

From our President

I do hope all is well with you and your families and that over the next couple of months you get to see family and friends either here or in the UK.

Do not forget that this month the meeting at the Parador is an Open Meeting and the Committee would like to say a big thank you to Jenny Wessendorff for organising it. The Travel Group will be in the main hall along with a number of Group Leaders who will be displaying and demonstrating what their groups make or do. There will also be tasters from the Foodies and tipples from the Wine Appreciation Groups. It is a great opportunity particularly for new members, to become involved and to meet new people. If there is not a group doing something you would like to do, or a group you would like to start, talk to Nick Winter who will be at the meeting.

The Committee hopes that you like the new Newsletters produced by the Travel and Cultural Arts Groups. Our thanks go to Angela and her team for all the hard work which is involved in producing them. If you like the new format or have any suggestions I am sure the Travel and Cultural Arts Group would love to hear from you.

On a more serious note it is now several months since we advertised for a Communications Officer and so far no one has come forward. The absence of a Communications Officer is now beginning to have a real impact on the smooth running of our Society. At the moment a couple of the Committee are taking on extra work to cover this vacancy. This cannot continue, as before too long, you will start to feel the impact. Please consider over the summer if you could volunteer to take on this role. Initially, there will be some work involving a few hours a week, but after a couple of months it should be no more than a couple of hours a month. Paul and I will also be at the June Open Meeting, so if you would like to discuss the role in more detail please come and see one of us.

This leaves only one more thing for me to say - have a great summer, and for those of you that have already departed on holidays or visits, have a safe journey, I look forward to seeing you either at the June or September meetings.

Shirley King

PETANQUE COMPETITION RESULTS

Over the last few months 36 players have been involved in a knockout competition. Several being very tense close matches but eventual we came down to our last 3 players – each having to play each other. The final outcome was 3rd Peter Ayling. 2nd Sandra Clarke and keeping it in the family our winner – Martin Clarke. So well done Martin and to all those that took part – keep practicing ready to take on the challenge again next year.

Moraira have thrown down the gauntlet again – so please let me know if you are available to play last week September and first week of October as soon as possible.

Terry & I both wish you all a great summer, stay cool but keep practicing we need to retain our wonderful trophy again this year !!!

Organisers: Lin and Terry Jones

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Monthly Meetings Last Wednesday of Each Month

June meeting

Open Meeting:

**An opportunity
to meet with Group
Leaders –**

**and
learn more about what
their groups do**

Membership

Membership for June now stands at 1013 members.
Wilma Stevenson: javeau3amembership@gmail.com

U3A PRESS REPORT

The Javea U3A "press office" has managed to establish a dialogue with a number of the editorial staff of the local English language news papers, and also the Spanish press through the kind offices of Doris Courcelles, The Concejala de Servicios at the Xabia Ajuntament. As a result we have received fair press coverage, since the post of a press relations officer was created last February. Our most commented upon article was the one on the History of the Javea U3A in the May issue of The Grapevine where the papers typesetters managed to reverse the names of our past and present Presidents! There will be a press board at the June Parador meeting displaying the various articles. If any of the group leaders have functions planned upon which they would like a press article prepared, please e mail Tom Miller at ju3apublicity@yahoo.co.uk

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

caresharepat@u3ajavea.org or
careshareangela@u3ajavea.org

"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 – could I remind all the members who have ordered tickets to please come and see me at the June meeting – I will have your tickets ready in exchange for your payment. If any one else would like to join the Javea group, please come and see me at the meeting or email angelachantry@gmail.com

News from the Travel Team & Cultural Arts Coordinator

We hope that you will have found the new Travel Team Newsletter and Cultural Arts Newsletter which were emailed to members separately, a few days ago, to be informative and give a clearer idea of what trips and cultural activities are taking place, and in much greater detail. If you do not have email, please come to the Travel Desk and collect a copy. We would like to take this opportunity to thank John Price – who has been a valued member of our Travel Team these past few years – for his hard work and commitment, and for the interesting trips that he has organised which have been much appreciated by many of our members.

