCNWASHI DE POLLO

OLPUP

Berejenas

Habas

Tapas

Perritos

Albondigas

Croquetas

Gambas

Boquerones

Sandwich de pollo

Pulpo