

ASOCIACION SOCIAL de la TERCERA EDAD de JAVEA
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NEWSLETTER January 2010

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From our President

On behalf of the Committee I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and hope you all had a Merry Christmas.

This month sees several important events and dates for you to enter into your diaries, first of all *membership fees* must be paid this month and we will be holding an open meeting at the Parador this month for members to pay.

Second, please make a note of the date for the Annual General meeting which this year will be held on the 24th March. This year, arrangements are being made for all members to be able to vote on the issues raised on the agenda at the AGM by proxy or E Mail. Detailed arrangements for this will be announced in the February Newsletter.

Third this is the last month you will be able to buy a ticket at the Parador for *the Ball* being held on the 12th February. Tickets are also available from Marie Smith and Angela Chantry. *Raffle tickets* will be on sale at the Parador for the Ball in aid of the Alzheimer's new care centre in the Old Town. Please support this very worthwhile cause.

Paul Wessendorff has been finalising the *updated Statutes and Structure for the Committee*, see further details in this newsletter. It has become necessary to make these changes as the Society has evolved and grown considerably over the last five years. It is important our Committee Structure and Statutes reflect these changes to ensure the smooth running of the Society.

Paul will be manning a table in the Foyer to publicise activities and events that are being undertaken to *raise funds for Xabia Bella* over the next couple of months. It is not too late if you would like to be involved or attend some of these activities, just come along and have a chat with Paul.

It was with great pleasure that Paul, Elizabeth and I visited Xabia Bella to *deliver Christmas presents* for the residents, just before Christmas with money raised from the raffle held in November. This was a very moving and humbling experience.

Finally if you missed the *November Cabaret*, Wilma has compiled a DVD of the event and this will be showing at the January open meeting.

Once again, wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

Shirley King

All Memberships are now due for Renewal

This month there will be no General Meeting but, as last year, the session will take the form of an "Open Meeting". All members can attend any time between **10.00am to 12.00 noon** to meet the various Group Leaders – and to pay your subscriptions.

Doors will not open before 10.00am

The fee for everyone is €12 which will continue your membership to 31 December 2010. Please have the **exact cash** ready in order to reduce waiting time. If you are unable to attend this month, it is important that a friend attend to pay your subscription. No reminders will be sent to those who do not pay. For those new members who joined in either September or October, it is quite possible that you have already paid for next year. If you paid more than €12 your membership is fully paid for next year. If you paid less than €12 then you will need to attend if you wish to continue your membership.

There will be **six** tables set up as follows:

Table 1	Table 2	Table 3	Table 4	Table 5	Table 6
New Associate Members Only	Members A - C	Members D - G	Members H - L	Members M - R	Members S - Z

The tables will be manned by volunteers from the Committee and the General Membership. It is important that you go to the table with the letter which corresponds to your surname. If you are also paying on behalf of a friend(s) with a different surname(s), you must renew at the appropriate table(s).

If our database shows that we do not hold a proper, or incomplete, Membership Form for you, then you will be asked for the information or completion of a new Membership Form. If your Membership Card does not show your Membership Number on the back, this can be obtained when renewing your membership. I also have a few cards which were never collected – these will be lying for collection at the appropriate table!

Membership Numbers

The total number of members, as at 20 January is 1032, – consisting of 875 Full Members and 157 Associate Members.

Wilma Stevenson: javeau3amembership@gmail.com

U3A JAVEA Christmas Charity

Xabia al Dia magazine has published this article and put it on its website.

“The Javea U3A has over 1,000 members, the majority of whom are retired foreigners, mostly English, who meet together to form learning groups in over 50 subjects. This year at their last monthly meeting at the Javea Parador, they decided to collect money by holding a raffle, in order to buy Christmas presents for 20 residents of the Xabia Bella home for mentally impaired adults. This small residential home is situated in the Old Town of Javea. The U3A were also able to buy art and craft materials and games for the residents. An article on the work of Xabia Bella was published in El Levante on 26th November 2009. The gifts were handed over to the Centre’s Director, Raúl Pastor Serra, by Shirley King, President, Paul Wessendorf, Vice President and Elizabeth Collins of the Javea U3A on 10th December.”

