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Committee:

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Vice-President : Mike Frost

Membership Secretary : Angela Chantry

Treasurer : Lin Jones

Secretary : Pat Ainsley

Groups Coordinator : Jackie Heaton

Deputy Treasurer: Mick Cox

Deputy Membership Secretary : Sally Wells

Deputy Secretary : Joyce Pope

Today's speaker is Angela Chantry on the topical subject of "*Summer Container Gardening*"

IMPORTANT- CHANGE OF DATE - NEW U3A AT MORAIRA

The inaugural meeting for Moraira U3A will now take place on Monday **5 May 2008**, from 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon and not June as advertised earlier. All subsequent meetings will be on the first Monday in the month and at this stage all meetings will be held in the theatre at the new Espai la Senieta, adjoining the market car park.

MIKE FROST'S RESIGNATION AS VICE PRESIDENT

It was with much sadness that I accepted Mike's resignation as our Vice President. It was done with the very best of intentions, enabling others to come forward & fill his position at an earlier stage, but I know we will all miss him very much and our committee meetings will certainly not be as humorous without his presence!!

Mike has done a tremendous amount of good for Javea U3A and played a major role in shaping the society to be as it is today. At a personal level, I have found him to be not just a great friend but a sensible head to discuss matters with and his input has always been worthwhile.

He will be staying on for a smooth hand over until the end of June and will of course remain as our Travel Leader, continuing to arrange with his team all of our U3A trips & holidays.

Thank you so much Mr. Vice for all that you have done, and of course our grateful thanks to Katrina for the help & assistance that has always been there behind the man!!!

Rosi

SITUATIONS VACANT

Vice President for Javea U3A.

If you are willing to stand for this position you should apply by e-mail to the President, Rosi Evans, with the names of your proposer and seconder. The list will close at 1200 on 21st May and elections will be held at the May meeting. If you are interested in learning more about this position, or any of the positions on the committee, job descriptions are available – see below.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR JAVEA U3A COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Last month when an amendment to our statutes was agreed, we announced that a list of our Job Descriptions would be available so that members may volunteer with a reasonable idea of what the committee position would entail. Consequently, these have been provided as a separate pack available on the committee table (and by e-mail) and we do hope that many of you will come forward and join the committee. We guarantee that you will make new friends, will of course have some frustrations but we're sure will find it overall, a very worthwhile occupation.

If you would like an informal chat regarding any of these positions, come along for a coffee with us at Javea Social Centre on Monday 19 May at 12:30 p.m. or contact privately the current holder of the position that appeals to you by telephone or e-mail.

The Job Descriptions are also available on our Web Site, www.u3ajavea.org/About Us.htm.

GROUP LEADER'S MEETING – TUESDAY 20 MAY 2008

Following on from the success of our last meeting in October, a Group Leader's meeting will take place on May 20th at Javea Social Centre. If you would like to raise any questions or put forward any ideas please ask your Group Leader to present them at this occasion.

WE'LL HAVE A BALL !!! FRIDAY 16TH MAY 2008

Our May Ball, which is to be held in the El Canor Banqueting Suite, Teulada, is fast approaching and Angela and Rosi will be selling tickets for this event from 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday 30th April, price €35 each. We have a "solos table", which you are very welcome to come and join if you are on your own. Relatives and friends are also welcome, and tables can be made up of any combination from 6-16 persons. These can be requested in advance by emailing angelachantry@gmail.com with the names of the participants - the required number of tickets will be ready in an envelope to exchange for your payment. Please be sure to let us know if you require a vegetarian menu. There has been very little demand for coach transport from the port to the venue – however, if the members who did express interest would like to telephone Peter Burke on 965 793 891, Peter is hoping to organise transport for a small group.

YES CINDERS – YOU SHALL GO TO THE BALL

For Ladies & gentlemen who may wish to hire a "posh frock", or Dinner Jacket, the following have apparently got a good selection of clothes & accessories to hire. They do not have a shop but presumably open up at your request. Contact **Loria and Judi on 606 230 745**.

