



# News&Views

The Newsletter for the International Club of Salobreña



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## RUTA DE LAS PASAS TOUR



**Last few  
left!**

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 to all our readers. Wow, what fantastic weather we have had recently!

Exciting News! Mark Clifton, Vice Secretary, has excelled himself yet again, by working on and implementing a new on-line payment system for events and membership subscriptions. Carol O'Brien, our Vice Treasurer, will be presenting updates about our on-line progress, just before Martin Riley's talk on 15th May. This is a good time to welcome Carol back to the club and committee. Carol has dove-tailed with our Treasurer, Sue McGeoch who has taken a trip to the UK. The handover between the two was smooth and efficient and Carol has everything under control. Any queries

about membership, badges etc please refer to Carol. Enjoy your trip Sue McG.

The Events Calendar is full of activities. Please note that events do change occasionally. A good example is that the ICS Summer Lunch is now to be held on June 19th, not 12th. More details to follow in this newsletter.

Our Secretary, Teresa Deasy successfully organized ICS volunteers attending a weekly coffee morning with the students of the Escuela de Hosteleria, to help the students with their English. As a thank you, the school organised a wonderful party with homemade tapas, the company and atmosphere were friendly, including flamenco dancing entertainment! It was an amazing example of Spanish hospitality. Our thanks to the teacher in charge, Noemi Zambrana Dominguez . We hope to become involved with their laundry and dressmaking school in October (by using their services, not doing the laundry!) Watch this space for news!

Meanwhile, Giles continues at pace with his popular monthly quizzes. Helen and Robert continue with their successful weekly walks (despite a rainy few Thursdays) and Yvonne and Belinda are constantly working away behind the scenes with up and coming events. Belinda has even found time to write a ditty about 'a day in the life of a chair woman's wife'; *unless Mark has edited it out*, you might find it included in this newsletter! On that note, I would like to thank the supporting partners and friends of committee members as I know its not always easy!

Finally, a personal heartfelt plea. Many of us are concerned about plastics and how we are filling up our oceans and killing sea life. I read recently there will soon be more plastic bottles in the sea than fish. It is difficult to always buy alternative containers, sometimes it is impossible, but I wonder if any of you have any ideas about what, as a club we can do to help with this? Perhaps you have tips or ideas you could share with other members about reducing plastic use in the home - and about recycling in general and preventing waste? Anyone interested in forming an action group? Does anyone know of a 'cash-and-carry' for example where we could buy in bulk and distribute in smaller re-useable containers? Do please write in with any ideas. Campaign ends here!

Warm wishes

Sue Cottrell

**Chair ICS**



# 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)
<b>May</b>		
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 Pasas, Axarquía Breakfast & Lunch	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	Ten Pin Bowling	Robert / Yvonne
Thur 13th June	Walk	Robert/Helen
Wed 19th June	Summer Lunch at Hotel Salobreña €15pp	Belinda /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"	Teresa Deasy
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	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	

## How to keep up to date with ICS...

It can be hard to keep up with everything that's already going on in the International Club so we want to remind you what you can do to make it as easy as possible...

1. Have you set **www.icsalobrena.com** as a favourite in you web browser?
2. Have you subscribed to our new updates? Just scroll down on the home page of our website, enter your email address and click the "**Subscribe**" button, it then send you an email to check it's you which you just click on the link in it to confirm it is— Simple!
3. Have you found our Facebook Page? [Click this link](#) to go and remember to **like** our page
4. Have you joined our Facebook Group? [Click this link](#) to go and **join**



# CHARITY SPOT

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



## ACOMPALIA

Acompalia supports terminally ill patients and their families in Granada province and along the Costa Tropical in southern Spain. It provides free of charge services that help terminally ill patients to live each remaining day as fully as possible.

**Acompanion**—Their Acompañamiento service provides trained, bilingual volunteers to accompany patients and family members to medical appointments and help later when nurses and doctors visit patients at home.



**Helpline**—Their Helpline provides practical support and a sympathetic ear for patients and their families when they need it most.



**Legal Advice**—Helping anyone who needs to be prepared for the end of life. Acompalia can help make sure that there's appropriate legal advice so that all the formalities are properly taken care of, and that loved one's wishes are respected.

**Grief Support**—Offering support from the early stages until the very end; it keeps those in need company and gives helpful advice in difficult times.



**Find Out More**— You can find out more by clicking the link to their website here: <https://www.acompalia.org/> Alternatively, speak to Lesley O'Brien who has been a long time supporter.

### How else could you help?

**VOLUNTEER!** If you enjoy working for people and having an impact on your local community, or if you just have lots of inspirational ideas and would like to offer your time, talent and skills – join our creative and dedicated team. Their work already makes a real difference in the everyday life of terminally ill patients.

**GIVE ITEMS!** All the items that you donate go directly to shops and rastro or other Acompalia events. They provide the funds needed to build a Palliative Centre, and later a Hospice for terminally ill patients. They also look for specific items that will help to make a difference today for patients or to support other Acompalia fund-raising activities.