Last chance to buy tickets for our ST. VALENTINE’S BALL! – Friday 12th February, at Salones Carrasco in Javea (35€)

The evening will commence with a cava reception between 7.30-8.15 p.m., followed by a 4-course dinner (main course: choice of duck, salmon, or vegetarian option), after which there will be music for dancing provided by *Paulette* and *John Curtis*. Dress: smart / evening wear. During the evening there will be a free raffle, drawn from ticket numbers. We are also selling tickets for a separate raffle in aid of the Alzheimer’s Centre in Javea Old Town – tickets are priced at 1€, with many star prizes to be

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won, including a 2 night B&B Parador weekend, a voucher (value €80) for a romantic dinner for two at La Mesena Restaurant, and El Rodat Hotel Spa vouchers (value 60€) - *see the posters on display for further details*. Members of all other local U3As have been invited to join us, and members' guests are also welcome (40€ for non-U3A members, the supplement being added to our charity donation). So come and see Marie, who will be at the ticket sales desk located in the foyer outside the main hall, and Angela (located in the hall with the Travel Group), who will be taking booking requests from members who would like to make up their own table, and also for individuals who would like to join the Solos Table. It will save time if you email your table request with names and menu choices to Angela in advance, and your tickets will then be ready in an envelope for you to collect at the meeting in exchange for your payment - angelachantry@gmail.com.

**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 24th March commencing 11 a.m. at the Parador Hotel, Javea.

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

This year, arrangements are being made for all members to be able to vote on the issues raised on the agenda at the AGM by proxy or E Mail. Detailed arrangements for this will be announced in the February Newsletter.

Please note the meeting date has been changed and the 24th is NOT the last Wednesday in the month.

Nominations for all Committee Roles should be sent to the President. Closing date for nominations is 12th February 2010.

COMMITTEE RESTRUCTURE, AND REVISION OF STATUTES OF THE U3A ASSOCIATION

The recommended restructure of the Committee and the revised Statutes of the U3A Association will be on display and available for all to read on the Notice Board at the January meeting at the Parador. Members are asked to take this opportunity to read the changes being recommended and made to these two documents, and to provide whatever comments they have to either Shirley King or Paul Wessendorff prior to the February meeting of the Association, where they will be discussed. Members will be asked to finally vote on the changes proposed, at the AGM of the Association to be held on 24th March.

Bowling at Benitachell Bowls Club

*This is an opportunity to informally try bowling and should be lots of fun. No equipment or special clothing necessary, except please wear flat shoes (without heels). Three sessions: 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. 28th January, and 2:00 p.m. 29th January. Each session will last around 2 hours, and the bar will be open for drinks and snacks. A few places left – contact **Pat Wykes Johnson**.*

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE TRAVEL TEAM AND CULTURAL ARTS COORDINATOR –

We now have a **MAIL BOX** where payments for Travel trips and Cultural Arts events can be handed in. Further details can be found in the Travel Section of the Newsletter and on our page on the website; “payment forms” can be obtained from any member of the Travel Team at the Parador meeting. **Angela Chantry**

“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 – or come and talk to Angela at the Parador meeting. **Angela Chantry**

XABIA BELLA FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES

The Xabia Bella home in Javea has been set up to support young adults with learning disabilities, one of our chosen charities for this year.

Whilst some of these youngsters have family that visit them, unfortunately many do not. The home has only a small communal area and therefore the residents are often taken out and about in the town to improve their quality of life.

The home receives very little funding so cannot provide many of the activities needed for the residents either within or outside the home. When funds are available, the residents like to be taken out on trips within the area. The Javea U3A aims to provide some support for this organisation, and at the last General Meeting the President called for volunteers to raise money for the Xabia Bella Home in support of its activities.

Several members have kindly offered to run fund-raising events in support of this cause over the next couple of months. At the January meeting, I will be manning an information table to advertise these activities. Where sponsors are needed in this cause, I would be grateful if members could take note of the events being organised, and offer support for this worthwhile cause.

