

### From our President

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Committee I would like to wish you and your families a very happy New Year. We also hope you had a merry Christmas wherever you were and whatever you did.

For the Committee it is back to work and we have been busy finalising the arrangements for the January open meeting. Don't forget to come along and renew your membership, take the time to chat to other members and see what our groups are doing. Please do remember to bring the correct money, membership for the year is €12.

The Committee is also making preparations for the Annual General Meeting which will once again be held at the end of March. Election of Committee members 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 on line, details on how to vote will be sent out via email before the end of next month.

If you have any questions you would like answered at the Annual General Meeting please send them to [enquiries@javeau3a.org](mailto:enquiries@javeau3a.org).

Our accounts for 2010 are now being finalised by Geoff and will be published at the end of February.

Peter Speer and his helpers are busy organising the May Ball. This is the major event of the year and is non-profit making.

Initially, tickets for Javea U3A members only, will be on sale at the January Meeting. As from the beginning of February we shall make tickets available to other organisations and friends. Tickets are selling well with nearly 100 having been sold. There will be tables for Solos, Couples, New Members and Walkers, so even if you do not know many people and would like to come along, we will ensure you are made to feel welcome.

As some of you may be aware I am off on holiday in February/March so shall be leaving you in the capable hands of Paul who will be looking after you and hosting the meeting in February. I shall be back for the AGM.

Once again Happy New Year.

Shirley King, President

#### **SPEAKER AT THE MONTHLY MEETING AT THE JAVEA PARADOR - 23 FEBRUARY 2011**

##### **From "Styal to Strangeways"**

##### **CHRISTINE DUFFIN**

Our speaker at the monthly meeting in February will be Christine Duffin. Christine 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.

Christine 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

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## MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL INFORMATION

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 12.30pm to look around the various tables and speak to a few of our Group Leaders.

### **Renewal Information and Collection of New Membership Card**

If you have not already renewed your subscriptions for 2011, you should attend the Parador on Wednesday 26 January to make payment and also to collect your new Membership Card.

For members who joined in September & October last year (or have a Membership No 1574 or higher), you have already paid in advance for next year. However, although your next renewal date is January 2012, at some point, when convenient, you should collect your new style card at one of the Parador meetings if you wish to obtain discount at the various shops. Those members who joined in November last year have already been issued with the new style card as shown below.



**Your old Membership Card should be destroyed as it will not be acceptable in shops who give discounts to U3A Members.**

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

Table 1	Table 2	Table 3	Table 4	Table 5	Table 6
<b>Enrolment of NEW Members only</b>	Renewal for Members whose surname begins with <b>A - C</b>	Renewal for Members whose surname begins with <b>D - G</b>	Renewal for Members whose surname begins with <b>H - L</b>	Renewal for Members whose surname begins with <b>M - R</b>	Renewal for Members whose surname begins with <b>S - Z</b>

It would be of help if you could have the **exact cash** ready (€12.00) in order to reduce waiting time. Please make your way to the appropriate table where two of our volunteers will record your payment and present you with the new style card.

If you are unable to attend in January, it is important that a friend attend to pay on your behalf. No reminders will be sent to those who do not pay and in due course your name will be deleted from our database.

Our Membership currently stands at 1097.

Any changes to details should be notified to me at [javeau3amembership@gmail.com](mailto:javeau3amembership@gmail.com). **Wilma Stevenson**



### ANNUAL BALL – FRIDAY 6th MAY 2011

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

Abba Elite are based on the Costa Blanca and the show tours throughout the whole of Spain, UK & Ireland and the rest of Europe. Abba Elite is the live tribute to the world's favourite pop group that is continuing to entertain and amaze audiences from every generation. The Cast take you on a magical journey through Abba's finest years, recreating and performing all of those classic dance floor hits such as Mamma Mia, Dancing Queen and their initial Eurovision triumph Waterloo.

DJ/Compere Tony Dean was a BBC radio presenter in the UK doing late night shows between 1970 and 1980. He was also a presenter on the British Forces radio and had his own show on a radio station in California. Since coming to Spain he has worked on Black & White radio and is now a presenter on FAB FM. During the evening he will play some ballroom dance music so everyone can enjoy an evening of dining and dancing.

There will also be a Tombola during the evening with lots of prizes.

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.

Tickets will be on sale to Javea U3A members from the monthly meeting on the 26th January at the Annual Ball table inside the main hall. Members will be given a numbered ticket and a menu for course choices. Tickets can also be booked on line via email - [u3a.tickets@gmail.com](mailto:u3a.tickets@gmail.com) and once tickets are reserved they must be paid for at the next meeting. Tickets will be limited. From the 1st February tickets will be on sale to other U3A organisations and to our families and friends who are not U3A members. We have already taken reservations for nearly 100 tickets so please don't delay in advising us of your intentions. If you are in the UK and will not be returning to Javea until later in the year, tickets can be reserved and paid for by cheque and they can be held until you return.

