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# NEWS & VIEWS

The Newsletter for the International Club of Salobreña



Opéra  
W.A.Mozart

# DON GIOVANNI

SOLISTAS, CORDO Y ORQUESTA  
DE LA COMPAÑIA LIRICA OPERA 2001

COPRODUCCIÓN  
OPERA DE MASSY  
PARIS-SUD

**BOOKING NOW!**  
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## Membership Renewal



It is great to report that half of our membership has already renewed for 2020 and two thirds of those were completed online and paid using our secure online payments system. What is really important is that everyone of our members has the opportunity to check their personal details and confirm their privacy preferences.

We have also had eleven brand new members join so far this year which is great.

We would love to have renewed all of our memberships by the end of February if at all possible so we can concentrate on arranging great trips and events . If you aren't expecting to be at one of our social meetings in Hotel Salobrena Suites it is so easy to renew your membership online. You just need your Membership Renewal Invitation Email which has your data to check and the link to complete renewal.

[Alternative, click here to visit our regular membership application site.](#)

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# From The Chair...

## Welcome!

It's a brand new year and depending on the source, it's a brand new decade too!

This is our first edition of our Newsletter for the International Club of Salobreña for 2020.

We have a new committee, volunteered, proposed, seconded and voted in at our AGM 2020 held at Hotel Salobreña Suites on Wednesday 15 January. Despite some concerns that interest in committee roles might not be very forthcoming, we received nine willing volunteers who are prepared to give up some of their valuable free time in this beautiful part of Spain to help deliver another great year of activities, trips, talks, hobbies, prize draws, quizzes or whatever it takes to help our members make the most of their time in and around the Costa Tropical.

What's more, we now have a committee that puts even more international into International Club—with committee members from Australia, Netherlands, Finland, Spain, Ireland and United Kingdom.

The committee is only eight days old at time of writing this but we already have bookings in hand for our first exciting opportunity of the year—DON GIOVANNI, the masterpiece opera by Mozart, performed live on stage at Palacio De Congresos, Granada. The coach is arranged to whisk 44 lucky members from Salobreña to Granada on 18 March for a great night out soaking up the atmosphere of this great work.

I briefly touched on the AGM and would like to thank everyone who attended in person to join in the discussion and voting. It really is great to see the level of support that exists for the club. In the excitement of getting to the end of the meeting I forgot to take the opportunity to whole heartedly thank Robert and the committee of 2019 for all their hard work for the club right throughout the year. I know very well the work that goes into making the magic happen for our members and it begins with committee. I must not forget to thank everyone who tuned into our ICS Facebook Member's Group to watch the AGM via Facebook Live. (Sorry for my head in the way!). We had viewers as far away as Australia and Sri Lanka and as close as Velez De Benaudalla!

It is very early days for our planning but we are already developing our Events programme for the year. You will see old favourites return—Our month wouldn't be the same without Giles' famous Quiz, Free Prize Name Badge Draw and Book Swap, an informative and entertaining talk or two. But also some great trips I know your committee members have already been canvassing opinion on what we could include—Please do let us know!

I look forward to an exciting and entertaining year with you all.

**Mark Clifton**

**Chair, ICS 2020**



# ICS Committee 2020

- Chair - Mark Clifton
- Secretary - Teresa Deasy
- Treasurer - David Barrow
- Vocale - Yvonne Bautista
- Vocale - Giles Killick
- Vocale - Lesley O'Brien
- Vocale - Sinikka Castilla
- Vocale - Mathilde Dresscher
- Vocale - Mila Ramirez



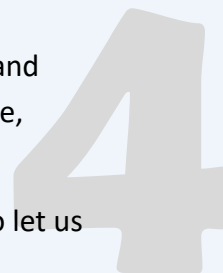
At the AGM 2020 a vote was passed to give more flexibility in the make up of the ICS committee, varying the minimum number of officers permissible and roles within our constitution. This is reflected in our new committee. There is less emphasis on Vice roles within the committee however our vocales will pick up supporting the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer as required throughout the year but largely work on delivering great trips, events and activities throughout.

## 2020 Vision

We are off to a great start as a committee but we really need your input - after all, it's your club. So we are canvassing for ideas - what would you like to see more of? Is there anything you would like less of? If you were on the committee, what would you do?

Obviously we can only try to make the club the kind of club our members want to spend time in and share. But the better informed we are, the better able we are to meet your expectations so please, please, please do let us know.