**DONATE!** You can help them by making a donation. However large or small, your donation goes directly to providing services that can help 'make each day a gift' for terminally ill patients and their families in Granada province. You can make your donation personal or share with your friends. All donations are very welcome!



# OTHER NEWS



## INTRODUCING ONLINE PAYMENTS

You may have noticed many of the changes taking place on our website

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

We now have more functionality and use this to make your experience with the International Club much easier and convenient. We are excited to announce that we have now introduced the ability to accept payments from our membership online via our website using a secure and convenient online payments service, STRIPE.

Anybody interested in joining the ICS will be able to complete their membership application online and pay their joining fee using their VISA or MASTERCARD on our secure payments system. In January, when annual membership renewals are due, members can use the online payments system to pay their membership renewal, quickly, securely and conveniently. When we advertise trips and events to members there will be the option to book a place online and then make payment to the club online too!

Naturally we are using an industry recognized secure payments system and have the vital SSL certificate which assures anyone using the payments system that it is safe and secure. You will see the green padlock and HTTPS in your web browser to reassure you that it is completely secure and encrypted transaction.

Not only will the online payments system make it much easier, more secure and convenient for you to make payments to the ICS, but if a refund is necessary on a payment made by VISA or MASTERCARD using the system, we can quickly and easily make any refund to you too.

Of course, we can still accept payments in cash for membership and trips, but we hope that the ability to make secure payments online will greatly improve your experience with the club.

We have created an online presentation which summarises the online payments system and how it can help both our members and the club. [Click here to view the presentation.](#)

Please let us know what you think of the online payments system and whether you have any queries or concerns. [Click here to complete our feedback form.](#)

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# OTHER NEWS

## INTRODUCING ONLINE BOOKING

The trips and events that the International Club organise are amongst the top-ranking benefits of club membership.

We have great interest in our trips and events. At present many of our members are able to book their places for them in person at one of our weekly meetings at the Hotel Salobreña Suites, paying cash. However, it's clear that many members would enjoy the flexibility to book places online and then pay online. This is particularly useful when they're not able to attend in person for some time of the year.

Our new website offers the ability and opportunity to book and pay online to make your experience with the ICS as secure, simple and convenient as possible. We have introduced a booking page where you have a one-stop-shop to see which trips are planned and taking bookings. You can also see what information we need from you to be able to complete your booking.

[Click here to open a copy of the booking form page.](#)

You will see a short online form to enable you to give us the information we need. It's a completely user -friendly form, completely secure and information held inline with the club's GDPR data protection rules. Typically, we need full name, email address, mobile number if available, which trip is required, confirmation of membership. We can also capture useful information like dietary requirements, preferred pick up location, accommodation requirements, depending on the type of trip and options available.

**To make sure everything is as accurate as possible, it's important that a form is completed for each person booking a place on a trip or event.**

There are three stages to trip booking:

**Booking Form Submission** – You complete the simple, secure online form. When submitted you receive an email confirming your booking has been sent to the committee member looking after that trip/event.

**Availability Check** – The committee member looking after that trip/event check space is available and that they can comply with your booking requirements. They then send you an email confirming your reservation pending payment. You will be given details of how and when to pay.

**Booking Payment** – You then simply make payment for the booking either in cash or using our secure online payments system. Once we have confirmed that we have received your payment your booking is confirmed and all you need to do is sit back and look forward to a great trip or event!

**IMPORTANT** – Your booking is only finalised when we have confirmed space available and booking payment has been received and acknowledged by the organizing Committee member.

As always, your feed back is so important to us. We would love to know how you find the new online booking form. Is it helpful? Could it be better? [Click here to complete our short online feedback form.](#) We look forward to hearing from you.

The screenshot shows a web form with the following fields and options:

- Your Full Name (required)**: A text input field.
- Your Email (required)**: A text input field.
- Trip / Event**: A dropdown menu with the selected option "Ruta De Las Pajas 22 May 2019".
- Some trips provide meals, if applicable, do you have any special dietary requirements?**: A dropdown menu with the selected option "None".
- Is booking for a club member?**: A dropdown menu with the selected option "Yes".
- Send**: A black button with white text.





# OTHER NEWS

## ESCUELA HOSTELERÍA FIESTA FOTOS!

**TERESA DEASY, SECRETARY**



The staff and students held an end of term party on Thursday, 9 May at the Escuela Hostelería (the Catering School) in Salobreña to thank the ICS members who volunteered to help the students with their conversational English.

An array of delicious buffet foods prepared by the students was on display and served along with drinks by some of the student waiters. Staff, students and ICS members



mingled in a convivial atmosphere taking the opportunity to sample traditional tapas and to make some useful contacts. Music and flamenco dancing enhanced the party atmosphere. The ICS members who took part in the English Conversation sessions at the catering school will be volunteering again in October after the new term starts. More volunteers are welcome...Please let us know if you are interested!





# 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 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.

## Who was the hero?

In the early hours of 12 April 1961, from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, the Russians launched Vostok 1, a spacecraft carrying Yuri Gagarin – the first human to travel in space and the first to orbit the earth.