Paul Wessendorff

SLIMATHON 2010

Wanted - 20 Ladies committed to losing Weight in 2010

Yes, it is sexist, but I hope other groups will form, including some all male groups

Duration **Initially - 2 Months** - From January U3A meeting until March U3A meeting

Aims 1. Participating Members to lose Weight and Exercise more
 2. To raise Money via Sponsorship for Xabia Bella Home (Outings)

To Qualify Participants want to lose at least **6kg (1 stone)**
 Need to have an email address for easy group contact
 Are committed to finding sponsors to raise money for charity

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The first 20 ladies who contact me after reading this Newsletter, or who come to the January Parador meeting to enlist will be accepted into this group. Full and Associates welcomed.
There will be a weigh in at the Parador on 27th January (see me in the Salon Azahar/Travel Room from 10am). 1€ sign in fee and forms will be issued. Exercise will be encouraged. Group email addresses will be shared to form "Buddy Groups" for walking and encouragement. Email sharing of recipes/encouragement/"bad days" and weight loss news. Fortnightly pledges and other events such as spa morning, special low calorie lunch by arrangement. Meet at Monday Health Walks.
Weigh in at February and March U3A meetings. Announcement of 3 best weight losses in March and total sum collected from weight loss.
If you are serious about weight loss contact **Elizabeth Collins** at elizcollins@hotmail.com.

Spanish Conversation Practise

Would you like to meet up to practise your Spanish conversation with other people whose Hablemos groups have folded. If so, please contact Daphne Way to let her know of your interest. Please send your email to jmwessy@gmail.com for onward transmission to Daphne.

ONGOING GROUPS

BACKGAMMON: The U3A Backgammon Group is now meeting every Monday afternoon at the An Shebeen Irish Pub on the Cabo de la Nao from 3pm to 5pm. All standards of player welcomed. All players must buy one drink during the afternoon session. **Organiser: Bob Denton**

BOOK CLUB: We meet at members' homes on the third Monday of each month from 3-5pm.

The books for February & March 2010 are as follows:

Toast by Nigel Slater

Ghost by Robert Harris

*I am delighted to announce that Kay Thomas has agreed to run a second parallel Book Club to accommodate our expanding waiting list. This will be held during the morning, with a specific time & day to be decided. If you are interested in joining the Book Club or would like more information, please contact Pru Hughes at pru.bookclub@gmail.com **Organiser: Pru Hughes**

CARDMAKING: The Wednesday cardmaking group is full at the moment. The new Tuesday cardmaking group has a few spaces. We meet in my home in Moraira from 14.00 to 17.00 hours. **Organiser: Pat Barlow**

COMPUTER GROUPS

PRACTICAL COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE: This group plan to repeat the exercise of taking an old computer and rebuilding it using modern components. This is likely to take place in the second half of March. Any members interested please contact **Tom Stevenson** at javeau3acomputers@gmail.com

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) PARTNERS GROUP: This group has ceased to function. No new requests for support have been received for some time. Other sources of help plus members' improved IT skills have no doubt contributed to this. Thank you to all those who have given time to support members during the last two years. **Dodie Hodgkinson**

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY: The digital photography group now consists of twenty five members and continues to meet at The Javea social centre on the last Tuesday of each month from 2pm to 3.45. We still have space for small number of additional members and if you are interested please speak with Tom Miller at the next Parador meeting on Wednesday January 27th.
January's meeting of the group will be to review the pictures taken on the trip to Pego marshes in December, some of these are now on Sam's web site. In addition the group members will be showing January 2010

pictures they have taken over the Christmas holiday and also their own examples of altering photographs by the use of Adobe Photoshop. We will also be making the final arrangements for our February field trip to photograph the almond blossom, followed by lunch. **Organiser: Tom Miller**

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY (BEGINNERS): The Beginners Digital Photography group resumed sessions for the New Year in January. This group will meet monthly until May. If there is sufficient demand it will be possible to run a further course starting in October. I already have some further expressions of interest. If you want to add your name to the list please email digital.photography@u3ajavea.org **Organiser: Dodie Hodgkinson**

DINE AND DANCE: On Saturday 30th January we will meet at Venta de Posa, 8.00 for 8.30. Meal choice and payment due no later than at the meeting 27th January. Venta de Posa is a traditional Spanish venue, where the live music has a Latin twist. More information from **Organiser: Pat Wykes Johnson.**

DINING OUT: After a very good meal at L'echalote in December the group decided our January Dining Out Event would be at Restaurant Plaza 6 situated in the Plaza behind the Shang Hai Chinese restaurant at Javea Park. 42 members attended the dinner on January 14th and a further evening has been arranged on Thursday 28th January at the same restaurant. **Organiser: Peter Speer**

FAMILY HISTORY: This month Pru and Ron Hughes enthusiastically reflected on a recent family history fieldwork trip to the UK telling us of the huge resources available at County Record and History Centres and all about how they can be accessed.