This is one of the main events of the U3A calendar so I hope members will support the occasion. Peter Speer, Events Organiser



### PUBLICITY

The post of Publicity Officer has been running since last February and we have had some success in bringing the activities of our Association to the attention of the Javea community, via the pages of the local press. In addition, the officers of the Committee have looked at ways to bring more information to the membership, in easy to understand graphic illustrations, of what the individual groups can provide. Examples of this are the upgrading of the web site both in format and by the inclusion of photographs of the group activities and by the introduction of the group of the month feature in the newsletter.

In order to continue to improve the coverage of the many group activities, both to the Javea community at large and within the membership, we need the involvement and co operation of the group leaders. If you are planning a group activity that you would like published, or you consider would be of interest to the Association membership, please contact Carol Pilgram, the Communications Officer or Tom Miller Publicity Officer. Information is always better appreciated when illustrated and Tom Miller will be happy to take photographs of your group activities to accompany any presentation.

## GROUP NEWS

Happy New Year to you all. The 2 new groups - Pet Sitting Circle and Car Treasure Hunt are doing well. The Pet Circle has held their first meeting and dog walk - for pet introductions to take place, and the Car Treasure Hunt holds its first event on the 16th Feb - still time for a few more to book - should be blooming marvellous

I expect to announce two more new groups soon so please keep the suggestions, and requests to join a group, coming in.

I look forward to seeing as many members as possible at the January meeting  
John Bellinger-Smith, Groups Co-ordinator

### FEATURED GROUP

#### RUMMIKUBS



Group Leader	Krystyna Stefanczyk
E.mail address	social.rummikubs@u3ajavea.org
Meeting venue	Acuarela Lounge Bar, Paseo de Playa Del Arenal, Blq 4. Javea
Date and time	Every Wednesday. Start play at 15.00, concluding around 17.00

Please contact group leader for any further information

We are a group of approximately 60 people, with an average attendance of 25 to 30 people each week. It is a mixture of couples and single people. It is a fun group and not competitive, so no prizes, but a lot of laughter.

There are tables of 4 people playing and each week we draw numbers out of a bag, so you generally meet and play with new people at every meeting.

If you do not know how to play the game, we will teach you. It is an easy game to learn and it exercises the brain. Rummikubs is a very sociable game and can be played by people of all ages, you could teach your grandchildren and they will enjoy it too.

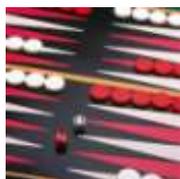
Once a month, after the U3A meeting, we arrange an economical lunch for anyone who wishes to join us. It saves us ladies, going back home and cooking. We try different restaurants around Javea and found this a most enjoyable experience.

The group has been running for 2 years now and we can honestly say that we have made many wonderful friendships from this group.

## Group Information

### Backgammon

The backgammon group meets at the Parador hotel on Monday afternoon from 3-5 pm. We are a friendly group who welcome new members. For further details email Susan Vickers at [backgammon@u3ajavea.org](mailto:backgammon@u3ajavea.org).



### Book Club

We now have TWO flourishing book groups - The **MORNING** Book group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10.30 am at the Parador in Javea. The **AFTERNOON** group takes place at members' homes on the third Monday of each month from 3 - 5pm.

Books for February are *Nothing to Envy* by Barbara Demick ( Morning Group) & *Hanna's Daughters* by Marianne Fredriksson (Afternoon Group)

If you are interested in joining either of the Book Club groups or would like any more information, please contact Pru Hughes at [pru.bookclub@gmail.com](mailto:pru.bookclub@gmail.com)

After a short break for Christmas and New Year the **Cardmaking Groups** are now busy making cards for St. Valentines Day, Easter and any celebrations that come in between. Group 1 which meets on Wednesdays is currently full. Group 2 meets on alternate Tuesdays 14.00 to 17.00 hours in the Group Leader's home. Email Pat Barlow - [crafts@u3ajavea.org](mailto:crafts@u3ajavea.org)

The **Car Treasure Hunt** group are holding their inaugural treasure hunt on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February and the route will hopefully catch the almond blossom in full splendour. It is anticipated that we will meet for a 10.45 am staggered start and finish with lunch at a restaurant at 1.30 pm, thereby taking up just a morning rather than committing for a whole day. The winner (the first one to complete all clues and arrive at the restaurant) will receive a small prize. For the last one to finish, and in the event that they do not find the restaurant, we suggest that a mobile phone or GPS may come in handy!! There are still some places left so if you would like to join in the fun email John Hynd at [car.treasure.hunt@u3ajavea.org](mailto:car.treasure.hunt@u3ajavea.org). Details will be emailed to all those who have registered for the hunt.

