

From our President

Thank you to everyone that attended the AGM, the Committee received many positive comments regarding the content and format. The Committee has been elected, and subsequent to the meeting, the Committee has met and elected the Non Executive members. Sam is currently updating the Website with all of our contact details. **We still have a vacancy for a Communications Officer. This role is essential to the smooth running of the Organisation, and I feel that there must be one member who can spare a few hours a week to contribute to the running of the Association. Please contact Paul or me for further details. A volunteer is needed urgently for this post - could it be you?**

This month we have Bruno the Dog Whisperer who will bring a couple of his dogs along to demonstrate his training techniques. Bruno gave a demonstration to the Moraira-Teulada U3A and it was very popular, so come along and see how to train your dog – I wonder if it will work on men!!!!!!!!!!!!

Following our meeting Paul, Geoff and I visited Xabia Bella to discuss how they wish to spend the money raised. Raul, who came to the meeting, was overwhelmed with the generosity of our members as this money will make a huge difference to the lives of the residents. Geoff, our Treasurer, will keep us updated over the next year or so on how the money has been spent.

At the meeting this month we shall announce the Charity we have chosen for this year. Many of our members have said how much they enjoyed the fund raising events held at our members' homes, so we shall continue this activity but spread them out over the year, to avoid the bunching that happened this year. The enthusiasm and response to the fund raising idea was overwhelming and came as a bit of a surprise, but was wonderful. Thank you again to everyone who organised an event. Should you wish to help organise an event this year, please contact Peter Speers as more organisers are needed. **Well done to everyone - we raised €5700 for good causes this year.**

Also, this month, we shall be announcing the social events, which are being planned by Peter Speers, our new Events Organiser. These events will be non profit making and fun; we hope there will be something to suit everyone. Peter will announce which members have volunteered to hold a charity fund raising event and what the event will be. Come along to the meeting and be the first to put your name down for one of these events as tickets may be limited.

Shirley King

Membership

Membership for April stands at 966 members.

I would like to confirm that the category of Associate Membership no longer exists. All members are now of full status. The last few months have been an extremely busy time arranging and managing membership renewals. On a personal note I am delighted to be able to put that behind me!! I would like once again to thank all those volunteers who assisted with the renewals, especially
Wilma Stevenson

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Monthly Meetings Last Wednesday of Each Month

April Speaker

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DOG WHISPERER

Denia U3A Astronomy Group

We have an invitation to attend a lecture entitled "The Wonders of the Universe" to be given by Paul Money on Monday 17th May at 7.00 pm at the Denia Casa de Cultura (1st Floor). Paul has been invited to come over from UK to give this lecture by the Denia Astronomy Group. He is a writer, broadcaster and lecturer on Astronomy and will be talking about galaxies, galaxy clusters, black holes, supernovae and other wonders of our universe.

All are welcome. There will be a voluntary contribution of 1 euro per head to help to cover travel expenses. **Organiser: Alan Oliver** (alan@oliverjavea.com)

"CARE & SHARE" TEAM:

The Team offers support and practical assistance to others within the Javea U3A who, like the team members, have suffered loss. If you would like further information please email: caresharepat@u3ajavea.org or careshareangela@u3ajavea.org
Angela Chantry

AN INVITATION TO THE BALL"

The Moraira-Teulada U3A would like to extend a very warm welcome to all members of the Javea U3A to join in the fun at their Summer Ball, which is to be held at Salon El Canor, Teulada, on Friday 24th September – the menu and full details are available to view under "What's New" on the Javea website. Tickets, priced at €35, can be purchased from **Angela Chantry**.