CAR HIRE EXCESS INSURANCE

As promised in last month's news sheet, the information on an insurance policy to avoid paying the excess premiums with any car hire company. I have not personally used this insurance, but a Denia U3A member has used it consistently for several years and has claimed on it with a totally satisfactory outcome.

The cost is £49 – (GBP) plus 5% insurance tax.

The web address is www.insurance4carhire.com and a reminder that the policy holder must be the person renting the hire car, but additional drivers on the rental agreement are covered. As always, please check this policy carefully and compare it with others, it is only a suggestion to help you.

Rosi Evans

SALLY SKELTON – A LADY TO HELP ALL JAVEA INHABITANTS!

My main function is to simplify the communication, between el Ayuntamiento de Javea and the foreign citizens in general (if I'm unable to speak their language will find who can), we all know what it's like being sent from one department to another and not understanding in full, not able to explain and mostly getting hold of the wrong end of the stick.

My office telephone number is **96 579 6167** and my office on the ground floor of the Technical office. If I can help by providing the information they require, sorting out their problem or arranging appointment with the person who can solve the problem, I would be very happy to do so.

VISITS TO JAVEA DESALINATION PLANT – May 2008

Following an interesting and informative visit to the above plant by the Spanish Conversation Group, two further visits have been arranged by Elizabeth Collins for anyone interested in learning about the innovative way in which the water is collected, treated and utilized, who owns Javea's water, and what charges are on an AMJASA bill. The tours are conducted in Spanish but Elizabeth will be accompanying both tours to give an English translation, and she has also translated the Plant's brochure into English, which you will be able to read as you walk around. The visits will take place on the 7th and 14th May, commencing at 10.30 a.m., and lasting approx. 1½ hours. Meet at the main entrance to the Desalination Plant, which is situated near to Javea Camping and Autocine (detailed directions will be given to participants). The tour is free, with a maximum of 25 participants. If you would like to attend please email elizcollins@hotmail.com or tel. 966462071 (leave message if necessary) stating name/s of participants and preferred date.

Thursday 29th May – A Walking Treasure Hunt!

Come and join our second *Walking Treasure Hunt*, looking for the answers to Angela's clues as you enjoy a pleasant stroll around Javea Port. You will be grouped into teams of 4, and follow a route which will conclude in a restaurant where we will enjoy a 3-course lunch (½ bottle house wine p.p., water, coffee and tip included). The route will be easy walking on level ground, taking approx. 2 hours to complete. Meet at Jubama Café Tapas Bar which is

opposite Hotel Miramar (just along from the Tourist Office) at 10.30 a.m. Numbers are limited. Angela/Paul will be taking full payment of 16 euros p.p. today.

MEMBERSHIP

Names for the waiting list can be given to any Committee Member, or email to angelachantry@gmail.com – Membership Secretary

Javea U3A Short Story Competition

We are running a second short story competition and hope that many of you will stimulate your imagination and put pen to paper.

1. The subject is : ‘CASTLE’.
 2. A maximum of 2500 words typed with double line spacing and numbered pages.
 3. The author’s name, story title and the word count to be provided on a separate sheet to ensure anonymity during judging.
 4. Entries to be given to Sally Wells by 30 September 2008.
 5. First prize is a €50 book token.
Second prize is a €30 book token.
 6. Please contact Sally Wells if you require further information.
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BALLROOM & LATIN AMERICAN DANCING: Every Wednesday at L’Ancora tennis club (near Arenal Beach) 9pm – 10pm with Amanda. Phone Amanda or Jackie for details.

AMANDA: Mobile: 626676024, Tel: 966427814

JACKIE: 965771839

CULTURAL ARTS:

Monday 5th May – “A Night in Buenos Aires”

An evening of “tango music and songs” - the lovely Spanish born singer Sonnica Yepes and guitarist Thomas Hanz will take us on a journey through Buenos Aires at night. Venue: El Rodat Hotel, Javea, commencing at 20.00 hrs. The evening will consist of two parts, each of approx. 45 mins., with an interval during which drinks and Tapas will be available for purchase from the bar. The normal price is 20 €, but U3A members and their guests who pay in advance are being offered a special price of 15 €. Payment today please, to Angela Chantry.