### Computers - Basic Skills Group

These are weekly classes to learn the basics of using your PC. They will be held in L'Ancora Tennis Club, Jávea, on Fridays from 2.30pm - 4.00pm - the first class commencing Friday 11 February. Topics covered will include Word Processing, Spreadsheets, and Working with Files & Folders. The Tennis Club are in the process of having internet installed which means that the use of Emailing and Skype can be included. A few more places are available. If interested please contact Wilma Stevenson on 96 646 0706 or email - [u3acomputers@wilmastevenson.com](mailto:u3acomputers@wilmastevenson.com)

The **Computer Support Group** meeting for February will be at Cafe Nostro on the Arenal at 11.00am on Tuesday 8th February NOT 1st February 2011. Thereafter meetings will revert to 1st Tuesday of the month. Malcolm Neill - [computer.support@u3ajavea.org](mailto:computer.support@u3ajavea.org)

The members of the **Digital Photography Group** concluded their programme for 2010 at their November meeting, which was held for the last time at the Javea Social Centre. The group enjoyed a most informative and well illustrated talk by Nick Winter on the subject of High Dynamic Range (HDR) photography with Photomatrix Pro together with illustrated talks on some well known and respected photographers of the past with a view to a project to reflect their styles. Felicity Arnot talked about Martin Parr and Karen Walters talked about Alfred Steiglitz and Henri Cartier-Bresson.

The group meetings for 2011 will change, both the venue and the date. The monthly meetings will now be held on the last Monday of each month, from 2pm to 4 pm at the L'Ancora tennis club, Javea. The January meeting will be a mixture of reviewing photographs from the earlier sessions, a talk from Tom Miller on future developments in digital photography technology and planning the programme for the coming year. This will include a number of field trips covering a visit to photograph the Arts and Science Centre in Valencia, some interesting wildlife habitats and a few mystery tours.

If anyone is interested in joining the group, or finding out more about what we do, please talk with Tom Miller at the January Parador meeting or email [digitominate@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:digitominate@yahoo.co.uk)



### Dining Out Group

For our last event of the year 35 members of the group visited restaurant La Brioche on the Toscarmar urbanization. We all had a very good evening with a high standard of food and wine.

Our January event will be on Thursday 27th where 60 members have booked to visit restaurant Chez Angel at Javea Park

Please note that, because of our holidays, there will be no dining out events in February and March. Peter Speer - [dining.out@u3ajavea.org](mailto:dining.out@u3ajavea.org)

The next meeting of the **Discussion Group** will be held at the Javea Social Centre on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February from 4-6 pm. The topic is "What is the Purpose of Prison" and an ex prison governor will be joining the group to add an extra dimension to the discussion. New members are very welcome so if you have an opinion please come along. Any questions, or for further details please contact Gill Birch - [depgroupcoor@u3ajavea.org](mailto:depgroupcoor@u3ajavea.org)

## Family History

Our next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 2.15 pm at the usual venue of the Social Centre. The topic "Standing on Susan – the missing link". A presentation by Christine Barber and Carole Ayreton on their family history field trip to UK last year and some of their discoveries. James Hodgkinson – [u3ahistory@u3ajavea.org](mailto:u3ahistory@u3ajavea.org)



## Not Just Folk Music Group

The next meeting of the group will be held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011 at the Bull and Bear Restaurant and Pub opposite Mas y Mas supermarket in Benitachell. We will be gathering at 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start, and the session will conclude at around 10.00 pm. 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 EMail to [folk.music@u3ajavea.org](mailto:folk.music@u3ajavea.org). Anyone interested in joining the group should contact me in the first instance, preferably by EMail at the above address.

We had some excellent evenings of entertainment during 2010, and are looking forward to getting 2011 off to a good start in the same way. 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.

