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# NEWS & VIEWS

The Newsletter for the International Club of Salobreña

## Gibraltar

9 November

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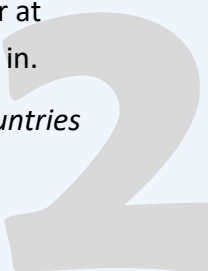
## Let's Talk About It!

### Discussion Group - Autumn 2022

One of the wonderful features of our International Club is our diversity. We are of many different nationalities and experience. Largely familiar with the views and perspectives of our home countries. That can make for an excellent opportunity to discuss a wide variety of topics and issues.

Some of our members get together every couple of weeks to consider and debate the broadest range of topics in the Discussion Group. The group is getting back together again on Monday 12 September at Hotel Salobreña Suites at 11am and they welcome anyone who would like to come along and join in.

Their first meeting will agree future topics and also discuss *"The economic situation in various countries in Europe, Especially Russia, The UK and Germany"* So if you would like to come along to the next debate, you would be very welcome. If you do need any more information ICS Member Matthias Pfundstein will be able to help you with any queries you may have. Simply drop us a line at [icsalobrena2016@gmail.com](mailto:icsalobrena2016@gmail.com) and we will pass your email onto Matthias promptly.





# From The Chair...

It is funny looking back over summer. Like so much of life as we get older it seems like the time has flown by in a flash but it is also hard to remember a time when it wasn't summer! But boy was it hot! Even for those members that kept to their usual plans for summer meltdown by heading back to the UK. They still saw temperatures in the 40's! But we made it through! And here we go for a new and exciting Autumn season within the International Club family and friends!

So what can you expect? Well we had a pretty busy Spring season and we will keep up the pace with our Autumn collection. We have tweaked our plans a little bit and decided that our planned visit to Almeria Mini Hollywood would be better in the Spring of 2023. In its place we want to revisit an old but gold favourite...GIBRALTAR! A fantastic trip which offers something for everyone... whether you are looking for a bit of shopping, especially at some smashing British outlets, or maybe you want to explore the history, culture and attractions of this little piece of Britain away from home! It is up to you.

We are also super excited to have a presence at one of the most spectacular fiestas in the calendar for Spain and particularly Salobreña...ROMERIA! At the start of October we will join the thousands filling the beaches and Paseo Marítimo in Salobreña. Committee has agreed, costed and invested in our very own ICS marquee which will be ICS branded and it will have its first run out at ROMERIA! We will invite you to come along on the day and join in this fantastically colourful and joyful celebration, dropping in to share a glass (well plastic anyhow) of something appropriate to celebrate the end of Summer. We hope that you will come along with a little plate of tapas to share with your fellow members.

Just before your New Year celebration we are super happy to offer you a staple Festive treat...The Nutcracker ballet performed by the Russian National Ballet to the fantastic music of Piotr Tchaikovsky in this seasonal classic.

Another highlight coming up to share with you is...RAKU! Not to be confused with Reiki! This is the ancient art of firing ceramics with an assortment of different materials to create a truly unique piece created by a mysterious reaction of the pottery glaze with the materials chosen at incredible temperatures! You will get more details on this as soon as we are able.

Finally a word about our Mini clubs... we are so happy to continue to support you and our other members make the very most of your free time with games and activities that stimulate the mind, maybe provide some light exercise and most importantly enables you to meet other members with one thing already in common... your enthusiasm for an interest! We are particularly looking forward to launching our Petancas On The Pitches very soon!

But as always we need your input! We need your support! We need your enthusiasm! Let's have loads of it. Thanks.

Mark

Chair (and Presidente), ICS 2022



# ICS Committee 2022

Chair	- Mark Clifton
Secretary	- Debs Shanley
Treasurer	- David Barrow
Vocale	- Yvonne Bautista
Vocale	- Giles Killick
Vocale	- Sinikka Castilla
Vocale	- Phil Grove
Vocale	- Michael Gimenez



## Committee News

Just to let you know that the registration with the Junta De Andalucía and the Hacienda following the appointment of committee members in January at our latest AGM has now been completed. This is an important procedure to ensure that the authorities have a clear line of sight to the individuals operating the International Club (our committee members). We thank our Gestor, Alberto Martin at Actio

Acesores , Motril for his invaluable help and service in attending to our formalities.