Monday 5th May – “Rat Pack Show” at Benidorm Palace

A coach trip is being organised to see the “*Rat Pack Show*” at Benidorm Palace by member Brian Fenton. Meet at Barclay’s Bank, Javea, at 7.15 p.m. Inclusive price is 35 € (ticket 27 € and coach 8 €). Ring Brian on 965 771 775 or email kitbri@telefonica.net.

Thursday 15th-Sunday 18th May – “Dad’s Army”

The Careline Theatre, Alcalali, will be presenting two famous episodes, “*The Deadly Attachment*” and “*The Godiva Affair*”, commencing at 20.00 hrs. The normal price is 12 € but for U3A members and their guests who pay in advance for the performance on **Sunday, 18th May** (collect ticket at venue) the price will be 10 €. Payment today please, to Angela Chantry.

Friday 23rd May – “A Festival of English Music”

To be performed by *Coral Clasica Javiense* in the Iglesia de la Santa Cruz, Pedreguer, at 20.30 hrs (remember to take your cushion!). Map showing the location and tickets priced at 10 € are available today from Angela Chantry

Friday 6th and Monday 9th June – *Montgo Chorale Inaugural Concert*

Montgo Chorale will perform works by Haydn, Purcell, John Blow, Mendelssohn and Gordon Lawson. Each concert will commence at 20.30 hrs, the first in the Iglesia Santa Maria, Jalon, and the second in the Iglesia de la Santa Cruz, Pedreguer. Admission is by Programme, priced at 10 € and will be available today from Angela Chantry/Gill Atkinson

Monday 9th to Saturday 14th June – *The Javea Players’ “Double Bill”*

The Javea Players will be performing *What’s For Pudding* and *Darlings, You Were Wonderful*, directed by David Garnett, and this double bill of very amusing entertainment and barbecue is at the Restaurante La Micheta which is next door to the Ifach Golf Club, off the Moraira to Calpe road; arrive 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m. . The inclusive (BBQ buffet with wine and 2 shows) price for the evening is 16.50 euros. Box Office opens 1st May (0900-18.00) 966 491 276

Please check out the April Cultural Arts Newsletter on our website www.u3ajavea.org for further information concerning other concerts during the Spring/Summer.

NEW AGENDA 21 JAVEA GROUP: This Group intends to explain to members of the U3A the aims and ideals of the Agenda 21 process and how it is being applied locally, especially in relation to 'Action Plans' and the preparation of a New Town Plan (PGOU) for this municipality. Both processes are being conducted in Castellano/Valenciano under the auspices of the Ayuntamiento, supported by consultants.

Thus this group intends to try to fill the information gap for mainly English speakers and to stimulate discussion and ideas that can be relayed to the Agenda 21 consultants and to the Town Plan Commission team. The initial meetings have been booked to take place in the Javea Players Studio, in the street behind Bookworld España, starting at 5.00 pm, with the intention to finish and be out of the Studio by 6.30pm

Introductory Meeting: **Thursday May 29th**

Follow up Meeting: **Thursday 26th June**

Please call or email the group leader Tim Ladd, as that will help gauge the level of interest. A contribution estimated at €1 per person will be requested to help defray costs of room hire. Members that are unable to attend, but would wish to receive regular Agenda 21 updates, are asked to email Tim Ladd as above who will do his best to oblige.

NEW BRIDGE GROUP: : Contact group leader for more details.

NEW COMPUTER SELF-HELP GROUP: There will be an initial get-together on Monday May 5th in the Javea Social Centre, where I can outline aims and see what interest there is. These initial aims would be:

- to provide a forum where U3A members could discuss their problems with IT and seek help from others in the group
- from members experience provide a means of identifying "best practice" in software use, e.g. word processing, video editing, computer backups etc.

- allow informed discussion about the possible approaches to using computers for common tasks, e.g. newsletters, photo archive, web browsing, etc.
- short talks on topics of interest, e.g. different processor models, storage mediums, anti-virus software, Windows Vista or whatever.