We have our suggestions and feedback form which only takes a couple of minutes to complete to let us know your ideas. [CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE OUR SUGGESTIONS FORM](#)



# A Night at the Opera!

Don Giovanni, Palacio De Congressos, 18 March 2020



We get the year off to a great start with a fantastic event - a trip by coach to see Mozart's Don Giovanni performed live. We have negotiated a 10% discount on great seats for the show and a coach for 44 lucky members is all lined up. Leaving Salobreña at 6:30pm, there's time to grab a pre-show drink in a local bar before the performance starts at 8:30pm. Our coach will be waiting for us at around 11:45 to whisk us back to Salobreña half past midnight.

At €45 for ICS members and €50 for non members it's sure to be a magical night out.

## ICSUG?



### The International Club Of Salobreña Ukulele Group has first meeting

We have had an amazing response to our invitation for budding musicians within the ICS to join our very own Ukulele group. We are officially a group of 22 members which is pretty extraordinary for a fledgling ensemble. By far the majority of our number have never played an instrument before and wouldn't necessarily describe themselves as "musical". Nevertheless it was almost a magical moment when we played our first song together—"Three Little Birds" by the late great Bob Marley. It sounded pretty amazing and everyone felt incredibly pleased with their first musical number!

Our newbie members are so keen to develop their skills they've asked that we have meetings weekly to enable them to practice together. The Hotel Salobreña Suites has been incredibly kind in allowing us their Bora Bora room for meetings.

Our next meeting is Monday 27 January at 5:00pm and for newbies the meetings are Mondays weekly at that time. New members are welcomed and if you'd like to try your hand at the uke we have instruments you could try in the meeting. Many members did so at our first meeting and have subsequently rushed out to buy their very own! Dedication to the cause!

# AGM 2020

The AGM this year was well attended with 71 members joining to make their contribution to the review of the year and help shape the future in 2020.

We hosted a short photographic review of the key moments from 2019 and some of the happy events and activities we have shared.

If you didn't attend you can still see and hear what happened in our ICS FaceBook Member's Group where the FaceBook Live video is still posted.

There are few points to follow up on from the meeting and these will be attended to as soon as practicable. The minutes will also be circulated while the discussion is still clear in our minds.

There was a short reception afterwards and even a few bottles of Cava left over that will make great Quiz prizes in the next quiz event! Thanks again to all who contributed.

## Charity Update

### Have your say!

It was agreed at the AGM 2020 that we continue to support local good causes and make a donation of €100 to three worthy charities.

Last year we supported Acompalia, Valle Verde Animal Rescue and Damos La Cara Contra Violencia. It was agreed in the meeting that we would once again reach out to members to let them help choose the causes to support this year.

We have created a short online form and have already received suggestions from 20 members, but that only represents less than 10% of our membership so [we urge you to click here](#) and make your own suggestions. We are asking for three in order of preference, but don't worry if you can only suggest two or even just one! We really would like to hear from you.

Furthering our relations with the local community is one of the key aims of our club and you have the opportunity to help shape that. Please do.



# Events News

We have already mentioned that our committee is only 8 days old. We have had our first committee meeting but could only squeeze in one hour so there is still lots to organise!

We have sketched out our regular features in our programme for the year - Quizzes, Book Swaps, Name Badge Draws, Summer and Winter lunches but do still have work to do on our trips and talks and any other activities that come out of suggestions and ideas received.

We know how popular our events calendar is for members to help them plan ahead, especially for members who visit the Costa Tropical, rather than full-time residents. So with that in mind we will publish the calendar we have so far—there are a few placeholders which indicate where trips or activities are likely to be placed, but it will take a couple of weeks to talk through, plan and organise with our suppliers, for example, Jostur Viajes, our regular coach operator.

We also have our Events Calendar on our website which will be updated with events and shows everything in calendar format, with times, locations, details of organisers and even costs where these are known.



**So please watch this space and we will update you with all the information as soon as we possibly can. Again, if you do have any ideas or suggestions [please click here to fill in our short online form to let us know.](#)**

If you have anything that you would like to contribute towards for our next newsletter please do let us know. Photos, stories, articles are invited from our members.

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# Puzzle Page Wordsearch

All of the regions of Spain... How many can you find?

## Regions Of Spain

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MURCIA  
PAIS VASCO  
CASTILLA Y LEON  
CATALONIA  
ANDALUSIA  
ARAGON  
ASTURIAS  
VALENCIA  
LA RIOJA  
EXTREMADURA  
GALICIA  
NAVARRRE  
CANTABRIA

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## Sudoku

How to Play Sudoku. The objective is to fill a 9x9 grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3x3 boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9. A cell is the smallest block in the game. A row, column and region consists of 9 cells and the whole game consists of 81 cells.