We are currently operating the committee with eight members but the Chair/President has waived his voting rights to ensure a majority vote can be reached on every vote.

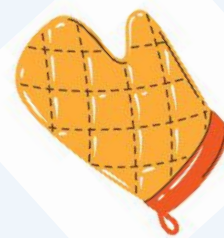
We have also agreed to have a more prominent presence at the entrance to the bar area in Hotel Salobreña Suites on or Wednesday meetings to make it as easy as possible for anyone looking for assistance.



# Kitty Bakes!

Once again we are happy

to throw open a baking challenge to our members! Lesley O'Brien is kindly organising another baking event to support Kitty Angels Kitten and Young Cat's charity. Winter is approaching and Maria who runs the charity and cares for most of the kittens and cats needs to ensure her shelter is adequately prepared. So On Wednesday, 21 September there will be a selection of baked treat available at the Hotel to purchase with proceeds to the charity—Please get involved! Whether it is baking or eating!



## Salobreña Romeria '22

For some the end of the summer season can bring a slight change of mood... gone are the balmy summer evenings with even a little town like Salobreña buzzing with activities thanks to the masses of people that descend from all four corners of the globe to enjoy the season.

But one glimmering jewel remains! ROMERIA!

It is hard to find a more colourful explosion of flamenco dresses, of perfectly groomed horses and their "Caballeros", wide brimmed hats, paper flowers festooning handcrafted floats followed by everyone in town down to the sea front to enjoy the bars, restaurants, stalls, music and in particular the beach! One last great beach blow-out!

This year ICS will be there! We will have our very own marquee, branded for the International Club of Salobreña. We will be pleased to host as many of our members as possible during the day... to drop in and share a drink to toast the fiesta! We will also be inviting you to come along armed with something to generously share with your fellow members—TAPAS! It will be the place to see and be seen!!

Why not come along in Romeria style too? A red neckerchief and flat cap is practically mandatory on Romeria for the hombres and of course there is lots to choose from for the mujeres too! A floral shawl maybe or certainly a lacey fan!

We will be inviting potential members to the club too by way of social media around the area, letting

them know about what we do, when we do it and how it can help them get the most out of their time here in the Costa Tropical.

We are super excited to be able to play a small part in this fantastic fiesta that puts Salobreña on the map every year and really hope that you will come along to join in and support us.





# Gibraltar!

9 November 2022

It is great to be able to offer an old favourite as an excursion for our members.

Gibraltar makes a return to our schedules with a day trip from Salobreña departing at around 8am with a pick up at Almuñecar, a short comfort break at services

near Malaga and then arriving at Gibraltar around 11am. As usual, we will be parking at Morrisons Car Park and you will have opportunity to do a Supermarket Sweep for any seasonal goodies you think you might need.

What follows will be up to you... whether it is to hit the high street and visit some of the fantastic shops, especially old chums like Marks and Spencers!

Then of course there's the good old British Pubs! Many with favourite British Real Ales rarely seen in our part of the world!

Or, maybe visit some of the great attractions available including the cable car and of course Gibraltar Barbary Macaques, probably the very most popular attraction! The best place to see them is in the Upper Rock Nature Reserve in the Upper Rock area of the island. Here, you'll find the famous Apes' Den, a great place to visit for you to get up close

with these fascinating creatures without fear of being harassed. But visitors beware: as cute as these apes are, they're wild and do bite. Also, from time-to-time they venture into the town, so watch your belongings. Feeding is strictly prohibited.

At the most southerly point of Gibraltar's peninsula is Europa Point. It's well worth a visit for the historic 19th-century Trinity Lighthouse, the old chapel of Nuestra Señora de Europa (the Shrine of our Lady of Europe), and the impressive Mosque of The Custodian of the Holy Mosques.

The trip will cost €23 each for ICS members if we have 29 members on the trip (smaller coach) or just €18 each if we manage to get 55 members (larger coach). It is available to non ICS members as above plus a €5 premium.