None of this will be to an advanced degree! **Please contact the group leader, Tom Stevenson, for more information and the date, time and venue for the first meeting.**

NEW DEBATING GROUP: Due to a lack of interest or other commitments, a dry run scheduled for April had to be cancelled. Now plan to have one in June - please contact the group leader, Tony Hortopp, if interested.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY: At the April meeting of the Digital Photography group Joan and Tom Birch talked about their experiences of photographing wild flowers illustrated by some excellent examples of their photographs. They gave some helpful tips which the group will take on board when undertaking the May project which is to photograph individual or groups of wild flowers.

Bookings are currently being taken for a joint Photographic and Gardening Group visit to the Jardin Escultorico at Alfaz de Pi on 8th July. Cost €12. Bookings can be made at meetings of the Gardening and Photographic groups or at the U3A meeting.

The next meetings of the group will be on 27th May and 24th June. Please note that the group now meets at 2.15. There are currently a couple of vacancies for this group. Please contact the group coordinator via the link on the web site to discuss availability. Members should be prepared to contribute to the group's programme.

DINE AND DANCE: The next venue will be on Saturday, 5th April at Las Brisas, on the road between Javea and Jesus Pobre. Approximate cost €25 per person including wine. Names to Pat Wykes at the March meeting (limited number).

DINING OUT: Since the last meeting the group had a successful Leap year lunch at Restaurant Verd i Vent and have had an enjoyable evening at restaurant La Galera attended by 33 members. Due to the group Leader's holidays there will not be a Dining out event in April but we are hoping to plan the next dinner on the 9th May. Further details will be sent to all members early in April.

GARDEN CLUB: This month the Group had a pleasant visit to Angela & Don Chantry's garden. A joint trip with the Garden Circle to the Botanic Garden in Valencia took place on Wednesday 23rd and was very enjoyable. There will be a visit to the La Albarda Valencian Garden in La Sella on 15th May. Details of this and further activities from the group leader.

GENEALOGY: Last month Leslie gave a fascinating talk about his family history and his father and grandfathers' early memories. This included recordings of his father's experience at the Battle of the Somme in 1916 and 1917 where he was twice wounded and his brother died in action. Website of the month: The Commonwealth War Graves Commission Site which records troops who have died in action and brief histories of campaigns such as the Somme: www.cgwc.org.

April has now started a group for absolute beginners, looking at where to start your research, keeping records and useful web sites. Further information on request.

This month we met at the Quo Vardis restaurante bar when Helen demonstrated, on line, the interactivity between Family Tree Maker 2008 and the Ancestry site. This enables
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information and research material from the site to be incorporated directly into the Family Tree Maker programme on your computer.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20th May at 2.30pm at the usual venue of the Social Centre in Javea when Robert is going to talk about three generations of the Broadfoot family. New members please contact group leader for further information.

NEW GOLF FOR LADIES GROUP: Contact group leader for more details.

NEW HEALTH WALKING: I would like to propose the setting up of a U3A Health Walk starting in September. This would take the form of meeting once a week for a **one hour walk** on easy terrain. Footpaths, roads, track etc., no major mountains or unstable terrains in or nearby to Javea. You choose your own pace by walking at a speed where you “puff a bit” but can still comfortably hold a conversation. Walkers would need to wear sturdy shoes such as trainers or lace ups, it is not necessary to invest in expensive walking shoes or boots. Sandals are not recommended.

When living in the UK I trained as a health walk leader and will need several volunteers to also train up and assist with the walks. Initially we would need to meet once a week for the next few weeks, once the walks are established we would meet at the walks and, thereafter every 4 to 6 weeks to discuss any issues that might arise. A minimum of three leaders is necessary to undertake the walks; one at the front, one in the middle and one at the end. Please contact group leader Shirley King if you would be interested in training as a Walk Leader.

HISTORY GROUP: The April meeting was held on Friday April 25th and the subject was ‘Interpretations of the Spanish Civil War’. It was yet another excellent presentation by David Thoms and we had a full house of more than 60 members.