## Practical Computer Knowledge

This is a self-help group for users of Windows-based personal computers. We normally meet on the second Monday of each month at L'Ancoira Tennis Club. The format varies, often some kind of short presentation followed by topics of interest submitted by members. Membership of the group is held at 20, to facilitate the round-table discussions. Over the course of a year there is some turnover in membership of the group and I operate a waiting list. If you wish to be added to the wait list for membership please email Tom Stevenson – [pck@u3ajavea.org](mailto:pck@u3ajavea.org)

**Quiz Night** Next is Thurs Feb 24th, same venue, El Salaito just below the Covered Mkt in old Javea, 7.30 for 8pm start. Menu choice: Variety of tapas to start for all; choice of jabali (wild boar andalusian style) OR cod in a creamy seafood sauce; carrot cake OR chocolate ice-cream; bread & alioli, 1 water & 1 bottle wine per 2 persons. Cost is 16€ pp. We've held the price at 15€ since we started but the meal price has increased slightly so in order to give a tip and prizes we've had to increase by 1€ **Please give menu choices when booking including colour of wine (or beer)**

You can book on-line at: [quiz.night@u3ajavea.org](mailto:quiz.night@u3ajavea.org) or at the Open Meeting at the Parador next Wednesday

26<sup>th</sup> Jan. Don't leave it too late as last time some were disappointed. Jeni and Stan Oldfield

**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 12<sup>th</sup> March which will be the next showing. John and Beryl Chun – [satcine@gmail.com](mailto:satcine@gmail.com)

## Solos on Sunday

Hi Everyone, hoping that you all had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

Our last meal held in December was at Atalaya overlooking the sea, the level above Scallops. We were 23 in all and welcomed Michael, Peter and Barbara. We enjoyed their company and hope they join us in the future.

February 13<sup>th</sup> we will be at La Cocina, almost in the Port at 1.30. The menu will be €17.50 plus half a bottle of wine, water and coffee. Chris and Laurie always look after us and the food is excellent. So, come along and join us and have fun! Just email me at [solo.on.sunday@u3ajavea.org](mailto:solo.on.sunday@u3ajavea.org) or telephone 96 646 3389. Marion Monsell

## Solos Social Group

Friday 21 January - The Acts of Love Theatre/Dinner evening presented by HELP of Denia and Marina Alta, starting at 7.30pm at Les Arcos restaurant on the N332 close to the Pedreguer turnoff (plenty of parking). Welcome aperitif on arrival, 3 course meal and half a bottle of wine and coffee. In between courses there will be three short theatrical performances by Jeff and Jane Corbett, both of whom have a professional background in the UK and Spanish theatre. Price 26€

Friday 28 January - One Spirit

An evening of music from the best of Irish and Scottish songwriters plus contemporary classics. To be held at the Espai La Senieta, Moraira commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets are 7.50€.

Saturday 29 January - Dinner Dance El Andaluz

Music provided by Duo Romance. Meeting in the bar at 8pm, three course dinner with wine, inclusive of tip cost 20€.

Friday 6 May - U3A Ball - A Solos table will be available for all of the solos who wish to go to this event. Please let me know if you wish to sit on the solos table.

If you would like to join us and receive regular updates of our activities please email Pat Ainsley – [patainsleysolos@gmail.com](mailto:patainsleysolos@gmail.com)

**Travellers' Tales** - Double bill for February! The first session will be on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, when Elke & Manfred Lell will be giving a presentation on "*Tibet, Nepal, Bhutan: Kingdoms in the Himalayas*". The second meeting is on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, when John Reynolds will tell us about the "*South Caribbean & Canaima National Park in Venezuela (Pulmantur)*". Venue: the Javea Players' Studio (in the road behind Book World Espana, Javea pueblo) - 11.30 a.m. for a 12 p.m. start. New members always welcome! Angela Chantry – [travellers.tales@u3ajavea.org](mailto:travellers.tales@u3ajavea.org)

**\*\*\*\*\* Please visit your website at [www.u3ajavea.org](http://www.u3ajavea.org) for news about other groups and group leader contact details.**



## INFORMATION

### THANK YOU

Katrina and Mike Frost have asked that grateful thanks be given to the members of the U3A who joined in helping to drive John Atkinson to Alzira Hospital over the last seven weeks for his treatment.

John and Olga were overwhelmed by the support of everyone, and look forward to being back in circulation soon, when they will be able to thank everybody in their own way.

### 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](mailto:caresharepat@u3ajavea.org) or [careshareangela@u3ajavea.org](mailto:careshareangela@u3ajavea.org)  
**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 and 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 Jean at [urecyclesale@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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. 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. Your items **will not** appear on the notice board if received after 6pm on Monday 24 January.

We have started a new way of advertising your adverts by email to Javea notice board. Your advert will be available through Javea U3A website- or <http://javea-u3a-noticeboard.wikidot.com>



the For Sale, Wanted or Recycled items. Send [urecyclesale@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:urecyclesale@yahoo.co.uk) email subject-U3A placed on the new For Sale web page, a link is Activities Groups - SpecialEvents - For Sale etc

No personal details will be shown on the For Sale web page and all contacts will be through the web site moderator. For further details please contact Jean Miller on 966 260 967