**We propose charging €23 in the first instance and if we get sufficient numbers we can make a refund of €5 per seat. Booking is open now using our online form at the bottom of our Gibraltar Trip '22 web page. Of course we will be using our secure online payments system to make it as easy as possible to pay. Please remember that payment is required before your reservation is finalised and booking and payment closes on Wednesday 26 October. Refunds will not be possible after that date.**



# Malaga Lights Time!

## Wednesday 30 November 2022

Would it really be Christmas without a chance to enjoy the sensational spectacle of the Christmas Lights of Malaga? Of course it wouldn't!

Another regular feature in our calendar and for very good reason—you have to go a long way to find a rival to the sight of the lights and the sounds to which they pulsate to!

What's more you know we always listen to your feedback and we aim to continually improve what we do and how we do it... so this year we are leaving Salobreña an hour later...at 11am so that we can stay an hour later to enjoy the spectacular light show at its best... when it is dark!

We will also be dropping off in Malaga outside the Ayuntamiento building so that it will be an easy walk to the main attractions of the city centre.

But of course, there is so much more to Malaga than the Lights... It is one of the coolest cities in Spain and definitely a jewel in Andalucía with museums, restaurants, shops and bars.

This year we are offering Malaga on the same terms as for Gibraltar...

**We propose charging €23 to ICS**

**Members in the first instance and if we get sufficient numbers we can make a refund of €5 per seat. It will also be open to non ICS Members at a premium of €5 each.**



**Booking will open in October using our online form at the bottom of our Malaga Trip '22 web page. Of course we will be using our secure online payments system to make it as easy as possible to pay. Please remember that payment is required before your reservation is finalised and booking and payment closes on Wednesday 16 November. Refunds will not be possible after that date.**

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.

Email to [icsalobrena2016@gmail.com](mailto:icsalobrena2016@gmail.com)



# Terry Talking!

We know that many of you will be delighted to hear that we at long last have been able to schedule our popular member with a flair for presentation and tales of the interesting and obscure, Terry Everett to come along and give us another insightful talk.

We have the benefit of Terry's expertise on Wednesday, 19 October and will circulate more information nearer the time, but for now, keep your diary clear to come along to the Hotel Salobreña Suites, sit back and let Terry take you on an adventure to the unusual! We asked Terry to write a short introduction...

*"Hi everybody,*

*It's hard to believe it will be three years next month since I was asked to give my last chat, but we are back on track again after the horrid Covid, so here is a brief review of the talk I will be giving on 19th October - Presidents of the Untied States.*

*Firstly you will be delighted to hear that almost no American politics will be mentioned during the presentation, rather I will be aiming to provide you with lots of little known, and interesting, facts about most of the men themselves.*

*For those of you that have been to one or two, or more, of my previous talks, this time round I will be attempting a new format, if it comes off we are going to have some fun, if it doesn't you lot are going to have a riotous time anyway! But enough, you will find out on the day what the new format is all about.*

*I hope you will join me exploring the funny, intriguing and sometimes down right crazy men who have led a fledgling country into the most powerful in the world"*

## Events Calendar

### SUMMER RECESS

Wed	07/09/2022	Book Swap & Name Badge Draw	All Committee
Wed	14/09/2022	<b>Trip - Madrid, Toledo &amp; Puy De Fou</b>	Mark
Wed	21/09/2022	Horse Racing / Kitty Bakes	Mark + Debs
Wed	28/09/2022	Quiz	Giles
Wed	05/10/2022	Book Swap & Name Badge Draw	All Committee
Sun	09/10/2022	<b>Romeria Del Sur, Salobreña Playa</b>	Mark +
Wed	12/10/2022	Whist Drive	Mark +
Wed	19/10/2022	<b>Talk - Terry Everett</b>	Debs
Wed	26/10/2022	Quiz	Giles
Wed	02/11/2022	Book Swap & Name Badge Draw	All Committee
Wed	09/11/2022	<b>Trip - Gibraltar</b>	Michael + Mark
Wed	16/11/2022	International BINGO!	Mark +
Wed	23/11/2022	Quiz	Giles
Wed	30/11/2022	<b>Trip - Malaga Lights</b>	TBA
Wed	07/12/2022	<b>Winter Lunch</b>	David/Yvonne
Wed	14/12/2022	Christmas Concert	Mark
Thu	29/12/2022	<b>Ballet - The Nutcracker, Granada</b>	Mark

### WINTER RECESS

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# Nutcracker For Christmas!