New Groups

COMPUTERS – BASIC SKILLS

This new Group will commence on Thursday 29 April 11.00am – 12.30pm in the Library. For further information please contact Group Leader on u3acomputers@wilmastevenson.com
Organiser: Wilma Stevenson

TUESDAY LECTURE PROGRAMME 2010

4th May 2010 Casa de Cultura 10.30 – 12.30

"The Crown Jewels" by Ceda Panajotovic

Man has had leaders from his time of living in caves. As leaders, they were given privileges and were depicted as leaders in many ways. Their uniqueness could be shown by markings, signs or decorations. Their huts and table position would occupy the place of honour. Their outward dress would be that little extra as would patterns or designs on their clothing, on their weapons, or even on their jewelled decorations. When the more sophisticated groupings started manufacturing items in precious metals the best would be reserved or specifically made for the leader.

In this lecture, we examine the earliest signs of leadership. The earliest crowns, capes, mantels, maces and other objects that could show the power of the group. The singularity of the objects which distinguish their appointed leaders will be discussed.

When diamonds became the ultimate signs of power and worth, the best were reserved for the most powerful Princes, Kings and Queens. It so happened that the British Empire was at its height when the best of these were discovered. The most famous was the Cullinan diamond weighing 1.25 lb uncut. The cutting, polishing and eventual use of its best finished pieces will be followed to their eventual destinations. Other famous stones will also be described.

All welcome. Do come along to this interesting lecture.

Organiser: Alan Oliver at alan@oliverjavea.com

Ongoing Groups

BACKGAMMON: The U3A backgammon Group is meeting every Monday afternoons at Marples Café at the Arenal from 3pm – 5pm – just turn up! (Except August) **Organiser: Bob Denton**

BOOK CLUB: We now have **TWO** Book Clubs to accommodate our expanding numbers.

Kay Thomas runs the **MORNING** Book group which meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10.30 am at the Parador in Javea. The books chosen for May & June are:

The Reluctant Fundamentalist by Mohsin Hamid

The Speckled People by Hugo Hamilton

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson

If you are interested in joining either of these Book Club groups or would like any more information, please contact Pru Hughes at pru.bookclub@gmail.com

CARD GAMES: The Tuesday cards group is now playing Canasta. We meet at 3.00 pm in The Social Centre, behind the Salud and very close to the big car park in Constitution Square. New members and non-players are most welcome. We charge €1 per person, and each week 2 winners take home a bottle of wine. Any questions please contact me on my email: shirley.humphrey@gmail.com **Organiser:**

Shirley Humphrey

CULTURAL ARTS:

Pat Ainsley has kindly agreed to work with me as Deputy for Cultural Arts, and will assist with the collection of payments for CA events.

Sunday 9th May: *Bach's "St. John's Passion"*

Coral Clasica Javiense, with the Marina Alta Orchestra, will perform at the Iglesia Nuestra Sra. De la Asuncion, Denia, commencing at 21.00 hrs. Tickets: €12 available from Humpty Dumpty, Javea.

Saturday 15th May: "Cash on Delivery"

The Careline Theatre's next production at Alcalali, has been described as two hours of almost relentless and hilarious madness. Price: €11 – please pay **PAT** at the April meeting – your ticket/s will be in an envelope ready for collection from the Box Office at the theatre on the night.

Thursday 20th May: "Pirates of Penzance"

At the Casa de Cultura, Calpe, commencing 8 p.m., in aid of Caritas & Friends of the Children of EMAUS. Please pay **PAT** at the April meeting (€10), and collect your ticket from Pat in the bar at the venue at 7.30 p.m. on the night.

Friday 18th June: "Il Divo – Three Tenors"

The phenomenal success of "Il Divo" has inspired the Three Tenors to stage a popular programme with a sophisticated mixture of light tenor songs and "hits" of today. At the Heredad de Elias Ferrer (Bullring gardens Alcalali), 8 p.m. (see map on website). The normal price is €20 – buy your tickets in advance from ANGELA and pay €15.

Friday 25th June: "A Night Out"

The Javea Players' summer production at the Restaurante La Micheta (next to the Ifach Golf course off the Moraira-Calpe coast road) is a comedy, so sure to be a fun night out. Tickets are €15, and include BBQ buffet, wine and show.

