

From our Vice President

Well, in the absence of Shirley who is away on holiday, I have been tasked with writing the Newsletter leader for February. So, whilst the cat is away..... ! (as the saying goes!!)

Firstly, I trust that 2011 has got off to a good start for everyone. The January meeting at the Parador went off very successfully, with some 574 members renewing membership for 2011, and also with some 86 new members joining the Association. Currently we have some 1184 members on the books, but this includes some 275 members from last year still to renew their membership. I urge them to either attend or arrange for someone to renew on their behalf at the February meeting on 23rd February, as this will be the last chance to renew for the coming year.

I would like to record a thank you to all the group leaders that attended the January meeting for coming on the day and demonstrating their group activities. This gave our members an excellent opportunity to see for themselves the activities our groups have to offer, and to meet the group leaders responsible. A big and sincere thank you again Group Leaders for all your hard work, commitment, time, and effort.

The Committee is also making preparations for the Annual General Meeting which will be held at the Parador on **30th March**. Election of Committee members for 2011 will follow the same procedure as last year: members will be able to vote in person at the February and March meetings, as well as by E Mail. Details on how to vote will be sent out via email prior to the February meeting.

Just a reminder that it is one member, one vote by just ONE of the opportunities available! I would stress that for members voting by E Mail, your vote will not be seen by members of the Committee or anyone else, other than the webmaster and membership secretary purely to count the votes recorded, and to determine that no member is voting more than once.

If you have any questions you would like answered at the Annual General Meeting please send them prior to 18th March to enquiries@javeau3a.org

Peter Speer and his ball committee are busy organising the May Ball. This is the major event of the year and is non-profit making. We have already sold some 260 tickets for this event. Remaining tickets will be available to purchase at the February meeting, so if you wish to be sure of a place at this event, then please ensure that you arrange to purchase your tickets at the February meeting. Following the February meeting, we are considering making tickets available to other U3A organisations and friends. Several groups are arranging to make up tables for their group members, so even if you do not know many people and would like to come along, we will ensure you are made to feel welcome.

Finally, I look forward to seeing as many as can make it to our monthly meeting at the Parador on 23rd February, where our guest speaker will be Chris Duffin, who will be talking to us about her life and experiences as a prison governor.

Paul Wessendorff

SPEAKER THIS MONTH

"From Styal to Strangeways"

CHRIS DUFFIN

Our speaker at the monthly meeting this month is Chris Duffin. Chris is one of our very own U3A members, and the subject of her talk will be on aspects of her working life as a Prison Governor.

Chris will take us on a brief trip through her time in the Prison Service with experience of both male and female prisons. As you will appreciate, this is a vast topic, and in the time available, she will only be able to give a brief introduction to the subject. However after her talk, she will be happy to take any questions from the members attending.

This is a fascinating subject, the inside details of which will be unknown to many of us. Her talk will undoubtedly be both interesting, informative, and will include some amusing anecdotes on her experiences in conducting the duties of her appointment.

Paul Wessendorff

At the Parador Meeting on Wednesday 23rd February the **Travel Section WILL NOT** be in the Salon Azahar but in Salon Bahia. **This is for this month only.**

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Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea (Known as Javea U3A)

Notice is hereby given that the Society's Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th March 2011 commencing 11 a.m. at the Parador Hotel, Jávea.

All members are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

As last year, arrangements are being made for all members to be able to vote on the issues raised on the agenda at the AGM either in person or by E Mail. Arrangements for this are included in the Vice President's Letter in this Newsletter, and details will be announced at the February meeting at the Parador on 23rd February 2011.

**Paul Wessendorff
Vice President**



BOX FOR FOOD ITEMS

At the Parador meeting on Wednesday 23rd February there will be a box for food items in aid of our charity **Caritas**. The response at Christmas for food items was overwhelming and we are once again asking members to bring dried or tinned goods for people in need.

Please support this very worthwhile charity as there are now so many people out of work and the assistance offered by the Spanish Government is limited. Every donation will be gratefully received.



ANNUAL BALL – FRIDAY 6th MAY 2011

The Ball, which is a non profit making event, will be held in the El Canor Function Rooms with entertainment and dancing by Abba Elite and DJ/Compere Tony Dean. The price per ticket is €35.