The next meeting is on Friday May 30th and for a change (and a bit of fun) we are having a History Quiz presented by Clive Hedge. Don’t be put off as I’m sure most of us only just remember the date of the Battle of Hastings. It was 1066, wasn’t it?

You will enjoy yourselves! **HISTORY IS FUN.**

NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) PARTNERS GROUP: This is a new group which aims to link up people who wish to improve their IT skills with those who are prepared to offer help in areas such as word processing, spreadsheets, email, web page design, photo editing, Internet searching. Tuition will take place in your own home and on your own equipment. We already have offers of help with Word Processing, spreadsheets, PowerPoint, searching the Internet for Family Tree information, Web-site creation.

If you would like help in any of these areas, or if you could offer help with other software please contact group leader Dodie Hodgkinson on it.partners@u3ajavea.org See the web site for a proforma and for information. **NB** Computer repairs are not included in this project.

NEW JAZZ APPRECIATION: A new group seeking to bring together musicians who would like to play jazz and develop their ability to improvise. Those joining should already have some facility with their instrument, and some ability to read music (even slowly) would be helpful.

Each meeting will have a small element of jazz education and a large element of playing. We shall focus on jazz “standards” in the “mainstream to modern era” i.e. post 1915! We shall

probably utilise some of the Jamey Aebersold books as an initial starting point, supplemented by small/big band arrangements, as appropriate. I plan to have a weekly “blow” as soon as numbers make it realistic, and we can use backing tracks if we have difficulty, initially, in recruiting a full rhythm section. Please contact group leader Richard King for more information.

LIVING GLUTEN FREE: Individuals who are gluten intolerant and therefore need to follow a life-long gluten free diet have an autoimmune disorder called Coeliac Disease. We refer to ourselves as “Coeliacs” and our medical treatment is our diet. This group is designed to assist others like myself in coping with such a regimen on a daily basis, locating suitable alternative foods and recipes and how to avoid dietary mistakes when eating outside of the home environment.

Identifying whether food or drink is gluten free or not is a major headache; for both the Coeliac and those brave enough to cook for us. So, in an attempt to provide clarification here is the first article in a short series looking at food labelling and ingredient listings.

Quality Symbols - Spain

CONTROLADO POR FACE

The above symbol is found on all manner of food and drink packaging. The slogan "CONTROLADO POR FACE" indicates that the product carrying it complies with the stringent requirements established by the organisation Federación de Asociaciones de Celíacos de España (FACE) with respect to the maximum level of gluten permitted. In this case less than 10 ppm of gluten and, furthermore, regular tests are carried out by the FACE laboratories to ensure continuing adherence to this standard. Therefore the presence of this mark provides a complete guarantee of safety and products bearing this symbol can be fed to the Coeliac and welcomed by them too! Next time you find yourselves in the supermarket check the packaging in your trolley, you could be surprised where this mark crops up. For more information, as always, contact Jools.

MAHJONG: With age certain functions of the brain begin to slow down. Just as there is a reduction in our physical strength and stamina, so our brain is affected. As with our bodies, we need to regularly exercise the brain. Mahjong is a fun way of doing this. It is not a difficult game to learn but once learnt, gives years of enjoyment and mental stimulation.

For any members of the U3A who might be interested in learning or just seeing how the game is played, we are having “open” days. These will be each Tuesday in May at 3.00 in the Grand Café Toscomar, Jávea. If you require more details please phone or email the group leader.

NEW MUSIC 4 U GROUP: (Popular Classics). This is a new group with a monthly meeting (beginning April 27th, May 25th, & June 22nd), to be held in suitable homes and gardens throughout the season – 10 months excluding July/August and December. It is intended that this be an opportunity for relaxation and refreshment – a contribution will be requested of 2 Euros towards the refreshments of soft drinks and nibbles - members will be welcome to bring a bottle of their own alcoholic tittle – wine or beer or whatever (glasses supplied). (The €2 contribution will be reviewed in the light of experience).

If you have not previously expressed interest in joining, please contact group leader Pat Robinson to give her your email address or telephone number (if no email).