Commencing 7.30 p.m. Payment required at the April meeting. **Organiser: Angela Chantry**

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY: The March meeting of the digital photography group included an illustrated talk by Tom Miller on digitising 35mm slides followed by an illustrated talk by Tom Birch relative to the further use and applications of Adobe Photoshop Elements. The group also reviewed photographs taken by the members of the almond blossom and the Denia Fallas.

The April meeting will be held at the Javea Social centre on Tuesday 27th at which time Peter Sanders will give an illustrated talk on Artistic Composition in Photography.

Organiser: Tom Miller

DINE AND DANCE: Due to lack of interest the proposed "tea dance" at Viva Espana has been cancelled. The group are invited to join the solos on Saturday 15th May at Balcon el Puerto - for details see Solos section. Payment to Angela

Chantry at the April meeting. We are planning a dinner dance at the Indian Palace Restaurant in mid June - please e-mail if you are interested in attending.

Organiser: Pat Wykes Johnson.

DINING OUT: The group had an excellent meal at Restaurant La Boheme in April, which was enjoyed by the 53 members who attended. Our next Dining Out Event will be on Thursday 13th May when the group will be visiting restaurant Chez Angel on Ctra Cabo La Nao. **Organiser: Peter Speer**

FOODIES GROUP: We had quite a dynamic meeting starting with a bread making demonstration by Anne Muir a retired professional pâtissier and baker (to the Royals at times I may add!), as well as being the daughter of a successful baker. While the dough awaited being 'knocked back' and later shaped and 'proved', we discussed various aspects of food and health. The natural healing powers of foods, the properties to lower cholesterol, and blood pressure was one of the main areas of discussion amongst other preventative and curative powers of food. To find out more request the minutes of the meeting.

The next meeting will be a presentation on Serbian Food at 10.30am Thursday 20th May at the Javea Tennis Club. It will prove to be an eye opening and very varied topic.

Organiser: Barbara Craven

HISTORY GROUP: The next History Group presentation is –

Monday 10th May: "**Boabdil, the last Sultan of Granada**", presented by Angela Chantry.

The Moors arrived in the Iberian Peninsula in the early 8th century, and after a presence of nearly 800 years, were finally expelled in 1492 with the fall of Granada, under the rule of Mohammad XII - Boabdil as he was commonly known. The presentation will give an overview of this period, outline the reasons for the rise and fall of Islamic Spain, and conclude with a review of the Moors' legacy.

Members who are interested in joining the group please contact the **Group Leader, Sally Wells.**

NOT JUST FOLK MUSIC GROUP: The next meeting of the Not Just Folk Music Group will be held in the Bull and Bear Restaurant and Pub, opposite the Mas y Mas supermarket, Benitachell, on Wednesday 28th April, meeting at 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start and finishing around 10.00 pm. Anyone wishing to join us on this occasion should please contact Andy Keen either by phone to 96-505-0229, or by E Mail to andytanya@telitec.com Due to the numbers now attending our meetings, it is important to let Andy know before the event, in order that we advise the Bull and Bear accordingly, for them to arrange adequate staffing for the evening. I am sure that once again, everyone will have an enjoyable evening. **Organiser: Paul Wessendorff**

PRACTICAL COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE: I hope to run another PC Rebuild exercise, where we take an old PC apart and upgrade it using modern components, after the summer break. Anyone who would be interested in this hands-on activity please register with me and I'll keep you in touch as plans firm up. At the same time, if

any member of the U3A should have an old PC languishing in the corner which they would care to donate as input to this exercise, then it would be gratefully received! Contact **Tom Stevenson** on javeau3acomputers@gmail.com

SATCINE: Satcine is our Saturday evening social group with a film that is non-violent, provocative but with a feel good ending so that you go home happy. U3A members can join this group by applying by email to satcine@gmail.com There are just two shows before the summer break, 8th May and 12th June. Details of films will be emailed to group members two weeks prior. Seating is restricted so an early application is advised. **Organiser: John Chun**