Already 260 tickets have been sold and as the number will be limited you need to buy your ticket soon. You can do this by going to the Parador Meeting on Wednesday 23rd February where they will be on sale from 10 am – 11 am. The Annual Ball table will be in the Main Hall.

Alternatively you can reserve tickets by e-mailing u3a.tickets@gmail.com and pick them up at one of the monthly Parador meetings. Tickets will only be issued once they have been paid for.

Members can make up their own tables and in addition there will be tables for new members, solos, couples and groups. Black tie or lounge suit should be worn.

Full details can be seen on the web site at u3ajavea.org on the **What's New** page.



Membership Information

We had a very successful turnout at the January meeting. A total of 574 members renewed their memberships and we had the staggering total of 86 new members join our U3A.

Although a few members have emailed to advise that they will not be renewing their membership this year, we still have almost 275 members who have still to pay! For this purpose a single table will be set up at the February meeting for those who still wish to renew. This table will be marked "**Renewals**" while our usual table will be marked "**New Members**". If you still wish to renew, now is the time as any unpaid subscriptions shall result in Membership being withdrawn.

If you have already paid your membership, and are not already in possession of your new 2011 Membership Card, these too can be collected from the **Renewals** desk. These un-collected cards will be available for collection at each Parador meeting. From the March meeting onwards these cards can be collected from the **New Members** desk.

Our total Membership now stands at 1184.

If you are attending the meeting in the main hall, please make sure that you 'Check In' before entering the hall.

Wilma Stevenson
Javeau3amembership@gmail.com

GROUP NEWS

This month the new Car Treasure Hunt event was held and was a great success with 60 members joining in the fun. The next hunt will take place in April - look out for details on the web page.

Following growing demand we hope to start a second Art for Beginners Group, meeting on a Friday, starting this month - If you would like to join please let me know.

A number of members want to take up line dancing and we are making progress and hope to form a group - more news next month.

If any members want to suggest a new group activity, or if you would like to join a group please let me know or visit the web site and contact the group leader.

John Bellinger-Smith, Groups Co-ordinator

FEATURED GROUP

DISCUSSION GROUP



Gill Birch your group leader at 88 is a great example as to why one should stay active and keep an enquiring mind

Group Leader	Gill Birch
No e-mail address but can be contacted	
Via	depgroupcoor@u3ajavea.org
Telephone Gill direct	966 473 023
Venue	Javea social centre (behind the Insalud)
Date & time	1 st Friday in the month from 4 pm to 6pm

Currently the group consists of nine people plus a few others who always attend when in Spain. Members of the group put forward suggestions for future topics. The discussions are thought provoking, sometimes frenetic always friendly and extremely entertaining.

A few of the subjects previously discussed were:-

1. Platonic friendship is impossible between two people of the opposite sex.
2. Is there a difference between intelligence and wisdom?
3. Political correctness has gone beyond the bounds of common sense.
4. Women are more realistic than men.

Future subjects suggested for discussion:-

1. That you should always tell the truth.
2. We believe in moderation in all things.
3. Colonialism has never done any real lasting good.
4. Religion has been the cause of most of the trouble in the World.
5. Nuclear energy is the best source for future electrical power generation.
6. Censorship can be justified.
7. Communism is the ideal theoretical philosophy.

We are just ordinary people who enjoy good discussion and keeping our minds stimulated. Come and join us, you will be made most welcome.

Group Information

New Travel Organisers wanted for Travel Team

After many years of both running and co-ordinating our travel activities, Angela Chantry (our travel co-ordinator) and Pat Johnson (travel organiser) have decided to stand down from their current roles within the Travel Team as from June this year. This will be a sad loss to us all, as both have given so much hard work and dedication to the travel activities in which they have been involved and from which we have all benefited over a considerable period of time. I thank them both for their considerable help and commitment, which has been paramount in the successful running of our travel activities, and which have been so appreciated by our membership for many years. However, we now need to have two members to come forward to take their place as travel organisers in our travel team in the next month or so. Anyone interested in undertaking this role is asked to contact either myself or Angela in the first instance.

Paul Wessendorff

Computer - Basic Skills

This class has now commenced with a full complement of members. I'm sorry that I won't be able to accept any names for a Waiting List.

