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AUTUMN 2025 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Autumn 2025 Issue 11

Dates for your Diary

- 18th November 2025 - Leaders Meeting at DAR Community Centre, Carretera de Jesús Pobre, 196 03737 Javea - 10am start
- 2nd December - Christmas lunch - see page 3
- 18th February 2026 - Spring Festival walks and lunch



A great start to the Autumn Walking Season.

A big thank you to our 3 walk leader couples on 1st October, Colin and Brenda, Rob and Pauline and Fergus and Joan. The 60 walkers started their walks under a few clouds, spots of rain and quite damp conditions and returned under blue skies and glorious sunshine, to be followed by an excellent meal at Restaurant Amanecer.



Martin Dunkley - Secretary

The Costa Blanca Mountain Walkers is a great organisation that has developed and evolved over the last 37 years and with your support, will continue to do so. It doesn't run itself, it relies on the goodwill and hard work of several volunteers who share the numerous responsibilities.

The present secretariat, with one exception, have been in their roles for five to six years and it's important that we have succession to bring in new ideas. As stated in the conventions we will review the posts at the next leaders meeting.

The posts that are being reviewed:

- * Chairman
- * Secretary/Treasurer
- * Programme Secretary
- * Webmaster
- * Supplies Officer
- * Press Secretary

The job descriptions of all of these posts are published on the website. The holders of the posts are prepared to continue but this does not prevent other applications for the posts and we welcome to hear from anyone interested.

If you would like to apply, please write to me by the end of October stating the post that you are interested in.

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Summer Programme

We had a lovely number of Summer events.



Abigail led several early morning walks, Martin supervised the bowls evening and John escorted 20 of us on another wonderful trip to Tabarca (see John's report below). Grace and Les organised a morning around Font Salada where several of us had a swim in the natural spring pool.

Joan, Fergus and Sarah also ran events. A big Thank You to everyone involved.

Tabarca trip 10 September by John Mail

For about 2 weeks we had been looking at the weather forecasts for Tabarca with some alarm. A day of heavy storms was predicted on Sept 10th, our proposed "Grand Day Out". To our delight a few days before the forecast, the storms shifted to the day before and all was well.

On the Wednesday we woke to clear blue skies and much less humid air. Everybody met in Santa Pola for a coffee before catching the 11.30 crossing to the Island. We had a meal review at Restaurante "Raconet de Ramos" before scattering off to explore the Island, go swimming and snorkelling. The unstable weather was still having an effect on the Southern side of Tabarca where we had hoped to swim, so we hiked across to the Northern coast to find calm, clear water and lots of fish to see.



We then all headed to the restaurant for lunch, where our table for 20 had been set out with panoramic views over the med and the mainland coast. A fine menu followed with fresh bread, Ali Oli, Grated tomato, mixed salad, fried Calamari, fried anchovy, a variety of rice dishes cooked freshly for us, (plus a couple of non-rice dishes for those that preferred), a mixed selection of desserts and as much wine, beer and water as we wanted. The meal concluded with a glass of cava each and some lively music. Quite a few of us needed a walk around the village afterwards to aid digestion before catching the 5 pm ferry back to the mainland - through quite lumpy seas!

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Black Forest - September 2025 by Alan Moore

Thanks to Gudrun for all of her organisation, 18 of us had a lovely week of walking.

Day 1 we left the hotel at 9am by car and returned in dribs and dabs via the shops at 6pm. A lovely linear walk led by Martin. We returned by train, happy but tired....



Day 2 started with heavy rain for an hour and then we had 5 hours of strolling through the forest in sunshine and with a blue sky. Fergus and Joan looked after us superbly as we encountered the ups and downs of our 14km walk.

Day 3 and Day 5 were spent more leisurely. Sightseeing in Freiburg, travelling around the southern area of Germany and crossing into Switzerland.

Day 4 of our trip was spent walking to the highest point in the Black Forest, lead by Richard. 14.5km circular circuit with a height gain of 550m. Dry all day but very chilly and windy at the start. 7 hours on the

hillside and in the forest. After 5 hours of walking we had some tired legs and there was definitely a bit of groaning but we all had a great day.

Day 6 in the Black Forest was taken at a very even pace, guided by Gudrun. Car, train, boat, bus and more walking. A lovely day out, in and around the town of Titisee. And then before dinner we had a tour of our hotels brewery.

We all had a great time, wonderful walks and fantastic scenery and at the end felt well prepared for the Autumn's walking programme.





For our Christmas Lunch Tuesday 2nd December 2025!



We have arranged a marvellous venue.

At the request of some of our members, this year we have moved from having a celebratory evening event, to having a lunchtime gathering.

**Restaurant Nou Portet
Between Orba and Alcalali**

**CV-715, km 23, 03792, opposite the entrance to Urb.
Puerta del Vale. GPS 38.764202,-0.062800**

**Starts at 13:00 with a welcome drink of cava.
Lunch to commence at 13.30 hrs.**

**The lunch will cost 30€ (includes tip) - cash only,
correct money appreciated.**

To include:

- **A welcome glass of Cava**
- **A delicious and varied 3 course meal - see stop press on our website for choices and to book.**
- **1/2 a bottle of wine per person, or 2 beers, or 2 soft drinks. Water will be provided.**
- **Followed by games.**

Closing date for your reservation is 25th November.



Shortest Away Trip Ever! August 2026 by John & Clodagh Mail

Next August a rare event will take place here in Spain. On August 12th at about 8.30pm part of Spain will witness a total eclipse of the sun. Unfortunately the Costa Blanca will not see a total eclipse.

Clodagh & I have decided we would like to see it and plan to travel to hotel Pepo in Benifallet (near Tortosa, www.restaurantpepo.com) and stay for 2 nights to put us in the shadow area. We will need to find a vantage point looking West as the sun will be fairly low and we would like to witness the encroaching moon shadow as it races towards us at 1000 mph! A high vantage point such as Cim Caro at 1400m would be perfect. The viewing area at the top and parking is limited and half of the local population will probably be up there! We are still searching for a good vantage point. Horta de San Joan might be OK as it is built on a hill.

It is likely to be very hot and hiking to a hilltop is not on our agenda. Hotel Pepo still has vacancies for August 11th & 12th. We would be happy to see a few friends up there if you fancy joining us. I am not actually organising anything as Booking.com can do all the reservations for those interested. Cost is about 80€ per night for double room including breakfast.

If you know the area well and can think of a good lookout with views to the West, let me know!

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