PETANQUE: Thursday afternoon - 2.45pm for a 3pm start, finishing about 5ish. We meet at – Bar Sheila, known locally as “Charlie’s Bar”. It is situated between the tennis courts and the restaurant L’Echalote on the Costa Nova road (just along from the hairpin bend on the right-hand side). If any new members are interested just come along on the day or ring group leaders for more details.

* **STOP PRESS*** - The bulldozers have been in at Charlie’s Bar – so at present they have no petanque courts. So as a temporary measure we are playing by the apartments near Barclays Bank. 3pm start as usual.

NEW POETRY APPRECIATION & READING GROUP: Contact group leader for more details.

SCRABBLE: Contact group Leader.

SNOOKER: The Snooker Group this meets every Friday at 11.30 at Jaspas in Cabo de la Nao where we have 2 full size snooker tables reserved for 3 hours. We play in pairs, and new members are always welcome provided that they understand the Rules and are happy to play with a partner rather than as an individual. The normal cost does not exceed €8 per head.

SOLO ON SUNDAY: This group is proving to be very popular... so come along and join us and make new friends! Last Sunday we enjoyed ourselves at La Boheme and hope you will join us again on 11th May for another pleasant afternoon. Ring me on 96 646 3389 to enquire the venue, Look forward to seeing you!

TRAVEL GROUP:

Sevilla - there is a refund of €20 per person from the Sevilla/Cordoba trip on 6th April, which can be collected at today’s meeting from Mike Frost.

Thursday 8th May – Cartagena. Cartagena is an historic port, founded in 277 B.C. by the Carthaginians, and later part of the Roman Empire. It is the home of the Spanish Navy. This is a long trip, with lots to see, so the coach will leave Rafalet at 07:30 a.m. arriving 10.30-11.00. We will leave Cartagena at 5.00 p.m. arriving back around 08:30 p.m. Whilst there, you can take the panoramic lift up to the castle, visits museums, and take a tourist boat around the harbour (€4.5 for OAP's!), as well as seeing what is said to be the oldest submarine. Trip is full with a wait list. Organiser Pat Wykes.

Thursday 5th June and Tuesday 10th June - a day trip to the island of Tabarca. This is situated a 20 minute boat ride from Santa Pola near Alicante. The island is a declared historical area, partly given over to a nature reserve, and is renowned for its fish restaurants. The coach leaves Rafalet on both days on 09.00 am to catch the 11.00 am underwater vision catamaran to Tabarca. We will return on the 4.45 pm ferry to Santa Pola, arriving back at Rafalet circa **6.45 pm**. Price of 20 euros per person to include coach and boat journeys. **Organiser - 5th June, Mike Frost (fully booked). Organiser - 10th June John Price (two coaches) 20 places left. Payment in full at today's meeting.**

Tuesday 30th Sept to Saturday 4th Oct – The Monasterio de Piedra and Zaragoza
En-route we will have a guided visit to the Real Monasterio de El Puig de Santa Maria, north of Valencia, then on to the Hotel Monasterio de Piedra for 1 night. Visits to the 12th century Cistercian Monastery, Natural Park (waterfalls, caves, lakes), and a display of birds of prey. Late afternoon we will make our way to the 3* Hotel Ramiro 1 in the centre of Zaragoza for 3 nights, with a city tour, and free time for sight-seeing. On the return journey to Javea we will stop for lunch at Teruel, declared a world heritage site. Cost: 375 euros p.p. in double/twin en-

suite accommodation (half-board in Piedra, b&b in Zaragoza), guided tours as described, and gratuities. Single supplement: 140 euros. **Names for waiting list please, as tour is currently full.** Balance to be paid at the May meeting – if you choose to pay your final balance by bank transfer please make the payment by **Tuesday 20th May** latest. Organiser: Angela Chantry.

PLEASE NOTE - travel organisers will be at the Parador on the days of the meeting from 10.00 am to collect any monies for the trips in an effort to reduce queuing after the meeting.

If you are unable to use a trip which you have already paid for, you should inform the trip organiser so where possible a person (member) from the waiting list will be offered your place and then your money will be refunded. We have a clearly defined policy whereby guests are only permitted after all else has been exhausted and then the guest will pay a 50% premium on the trip price. We do not allow non member substitutions as it is unfair to our members. Mike Frost.