Wilma Stevenson

(u3acomputers@wilmastevenson.com)

The members of the **Digital Photography Group** held their first meeting of the year on Monday January 31st at their new location at the Javea L`Ancora tennis club. A presentation was made of pictures taken in Javea old town. The group discussed the future programme for the year and proposals to coordinate the various digital photography groups and in particular how to continue with the beginners group. Tom Miller gave an illustrated presentation of the current variety of types of digital cameras together with views on how the technology was changing and what these developments may lead to in terms of a choice of camera. The next meeting of the group will be held at L`Ancora on Monday 28th February and a visit has been arranged to the City of Arts and Sciences in Valencia to photograph the buildings on Friday 18th March.

Tom Miller , Group Leader
digitominate@yahoo.co.uk

Family History

"What were your family doing in 1851?" This is the topic for our next meeting to be held on Tuesday 15th March at 2.15pm at the usual venue of the Social Centre. New members please contact group leader, **James Hodgkinson**, if you wish to come along. u3afamilyhistory@u3ajavea.org

The January **Foodies group** meeting was a great success, with the guest being Edwin Cheeseman, an internationally acclaimed chef and raconteur, who entertained us with amusing and enlightening stories of his experiences in the food industry. He followed with an effortless production of a spicy chicken dish , sampled by his willing audience with great appreciation. There were 30 members in attendance, which was really good as many regular members were unable to attend for holiday or family commitments.

The February meeting, on Thursday 17th will include a talk by a lady who has celiac disease (a severe allergy to gluten) and she is going to tell us how she manages her diet. There will also be a demonstration of using the halogen oven (results will of course be eaten by us!)

At the open meeting in January at the Parador, we had 26 new names of people wishing to join our group so we now have a membership group of over 60. All are welcome to come to our monthly meeting and future ones include a demonstration by a French oyster and shellfish expert and a trip to the famous indoor market in Valencia.
Gill Breen, Group Leader

History Group

Many thanks to Maureen Stanley for her most interesting talk on the pharaoh Hatshepsut, one of the few women to rule Ancient Egypt. Many thanks also for all the excellent work done by the group's founder, Sally Wells, who is now standing down after six years as leader.

Our next meeting will be at 1.15 on Tuesday, March 8 at the Casa de Cultura when Clive Hedge will speak on "Jack the Ripper: Motivator or Manipulator". Clive will review the many theories concerning the Ripper's identity and explore the question as to whether there was an official cover-up. Who said history is boring?

To join the group or learn more about it please contact history@u3ajavea.org.
Peter Atkinson, Group Leader

The **Mahjong Group**, with guest members from Moraira U3A Mahjong Group, held a joint session at the El Jardin Chinese restaurant on 8th February and followed up with a dinner to celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Rabbit. Partners joined the players afterwards for the dinner and enjoyed the excellent food and service.
Kay Thomas, Group Leader

Not Just Folk Music Group **NEW VENUE**

The next meeting of the group will be held on Monday 28th February 2011 gathering at 7.30 pm

for an 8.00 pm start, and the session will conclude at around 10.00 pm.

As those that have attended our last few sessions will know, sadly, the premises at the Bull and Bear can no longer cope with the numbers attending. I have therefore decided to change the venue for our meetings, and the Javea Bowls Club at The Inn on the Green have kindly agreed to allow us to use their function rooms. The next meeting will therefore be held at the Javea Bowls Club, Inn on the Green premises, which is situated on the Calle de Cansalades between Javea and Benitachell on the road to Cansalades Park.

Please let me know if you are able and would like to come to this session of the Group as soon as possible, either on 96-649-3959 or by E Mail to folk.music@u3ajavea.org Anyone interested in joining the group should contact me in the first instance, preferably by E Mail at the above address.

For more information on the Group and its schedule of meetings for 2011, visit the Not Just Folk Music Group page on the Javea U3A web site.
Paul Wessendorff, Group Leader

PETANQUE – Terry and I have decided that after over 3 years as Leaders of the Petanque Group that we will be standing down as of the end of February. We have had many enjoyable Thursday afternoons playing with a wonderful group of people but now feel as I am very committed to MABS Fund Raising that it is time to “pass on the reins.” Pam Coombe will now be taking over the helm – so “Thank You Pam” and a “BIG THANK YOU” to all our members. So keep practicing for the challenge match later this year but most of all enjoy the game.
Lin and Terry Jones

Practical Computer Knowledge

This group is again at full strength and I am sorry but I cannot accept any more members at this time. Tom Stevenson, Group Leader

Rummikubs

CHANGE OF TIME FOR RUMMIKUBS

Please arrive at 3.15pm. to start playing at 3.30pm.