"What were your family doing in 1891" is the title of our next meeting to be held on Tuesday 16th February at 2.15pm at the usual venue of the Social Centre. Members are asked to bring along any research they have obtained from census returns, photographs and memorabilia.

Organiser: James Hodgkinson

FOODIES GROUP: Looking forward to meeting up again on Thursday 21st January, 10.30 am at the Javea Tennis. The topic is Cooking with Alcohol! Please remember to buy a coffee or water etc. at the bar as we do not have to pay rent for the room. **Organiser: Barbara Craven**

GENTLE AEROBICS: the next Gentle Aerobics session will be on 3rd February. We hope to get a few more takers! The time and venue remain the same. **Organiser: Bobby Ogden**

HISTORY GROUP: The next History Group presentation is – Monday 8th February: "Operation Grapple" presented by John Chun. This will be in the **Casa de Cultura**, starting at **13.15** hrs. John was on Christmas Island in the Pacific 53 years ago, when Great Britain conducted a series of H-bomb tests. He describes his experience with photographs and film. Members who are interested in joining the group please contact the **Group Leader, Sally Wells.**

iPOD USE FOR MUSIC AND VIDEOS: Learn the basics, then a lot more, including downloading, dealing with different formats, etc. A new 8 week course will start from the third week of February. For more information, or to book your place, contact **Alan Ewins** on tel. 966 468 304 or email mp3.ipod@u3ajavea.org

.LET'S TALK JAVEA: We had a fairly lively start to to 2010. Since our last session in November '09, a grant had been received from the Town Hall that has allowed those running the Agenda 21 Jute Bags scheme to repay the private loans that has now helped volunteers get over 4000 jute bags into distribution.

Further loans have been promised by the Town Hall to help new initiatives this calendar year, with energy and water saving being the main targets.

However, meanwhile the 'design for jute bags competition' for Javea schoolchildren should be taking place shortly..with a bicycle already donated for the winner, while runners up from the various participating classes are due to receive a mix of books, book tokens or vouchers for stationery from local suppliers.

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Ideas arising were for the reappearance of home water depósitos to collect rainwater, allied to promoting home insulation 'reformas' for local builders and water tap nozzles for reducing/saving flow. Time now for all of us to get back to the 3 'R's' of **Reduce, Recycle and Reuse!** We did not have time for a long list of suggestions from John Price, but never fear, John, we shall try to tackle some of these next month.

Members can keep in touch with all this and much more by logging onto

<http://agenda21-xabia.wikidot.com> it's in English

and <http://xabia21grupos.com/> which is multilingual **Organiser: Tim Ladd**

MAHJONG GROUP: We began playing after the Christmas break on 12th January. We meet each Tuesday at 3 pm in the Parador. As the Chinese New year begins on 14th February, we will be celebrating the Year of the Tiger on 16th February with dinner at the "Jardin" Chinese restaurant in Javea, followed by Mahjong. Guests welcome. **Organiser: Kay Thomas**

NOT JUST FOLK MUSIC GROUP: No, this is not a new group! We have decided to rename our Folk Music Group to reflect more accurately the actual musical content of our sessions, which is not solely restricted to folk music. We have had some feed-back from various members of the U3A that some had been put off joining our group because "folk music was not their scene"! Although we originally called ourselves a folk group, we have never restricted ourselves to purely traditional or contemporary folk music. Blues, Country, amusing musical ditties, and even 60s/70s pop may be heard. Indeed, any acoustic music is most welcome at any of our sessions. So under our new name of the "Not Just Folk Music Group", our already active and enthusiastic group of singers and musicians, who enjoy either playing, singing, or just joining in with music from a variety of backgrounds, will continue to attend and enjoy the monthly sessions we are planning over the months ahead. The aim of the group is for members to join in and enjoy impromptu sessions of music which can be from almost any section of the musical spectrum. Contributions of almost any sort are always welcomed, and a wide-ranging variety of musical renditions are already being given and enjoyed by members of the group. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact me in the first instance by E Mail to folk.music@u3ajavea.org and we look forward to hopefully seeing some new faces at our sessions during the months ahead. **Organiser: Paul Wessendorff**

QUIZ NIGHT: Very sadly La Polenta has closed in Teulada but **may** open in Javea old town in the spring. Therefore we have had to postpone February's planned quiz while we decide on an alternative venue. We hope to be back in business for March. **Organisers: Jeni and Stan Oldfield**

RUMMIKUBS: The Group are meeting on Wednesdays at 3.00pm at the PSOE rooms, Plaza del Convent, Old Town up until, and including, 10th Feb. From 17th Feb. we will be back at Acurela Bar on the Arenal beach. **Organiser: Krystyna Stefanczyk**

SCRAPBOOKING: Have you made a new year resolution to do something with that box of old photographs. Come along to the January meeting and look at the scrapbooking solution.