In the interests of reducing the size of the Newsletter the Registration of Interest Form and Emergency Contact Form will not be printed but will be available on the travel desks at the meeting.

****CHANGES TO METHODS OF PAYMENTS FOR TRIPS****

In future you will have the choice of either paying by cheque, as previous, or by bank transfer for payments of 50€ and over.

Cheques made payable to **ASSOC SOCIAL DE LA TERCERA EDAD DE JAVEA** with your **NAME** and **THE NAME OF THE TRIP** being paid for printed on the reverse of the cheque. Please note that we need a **separate** cheque for each trip that you book.

Bank transfers must also state your **NAME** and **THE NAME OF THE TRIP** and be paid into the following account.

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TRAVELLERS' TALES GROUP: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 29th April, when Chris & Gerald Dobson will tell us about their recent adventure in **Chile**; 11 a.m. for an 11.30 a.m. start. Venue: The Javea Players' Studio. Turn right just past Book World España (which is opposite Mercadona on the hill towards the old town), and first right again (Cronista Figueres Pacheco 6). The Studio is a few doors further on from Restaurant/Bar Fuentes – email/telephone the Group Leader if you would like to stay on after the meeting for a menu del dia lunch.

NEW UPHOLSTERY GROUP: : Contact group leader for more details.

WALKING GROUP: Our next walk will be on Thursday, 1st May, and (in Al Knight's absence) will be led by Pat Moss, who will be showing us a lovely walk in the area of Fontilles. Meet 9.30 a.m. Tourist Office Car Park, Benitachell, opposite Mas y Mas. Please make sure you have ample water, refreshments, and comfortable walking shoes/boots. Telephone 965 974 096 if you have any queries. Fifteen members of the walking group spent

a very enjoyable two days walking in the area of Castell del Castells, 16th/17th April, staying overnight at the Hotel Rural Serrella.

Date	Area	Duration	Kilometres	Ascent
1 st May	Benimaurell	4	12	400
5 th June	Tarbena	3	8	300

WINE GROUP: The wine group have experienced some problems at our usual venue on account of noise so we are moving to Bon Appetit on the Arenal, which will be a lot quieter, since the owner is opening up the restaurant especially for our Group there being no other customers at lunchtime. The next meeting will be on 23rd April at 12.00 when we shall be looking at the wines of Somontano, and this will bring to an end our examination of Aragon as a wine producing area. The cost, as always, will be €15 per head, and new members are always welcome. We shall be sampling no fewer than 8 different wines at this meeting.

A PRAYER FOR U3A MEMBERS

Lord grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do like **AND** the eyesight to know the difference!

SUGGESTIONS / INFORMATION

1. Discounts are available to U3A members on production of membership cards. The discounts include Car Hire, Car servicing and repairs, Insurance and Medical, plus several good shops and businesses in and around Javea. Please see the discounts page on our web site for more information. www.u3ajavea.org/Discounts.htm.

2. Telephone calls: So as to avoid extra costs to the U3A for phone calls, we have chosen to adopt a policy whereby it is the responsibility of the individual members to contact group leaders and committee members. You are requested to call again instead of leaving a message asking for someone to call you back.

3. Newsletter: Every effort is made to have the latest Newsletter on the website and emailed two days before the general meeting. This way you can obtain advance notice of any excursions and would be able to bring sufficient funds for deposits etc.

4. Membership: For your information each month we send an up-to-date list to group leaders for them to confirm membership details at their meetings. **N.B.** Husbands and wives both need to be members!

5. Refunds: We have a policy of no refunds for the travel bookings. We keep our prices as low as possible and sometimes giving a refund could result in a loss. We do try to resell the place if possible, and would then of course refund the money.

6. Insurance: Members are reminded that as has been announced on previous occasions, they are responsible for their own insurance. U3A Javea is not liable in any respect for any loss or injury that may be suffered by Members whilst participating in the Association's activities.

7. Attendance: If you cannot attend a Group meeting that you have previously indicated you would attend, can you please let the Group Leader know.