SOLO ON SUNDAYS: Hello everyone! Eighteen of us enjoyed an excellent meal and afternoon at La Masena on the 18th April. We were pleased to see a few new faces, Kathy, Jan, Joyce, Michael, Richard, Eric and Colin. The next venue (hopefully if up and running) will be at Margons' in the new premises on the Arenal in the Plaza on May 16th at 1.30pm. email me or telephone 96 646 3389 if you would like to join us. **Organiser: Marion Monsell**

SOLOS SOCIAL GROUP:

Thursday 6th May: Garden Party in the Iris Gardens, Marnes

Stroll through thousands of iris in a myriad of colours and enjoy a cup of tea and homemade cakes. Price for entrance and tea: €6 – required at the April meeting.

Saturday 15th May: Dinner Dance at the Balcon de Puerto restaurante, Javea Port

We will have sole use of the restaurant for our special dinner dance. Meet in the restaurant at 7.30 p.m. for Bucks Fizz on arrival, followed by a 3-course meal, wine, coffee, water & tip included (please email for menu). Music for dancing provided by *Paulette* from 9 p.m. to 12 p.m. Price €22. Payment required at the April meeting.

Saturday 22nd May: Curry Night

At the Indian Palace Restaurant, Javea – just round the corner from the petrol station and the Irish Bar on the Crta Cabo La Nao road. Choose the set menu at €14.50, or a la carte. Limited numbers. Meet in the restaurant at 7.30 p.m. and pay on the night. Email kyeulett@gmail.com to book.

Friday 11th June: MABS Ball at El Canor, Teulada

Join our Solos table at the MABS Ball. Tickets: €45 pp – please pay at the April meeting.

Friday 24th September: Moraira-Teulada U3A Summer Ball at El Canor, Teulada

We will be having a Solos table – price €35 pp for cava reception, 3 course menu, wine & water, coffee & liqueur, with music for dancing provided by *Duo Romance*. Tickets available from Angela (choice of meat/fish and vegetarian option).

If you would like to join us and receive regular updates of our activities, email Angela or ask today for a copy of our Solos programme. **Organiser: Angela Chantry**

TRAVELLERS' TALES GROUP: Our thanks to John Reynolds for his excellent presentation on “*Kerala, South India*”. Our next talk will be given by John &

Ann Boot, entitled “*Australia, and a 4-day stopover in Hong Kong*”, on Tuesday 11th May. Venue: The Javea Players' Studio, Javea old town (in the road behind Book World Espana, just further on from Bar Fuentes). Arrival: 11.30 a.m. for a 12 p.m. start. New members always welcome! **Organiser: Angela Chantry**

WINE TASTING: The next meeting will be an evening meeting at 5.30 pm on Wednesday 12th May at La Cocina where the subject of my talk will be the wines of Monsant. For the benefit of new members, and those who have forgotten it, may I please remind attendees that if they book a place for the meeting and do not turn up then they are still liable for the meeting charge of €15 per head.

Organiser: Steve Collins

***** **FOR ALL OTHER GROUPS**, please contact the relevant **group leader**, or visit the **website** at www.u3ajavea.org *****

Travel 2009



Tuesday 4th May - Friday 7th May: Salamanca & Avila. A 4 day trip to visit these 2 cities. Coach to Salamanca with 2 nights half board in 4* hotel. 1 night half board in 3* hotel in Avila. Return by coach. Cost €130 (+ € 80 single supp.) per person. Cheques payable to Assoc Social de la Tercera Edad de Javea, or cash please. **Places still available.**

Organiser: Diane Ord.

Wednesday 16th June: Gandia. Coach to Gandia, tour of the Palau Ducal dels Borja at 11:00 am with English-speaking guide. The group will then be taken to the sea front, Gandia, with time for lunch and a stroll. Coach back leaving approximately 16:00. Cost estimated at 15 euros per person. If you wish to go, please e-mail **Pat Johnson**. Payment at the May meeting.