29 December 2022

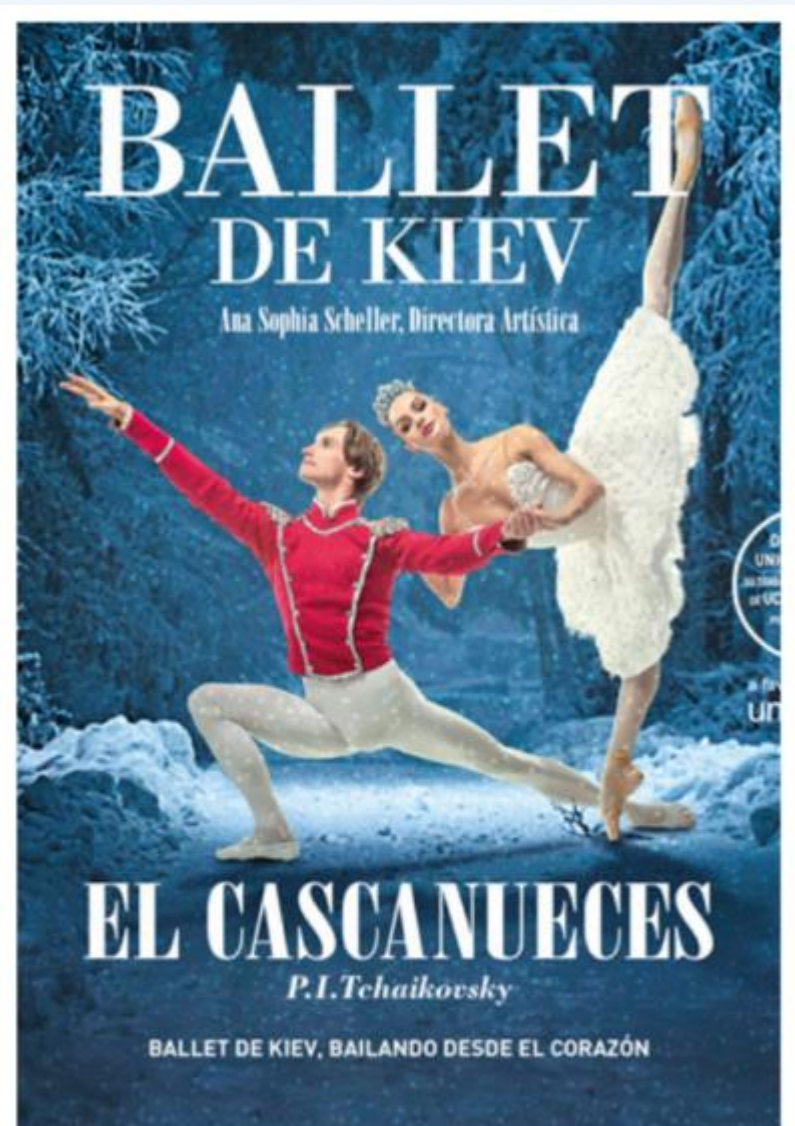
This season is all about innovation! Lets not be afraid to experiment! Usually we break for Christmas around the middle of December and have the following few weeks off as we appreciate that many of our members return to their home countries or visit family and friends around the world. But in doing that sometimes we miss opportunities!

So this year we are arranging a cheeky trip to the Palacio De Congresos, Granada to see a seasonal masterpiece...Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker! It is a staple entertainment to delight the eyes and ears at that magical time of year when we feel our most nostalgic and animated!

**We will be leaving Salobreña at around 5:30pm, arriving at the Palacio about 6:30pm. We will drop into Qubba bar for a couple of pre show drinks then round to the Palacio again at 8:30pm for the ballet.**

## Cost

As always we negotiate a discounted ticket for the show. The return coach and entrance to the Palacio will be €52 for ICS Members and a €5 premium for non ICS Members. To ensure our usual; great seats for the performance, booking will open soon and close 24 November 2022. After that date, refunds will not be possible.



# Puzzle Page Wordsearch

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