The USSR and the USA had been working hard, competing over many years, to be the first to put a human into space. The Americans and the rest of the world were stunned – not only had the Russians beaten the Americans to put a human into space – they had been able to bring him back – alive and unharmed.

Gagarin had been, for the most part, a spectator on the journey – the ascent and descent of his spacecraft was under the control of the people on the ground. And the real challenge was not so much shooting Gagarin into space, and not just getting him back, but getting him back to a place that was in Russian controlled territory and was a reasonable distance from where his rocket had been launched.

The Russians had designated a target landing area in Kazkhstan, within a 320km/200mile radius of the launch area. A target spot that was the rough equivalent of one-five-thousandth of the surface area of the planet around which Uri Gagarin was circling.

The most difficult and most critical task for the Russians on the ground, was to ensure that they pressed the button that would fire the rockets on Gagarin's capsule at the only precise split-second available that would ensure the capsule would be on the correct trajectory to return Gagarin to the target area on Earth. Even just a fraction of a second too early or too late could put Gagarin's return to earth thousands of kilometers away from what was planned – perhaps even into mountains or the sea.

So, how did these Russian scientists calculate the exact moment when Gagarin's capsule had to be fired-up to return to earth? Well, they were able to do it because they had the benefit of being able to use and apply the universally accepted research and theories on gravity and calculus that had been developed as early as 1666 – some 300 years earlier, by a 26 year-old Englishman by the name of Isaac Newton.

Isaac Newton is my choice of hero of this story.



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Here's a little ditty from our very own Committee Vocal, Trip and Event coordinator extraordinaire and most importantly the Chairwoman's wife...

## **A Day in the Life of the Chairwoman's Wife**

A day in the life of the Chairwoman's wife is a mystery hard to explain  
Save to say every day, in its own special way brings surprises, again and again

With breakfast come emails and queries galore to resolve over coffee and tea  
And then by lunch there's another whole bunch but...no interference from me! (Ha-haa)

I zip my mouth until club meeting day brings chat and friendly warm faces  
And I'm chasing the euros from everyone there for trips to some fabulous places

And once a month Committee meets oh what joy that brings  
As we plot and plan and deliberate over calendar, website and things...

With talks, events and systems to sort the challenges are unending  
To make it fun for everyone and not overdo the spending!

Some evenings are spent in careful thought about the club constitution  
With my chairwoman wife who attempts without strife to arrive at perfect solutions

A call from Mark to discuss the newsletter always serves to delight  
And then there are minutes to be signed off before we can call it a night

So overall I'm having fun of that there is no doubt  
The club is such a vibrant thing getting all of us up and out!

**Belinda**

**Chairwoman's wife and vocal**



Our Very Own Pam Ayres...

Belinda Burt, Vocal



# PUZZLE PAGE

Last month's solutions

## Restaurants and Bars

D	R	L	U	T	E	Y	J	E	S	U	S	G	O
F	C	E	E	L	B	A	R	R	U	F	I	N	O
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- LA TRAVIESA
- EL BUEN COMER
- LUTE Y JESUS
- BAR RUFINO
- LA BODEGA
- LA JABEGA
- LA CANA
- LA CRUZADA
- LA GOYA
- EL MOLINO
- BAR ALASKA
- ARAI
- 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!

7	2	3	5	6	8	1	4	9
5	4	9	1	2	7	3	6	8
1	6	8	9	4	3	2	5	7
8	3	5	2	9	4	7	1	6
6	1	2	7	3	5	8	9	4
4	9	7	8	1	6	5	2	3
2	8	1	6	7	9	4	3	5
3	7	6	4	5	1	9	8	2
9	5	4	3	8	2	6	7	1



# PUZZLE PAGE

## Flipando en colores!

B	L	A	N	C	O	I	B	N	E	G	R	O	R
E	E	U	L	B	E	R	I	E	O	E	E	R	O
O	I	K	P	U	W	L	A	R	U	P	R	U	P
E	U	I	H	M	U	A	P	V	E	R	D	E	E
R	N	A	A	B	L	O	P	R	M	O	O	W	L
K	J	O	E	T	R	R	L	S	U	I	R	O	E
A	R	J	U	Y	U	L	R	O	R	P	A	L	T
V	R	O	A	M	A	R	I	L	L	O	N	L	I
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R	N	R	B	E	U	B	O	U	R	N	E	Y	W
O	R	A	Z	U	L	U	T	U	O	W	L	R	R
R	A	S	E	U	Q	R	U	T	W	I	A	R	K
R	N	W	O	B	L	A	C	K	N	N	S	I	N
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- ROJO
- TURQUOISE
- ORO
- TURQUESA
- VERDE
- NEGRO
- ORANGE
- PINK
- WHITE
- BLUE
- AZUL
- BLANCO
- PURPLE
- AMARILLO
- YELLOW
- BROWN
- GREEN
- RED
- PURPURA
- BLACK

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/637072/>

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## SUDOKU

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Suerte!

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			8		4			
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