Sunday 20th-Wednesday 23rd June: Andalucia. As not one deposit has been paid for this trip, despite the flurry of interest initially expressed, I have reluctantly had to abort our efforts in this direction (sadly, for the second year running). **Organiser: John Price**

Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd October: Visit to Lorca This 3-day visit will allow time to explore the many attractions of Lorca, declared an Historical and Artistic town in 1964: Fortress of the Sun, Lorca's Workshop of Time, Archaeological Museum, Embroidery Museums, Palace of Guevara, and ride the tourist train which leaves from the Visitor Centre.

On the return journey visit the Monasterio de Santa Eulalia, near Totana, and perhaps walk the Way of the Cross, time for lunch (own purchase) before returning to Javea. We will stay at the 4* Hotel Jardines de Lorca (spa hotel), which is a short walk from the

historical centre, 2 nights half-board (wine & water included during dinner). Price: circa 160€ (depending on nos), single supp. 36€. **Deposit of 50€ pp** at the April meeting. **Organiser: Angela Chantry**

REMINDER FROM THE TRAVEL TEAM

Please look at the travel section ahead of the meeting, so you are aware of which trips are available and do come prepared with the correct deposit or full payment for the trips which you are booked on.

The Travel Team will be on hand to collect money and names for trips at the open meeting in the Parador. If you are not able to attend at the Parador, please remember that we have acquired a **Mail Box** as an additional service to members. **Total Postal** has recently moved from Javea Port and is now located next to the Indian Palace Restaurant, just off the Cabo La Nao road, Javea. You can hand in an envelope containing your booking request/s and payment (cheques only) – all envelopes should be addressed to Angela Chantry, Suite No. 053, Total Postal. A form for this purpose has been created and must accompany your payment. It can be printed off from our Travel Page on the website, or come and collect one from any of the Travel Organisers – full details are included on the form. **ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME** on our day excursions, trips, and special events. So are your ideas for any future excursions - come and talk to us: **Angela, Mike, Pat, John & Diane.**

DISCLAIMER

Please note that, at times, it is necessary for the U3A to make deposits with travel agents for future trips, and whilst we do not anticipate any such problems, in the event of a travel agent or hotelier becoming bankrupt, Javea U3A would not be in a position to refund any losses that might occur. We strongly recommend that you ensure that your own personal travel insurance provides cover for any such losses. If you are unable to use a trip which you have already paid either a deposit or full payment for, you should inform the appropriate Travel Organiser, who will try and find a replacement from the reserve list. Where this is possible, the Travel Organiser should be able to give you a full or partial refund (depending on the nature of the trip). If there is no waiting list, then a refund would not be possible, as this may prejudice other members booked on the trip. We have a clearly defined policy whereby non-members are only permitted after all else has been exhausted, and the non-member may be expected to pay a small additional supplement. We do not allow non-member substitutions as it is unfair to our members. **Angela Chantry**

Our full programme of day trips and excursions for 2010 can be found on the website at www.u3ajavea.org



BOOK SWAP & AUDIO BOOK SWAP

Brenda will be pleased to see you at the Parador meeting. Remember to bring along your books or audio books, there is a small charge of 50c if you have no book to swap. This money will go towards the U3A chosen charity.

DVD SWAP at the Parador meeting - This only works if you remember to bring your DVD's along, so don't forget - Barbara will be pleased to see you as she is manning the DVD Swap table this month.

A collection box for used **Postage Stamps** will be by the DVD and Book swap table. These stamps will be given to the Royal British Legion for their support fund, so please remember to bring Books, DVDs and now stamps as well to future meetings.

For Sale, Recycle or Wanted Board:

Sorry, there will not be a notice board at this month's Parador meeting.
On 10th June, we are starting a new way of advertising For Sale, Wanted or Recycled items. Send your adverts by email to urecyclesale@yahoo.co.uk, and in the subject box, make sure you type Javea U3A for Sale. Your advert will be placed on the new web page <http://javea-u3a-noticeboard.wikidot.com>. No personal details will be shown on the new web page, and all contacts will be through the website moderator.
For further details please contact **Jean Miller**: 966 260

Next month's meeting is on Wednesday, 26th May at the Parador