Organiser: Barbara Gorrod

SOLO ON SUNDAYS: Happy New Year to everyone and hopefully a good one for us all! For the Solos Lunch, we have decided to go to La Cocina on February 7th at 1.00. If you would like to join us, just telephone 96 646 3389 or email marionapril@hotmail.com and meet up with old and new friends. See you there! **Organiser: Marion Monsell**

SOLOS SOCIAL GROUP: Saturday 30th January: an evening of dining and dancing at *Restaurant Venta de Posa*. Meet at the restaurant: 8.15 for 8.30 p.m. Email angelachantry@gmail.com for menu/further info.

Friday 12th February: join our Solos table at the St. Valentine's Ball being held at Carrasco, Javea, with music for dancing by *Paulette* and *John Curtis*; 35 euros. Dress: smart/formal. Cava reception: 7.30 p.m.

February (date t.b.c.): Almond blossom walk, Jalon Valley - flat circular route, which takes approx. 2 hours (trainers or walking shoes necessary), followed by glass of wine & tapas in local bar. Meet in the car park by the Jalon Tourist Office at 11 a.m.

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

SPANISH: Spanish for Beginners and Continuation Spanish takes now place on Fridays at the Social Centre. The **Spanish for Beginners** Class is from 11.15 - 12.15 and the **Continuation Spanish** from 10 - 11am. The first classes in the new year started on 8 January and will continue through January and February. We will then have a break for 5 weeks as I am going to be away but hopefully we will continue in April. **Organiser: Heidi Hancock**

SNOOKER: The group meets at 11.30 every Friday at Jaspers in Cabo de la Nao. There may be one or two vacancies in the Group so please contact the Group Leader if you are interested in joining. **New Organiser: Larry Sherrington**

TRAVELLERS' TALES GROUP: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 26th January, when Tony & Cherry Cabban will be telling us about their adventurous journey "*Overland from Shanghai to Istanbul*". Venue: The Javea Players' Studio, Javea old town (in the road behind Book World España, just further on from Bar Fuentes). Arrival: 11.30 a.m. for a 12 p.m. start. **Organiser: Angela Chantry**

WALKING GROUPS

GENTLE WALKS: Please contact **Jean Miller** at jeandepgroupcoord@yahoo.co.uk, phone - 966 074 021, or **Karen White** at karen.l.boddy@gmail.com

HEALTH WALKS and INTERMEDIATE WALKS: Please see website for details of programme. **Organiser: Karen White**

MOUNTAIN WALKING GROUP: Organiser: Al Knight's schedule for the monthly walk, meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 9.30am at the Tourist Office car park in Benitachell is as follows:

4 th February	Javea	4 hours	14km	200m ascent
4 th March	Benimaurell	4.5 hours	12km	300m ascent
1 st April	Famorca	3.5 hours	6km	350m ascent
5 th May	Castell de Castells	3.5 hours	10km	250m ascent
3 rd June	Loma Larga	4.5 hours	8km	350m ascent

WINE APPRECIATION:

Lunchtime and Evening Wine Appreciation Groups:

The Evening Group will meet on Wednesday 3rd February at 6.00 pm at La Cocina.

The Lunchtime Group will meet on Wednesday 17th February at 12.00, also at La Cocina.

Organiser: Steve Collins

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

TRAVEL 2010

The **Travel Team and Cultural Arts Coordinator** have found it increasingly difficult to collect payment for travel trips and Cultural Arts events, and would like to remind everyone that the onus is upon you to pay at the time requested – not upon us to be continually chasing! As an additional service to members, we have obtained a **Mail Box** at **Total Postal in Javea Port**, where it will now be possible for you to hand in an envelope containing your booking request/s and payment – all January 2010

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 (**cheques only, no cash**). 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.