Due to over subscription of the Rummikubs Group, we will not be taking any new members for the time being. Anyone wishing to join may put their names down on a waiting list. My apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Krystana Stefanzyk, Group Leader

Satcine As we are away the February show is cancelled. Sad? Not us, we will be in the hot sun. Back on track on the 12th March which will be the next showing.

John and Beryl Chun, Group Leaders

satcine@gmail.com

Travellers' tales

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 22nd February, when John Reynolds will tell us about the “*South Caribbean & Canaima National Park in Venezuela (Pulmantur)*”. Venue: Restaurante el Corregidor, on the Benitachell to Moraira road (next turning left after the Mercadona supermarket), 11.30 a.m. for a 12 p.m. start. Lunch (optional) at 1.15 p.m: 3 course menu with bread & alioli, ½ bottle wine, still water & tip - 13€. New members always welcome!

Angela Chantry Group Leader

Tuesday Lectures

Group Leader; Cheda Panajotovic
chedomira@gmail.com

The next 'Tuesday Lecture will on Friday 4th March and will be given by Peter Atkinson at the 'Casa De Cultura' in the centre in Javea's Old Town at the usual time of 10.30 AM.

Gaudí and his Contemporaries: Art Nouveau in Barcelona. Art Nouveau was a short-lived movement (c. 1890-1910) involving architecture, art and design. In Catalunya, where it was called Modernisme, its most prominent practitioners were the Barcelona architects Antoni Gaudí, Lluís Domènech and Josep Puig. We shall look at their lives, work and motivations in the context of: the wider Art Nouveau movement; the political, social and economic currents running through the region; and the fast-changing urban geography of Barcelona.

If you wish to be placed on our email listing please write to the group leader. You will receive a timely reminder prior to all our lectures. Any email address on our list is treated as privileged information and will not be passed on to others.

Wine Appreciation

This group now has 75 members, so, for the time being, we shall not be taking on any new members, but anyone wishing to join may put their names on a waiting list by emailing wine@u3ajavea.org.

Because we are now having large turnouts applications for places at the monthly meetings will now be handled strictly on a first come first served basis.

Stephen Collins, Group Leader

******* Please visit your website at www.u3ajavea.org for news about other groups and group leader contact details.**



INFORMATION

Javea Cultural Programme - February 2011

The Tourist Department in Javea is producing each month a programme of cultural events in the town. It gives details of exhibitions, fiesta dates and times, cinema etc. The full programme for February can be seen by following this link -

http://www.ajxabia.com/sites/default/files/programa_cultura-febrier.pdf

The programme is first given in Valenciano, then Castellano and then in English so scroll down to find the language you prefer. You can also see a cut-down version in English on the web site. Click on the What's New tab and then click on events and fiestas.

For future monthly programmes click on the link above.

CARE AND 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 come and talk to us at the general meeting or email:

caresharepat@u3ajavea.org or
careshareineke@u3ajavea.org

I am very pleased to announce that Ineke Butcher will now be taking over from me as the Coordinator of the Care & Share Team.

Angela Chantry

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. Pat reminds you this only works if you remember to bring your DVD's along, so don't forget. The more DVD's you bring the better variety of films she will have on the table.

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 At the Parador meeting we will have a board for you to advertise items you wish to SELL, RECYCLE (give away) or WANTED. To advertise your item please contact **Paul** at urecyclesale@yahoo.co.uk (email subject-U3A Javea notice board). Make sure you put all the details about the item, and your contact number or email address. We will presume you have sold, recycled or found the item before the next meeting, if you wish the same advert to be on the board again make sure you contact **Paul** and ask for the advert to be resubmitted. *Please make sure you say which advert is to continue.*

Your items **will not** appear on the notice board if received after 6pm on Sunday 20 February.

Sorry **no** additions or deletions for the For Sale web page until the 15 March.