

# Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de JÁVEA

## Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### Committee Present:

President:	Eric Atkins
Vice President:	Geoff Woodward
Treasurer:	Mick Cox
Secretary:	Roy Brown
Groups Coordinator:	Karen White
Communications Officer:	Ian Rogerson
Membership Secretary:	Sheila Giacomelli
Webmaster:	Clive White

### Apologies

None

### Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting commenced at 11.00am

## Welcome

Eric welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly new members, and thanked the assembly on behalf of the committee for voting the committee into office. Eric thanked all those who had assisted with the various tables ahead of today's meeting.

Eric commented that being president had not (yet) proven to be a chore and that it was quite refreshing to have people he hadn't previously known come up to greet him – he is even beginning to remember some of their names!

He explained that he had had a good week, having enjoyed the privilege of attending the new **WAGs Too** opening event, and was pleased to report that it turned out better than he had hoped – a glorified booze up, a sing-song, and with hugging and kissing thrown in.

Eric then went on to offer his humble apologies to any Watford fans that might be present, being a Crystal Palace supporter himself and looking forward to the FA Cup final.

## President's Report

Presentations were made to retiring officers who had not been present at the March AGM, namely;-

- Sybille Ross, retired from Bridge group
- Peter Sanders, retired from SLR photography group
- Diane Ord, retired from Travel group

Eric made an appeal on behalf of the travel group for more volunteers to assist the travel group organisers so that they could make more trips possible.

The minutes of the March AGM were approved by the assembly and were signed off. (Proposed by Patricia Ainsley and seconded by Marion Monsell)

Eric explained that the committee had decided to dispense with the previous routine of all the executive officers giving a report. The only regular report would be by the treasurer (purely in order to hear the funny story or joke). Other officers would only speak if they had something profound or of special interest to say.

He then gave a brief summary thus:-

- Membership currently stands at 1230, with 14 new members and 7 renewals today
- There are 100 places for the summer BBQ, of which 70 are already booked. Early booking is recommended for the remaining 30 places
- Places are still available for the May Ball, but only for the next two weeks
- There is a letter from Help of Denia on the website thanking the U3A for its generous donation of €2250

### **Culture Interlude (Roy Brown)**

Roy reported that there were three choral concerts coming up in May in which he is singing, with venues in Teulada (Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir together with the Basingstoke Ladies Choir), Jávea Port Loreto Church (Coral Clasica Javiense) and Pedreguer Church (Montgó Chorale). For those seeking entertainment with a bit of culture he recommended that these should not be missed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mick gave the current bank balance as €23,286.25, net of monies being held for travel, events, etc., and followed up with the mandatory joke.

### **AOB**

There were no questions or other business, so on to the presentations;

#### **Angela Chantry, Care and Share**

Following an introduction by Eric, Angela gave a short explanation of the Care and Share initiative (details may be found on the website). The basic intention is that, following a bereavement, a network of friends drawn from the U3A will provide comfort and support to the surviving partner over that difficult period occurring after the immediate family have gone back home.

#### **Guest Speaker Harry Duffin**

Harry was introduced by Eric as an old and close friend. He gave a varied, interesting and amusing talk with insights into a writer's life, managing to live but not making a fortune at it. He emphasised the importance of never giving up, for example, J K Rowling's first Harry Potter novel was rejected by 12 different publishers.

### **Thanks**

Eric thanked Harry for his excellent talk and presented him with a gift of wine.

The meeting closed at 12:07pm

Proposed by (print name) ..... Signed .....

Seconded by (print name) ..... Signed .....

President..... Secretary .....