Please note:

*Xativa – 9th September 2009 - Would those few people who have not yet collected their refunds please come & see me in the Travel area at the January open meeting on Wednesday. This will be the 4th & last opportunity to collect. **Organiser: John Price***

Friday 29th January: Day trip to Alicante This trip is now full; names for reserve list only. The coach will leave Rafalet at 9 a.m., and depart from Alicante at 3.30 p.m. **Organiser: Angela Chantry**

Wednesday 3rd February: Day trip to Cheste, Valencia, to see Formula 1 teams testing. Everyone who asked for a place has been allocated one, and you should pay at today’s meeting, total price 20€. For more information about the day go to www.circuitvalencia.com. **Organiser Mike Frost.**

Wednesday to Friday 15th to 17th February: 2 nights, 4* hotel, bed and breakfast in *Aguilas*. This trip is fully booked with a waiting list. Balance of payment required at the January meeting (80€ per person plus 18€ single supplement) at which time the itinerary for the trip will be supplied. Cheques only please, with your name and trip name printed on the back. **Organiser: Mike Frost**

Wednesday 24th March: Coach to Valencia, followed by Tourist bus around the city, lunch (not included), and a guided walking tour of the old city before return back to Javea. Cost € 25 (provided that numbers are sufficient). Payable (exact money, please) at the January open meeting. **Organiser: John Price**

Tuesday 20th-Thursday 22nd April: *Delta del Ebro*. Coach to Peniscola (4 star accomodation, with half board) and trips to Tarragona, Delta del Ebro and Morella, with optional entrances etc. Approximate cost € 190 (could be less, depending on numbers), single supplement € 60. Please pay a deposit of €50 (exact money, please) at the January open meeting. **Organiser: John Price**

Tuesday 4th to Friday 7th May: Salamanca and Avila

A 4 day trip to visit the 2 cities. Price will include coach and half board in 4* hotels. Cost in the region of 320€. Some places still available, with a 100€ deposit payable at the February meeting. **Organiser: Diane Ord.** Pat Johnson will be taking names in Diane's absence.

AT A GLANCE:-

Our programme of day trips and excursions being planned for 2010

TRAVEL PROGRAMME JANUARY – SEPTEMBER 2010

Month	Trip	Price	Organiser
Fri. 29 th January	Alicante shopping trip Fully booked, reserve list only	5 €	Angela Chantry
Weds. 3 rd February	Cheste Formula 1 testing	20 €	Mike Frost
Mon-Wed 15 th -17 th February	Aguilas Carnival (Murcia) Fully booked, reserve list only	130 €	Mike Frost
Mon-Tues 22 nd -23 rd February	2-day Walking trip, Parcent Fully booked, reserve list only	60€	Angela Chantry

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Weds 24 th March	Day trip to Valencia (guided visit + open top bus tour)	25 €	John Price
Tues-Thurs 20 th -22 nd April	Peniscola and Delta D'Ebro, half-board	190 € Single supp. 60 €	John Price
April date t.b.c.	Night out at Viva España	t.b.c.	Pat Johnson
Tues-Fri 4 th -7 th May	Salamanca & Avila	t.b.c.	Diane Ord
June	Possible day trip		
September	Day trip to Albufera (rice fields, visitors' centre + boat trip)		Mike Frost
September	3 day trip to Lorca		Angela Chantry

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

The Travel Team will be on hand to collect money and names for trips at the open meeting in the Parador on the 27th January – please note that as Diane cannot attend this meeting, Pat will be taking names for the **Salamanca & Avila trip** on her behalf. If you cannot attend the Parador you can contact any travel organiser via the website, or use our new MAIL BOX service in Javea Port. 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 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

GENERAL INFORMATION:

FOR SALE, RECYCLE OR WANTED: 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 Jean at urecyclesale@yahoo.co.uk (email subject-U3A Javea notice board). Please 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 so if you wish the same advert to go on the board again make sure you contact Jean and ask for the advert to be resubmitted.

BOOK SWAP & AUDIO BOOK SWAP. Brenda will be pleased to see you at the Parador meeting in the foyer. 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 Vivian or Pru will be pleased to see you at the DVD Swap table in the foyer.

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.

Next month's meeting: 11.00 am. on Wednesday, 24th February at the Parador

Asociación de la Tercera Edad de Javea

Minutes of the November meeting

Venue: Parador, Javea

Wednesday November 25th 2009

PRESENT: **President:** Shirley King
Vice President: Paul Wessendorff
Secretary: Jeni Oldfield
Treasurer: Marie Smith
Groups Coordinator : Elizabeth Collins
Membership Secretary: Wilma Stevenson

Shirley opened the meeting at 11.05 by asking for a vote of acceptance of last month's minutes. This was proposed by Geoff Milnes and Seconded by Margaret Staines.

Shirley then welcomed all the members who this month included Associate members so she asked everyone to turn and say hello to their neighbour.

She thanked Marie and Elizabeth as they retired from the committee, for all their hard work – in fact Elizabeth's role is to be replaced by four people! No-one has yet come forward to take on the role of Group Coordinator, even though it is now more manageable. Shirley asked that if anyone was interested in this role to please come forward and speak to Shirley or Elizabeth.

Shirley also thanked our new Vice-President, Paul, for his wonderful support since taking up his post as V-P, despite his recent hip operation.

Another thank you went to Fabio Bezoari for making his beautiful DVDs of the Costa Blanca and raising over 440€ by selling them and donating the profits to charity.

Following the meeting Marie advised the amount raised was over 500€.

To-day's raffle, put together by the members of the committee, is hoped to raise about 300€ towards buying Christmas presents for the residents of Xabia Bella. The actual amount raised was 435€ - well done everyone.

Last month questions were asked about capping of membership and after discussion the committee voted not to cap. Associate membership will be phased out over the next few months so that current associate members will all become full members.

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Suggestions from the box had included that some members do not like being “talked at” at the monthly meetings. The idea of having refreshments provided in the room were deemed, though a nice idea, to be wholly impractical. More Open Meetings were requested but this puts too much work on the Group Leaders. Also to comply with our Statutes there is a requirement to hold formal meetings on a regular basis with a minimum of one a year the AGM.

Barbara Cottam-Craven read out a delightful poem which she had penned about the U3A which was well received.

Paul commented on the restructure of the committee and the redrafted statutes. These need to be gone through with the gestor to check that all is in order. These will be available for all to peruse at January’s open meeting.

Two new discounts have been made available to U3A members:
Nick the Butcher is offering 10% discount, excepting special offers
Craig Longstaff, window cleaner in Moraira is offering 20% discount

Marie announced that we have 12,758.44€ cash available to-day.

Tickets for the Ball in February are not selling as fast as had been hoped. Other U3As have been invited as well as any friends and family. The profits will go to the Alzheimers Society which badly needs special furniture.

The Income Statement and Balance Sheet will be presented at the AGM.

Wilma said that 13 new people had joined to-day and the total membership is now 1040.

The Associates meeting had gone really well with many positive comments. Almost 50 attended as well as 13 Group Leaders whom Wilma thanked for giving up their time to attend.

She reminded everyone that subscription renewal will take place at January’s meeting.

Sam said that the Introductory Guide to the web site had been sent out and there are lots of interesting things on it, at which many members nodded their agreement.

Elizabeth announced that several people had shown an interest in Tai Chi but a leader needs to come forward!

A request had come from John Chun for anyone on Christmas Island at the time of Operation Grapple to contact him.

Two Group Leaders are retiring this month: Steve Collins is handing leadership of the snooker group to Larry Sherrington and Piera King is ending five years of good, helpful work in her meditation and personal well-being group. Steve was given a box of chocolates and Piera chocolates and cava.

Elizabeth is going to buy presents for people at Xabia Bella, people who have no-one to give them anything. Some committee members will go along with Elizabeth and Tom Miller will take photos.

Karen was presented with reindeer ear-muffs to wear when she leads her walks in the cold weather!

Several suggestions were made as to how individuals could raise money for Xabia Bella and Shirley asked for volunteers. Quite a few names were taken.

The Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir sang a variety of songs including a solo of Tit willow by our own Fred Crowson.

As a penultimate item, a special appearance of The Christmas Follies, aka members of the committee, entertained us with a song and dance rendition of Feliz Navidad, wearing dazzling tinsel, baubly ear-rings and fetching reindeer head bands. After thunderous applause they moved among the members distributing trays of sherry and mince pies.

The meeting ended with **Brenda Bates** offering thanks to the committee for all their hard work.

Next meeting: January 27th 2010 at the Parador for renewal and payment of membership subscriptions.

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