Angela Chantry
Travel Team Coordinator

Ongoing Groups

BACKGAMMON: not meeting July or August – restart 6th September. **Organiser: Bob Denton**

BOOK CLUB: The **MORNING** Book group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10.30 am at the Parador in Javea. The **AFTERNOON** group continues to meet at members' homes on the third Monday of each month from 3 - 5pm.

In July both groups will amalgamate, as Christine Huguet (a lecturer in English Literature) will be joining us to discuss *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* by Charles Dickens. This is the last novel written by Dickens and is actually incomplete. Christine suggested that we could examine possible endings! 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

CULTURAL ARTS: Sadly, the warm and sunny summer evening which was anticipated for the "Three Tenors sing *Il Divo*" concert at the Bullring Gardens, Alcalali, on Friday 18th June, did not materialise, and the concert was moved at short notice to the Hotel Diamante Beach, Calpe. Jan

Pritchard, of Palma Concerts, is aware that a number of our members did not receive this information, having made the journey to Alcalali, and simply went home in much frustration. Although there were people re-directing cars arriving for the event, clearly more could have been done, with a notice board at the entrance to the venue so that no-one would have slipped through the net. However, Jan did try to avoid disappointing everyone by moving the event to Calpe, and had arranged for the guitarist, John Anthony, to entertain the audience whilst waiting for the re-scheduled start time of 21.00 hrs, and again in the interval. For those who did not go on to Calpe, Jan has asked me to reconfirm that the tickets are valid for any Concert, with no expiry date. The Palma Concerts' programme can be viewed at www.palmaconcerts.webs.com Please be aware, however, that the concerts scheduled to take place at the Bullring Gardens, Alcalali, may well now be moved to a new location, and the Palma Concerts' website will be updated as soon as possible.

I hope that you will have found the new Cultural Arts Newsletter which was emailed to members separately, a

few days ago, to be informative and give a clearer idea of what cultural activities are taking place, and in much greater detail. If you do not have email, please come to the Cultural Arts Desk at the meeting and collect a copy.

Organiser: Angela Chantry

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY: The members of the Javea U3A Digital Photography Group enjoyed a very interesting and instructive talk from Dodie Hodgkinson on the use of Picasa at their May meeting. The subject for the June meeting will be "How to best use all those mysterious functions settings on your digital camera" So many photographers just use the automatic setting and never explore the full potential of their, sometimes, very expensive cameras. Sam Wells has very kindly updated our web site, which now shows what we have been doing over the past year. There will be a meeting of the group at the end of July, but not one in August. The new year programme will start with the September meeting. The group is still well subscribed, but, if any one is interested in applying to join the group, please e mail Tom Miller at digitomingata@yahoo.co.uk

Organiser: Tom Miller

DINE AND DANCE: The last event before the summer break is on Saturday 26th June at La Naya in Benimarco, dancing to Duo Romance. An excellent menu at a very reasonable price. If you want to be notified about dine and dance evenings, please e-mail the **Organiser: Pat Johnson.**

FAMILY HISTORY: Our programme for the year has now been successfully completed, but we will be represented at the June Open Meeting of the U3A and will be happy to talk to members about our group and answer any family history queries that anyone may have.

The New programme starts on Tuesday 21st September and full details will be shortly be available on the website.

Organiser: James Hodgkinson

FOODIES GROUP:

After a great closing meeting with lots of tips and ideas to share and plans for the Foodies Group we celebrated the birthday of Aslam 85 years young!. The first meeting of the "New Year" will be on Thursday September 16th, 10.30am at the Javea Tennis Club. You just need to buy a coffee or water etc. as the room is free. Gillian and those of us who are around in July and August will meet at the Javea Tennis Club 10.30am on the Thursday 15th of July and the 19th August. Looking forward to seeing you. To renew or add to the Foodies E mail list please E mail Gillian at Gillian Breen gbreen@gmx.com **New Organiser: Gillian Breen**

NOT JUST FOLK MUSIC GROUP: The final meeting of the group before the summer recess will be held on **Monday 28th June** at The Bull and Bear Restaurant and Pub opposite Mas y Mas in Benitachell. The format for this meeting will be slightly different from the usual, in that we have arranged with the Bull and Bear to have a BBQ commencing at 6.00 pm. We have some 55 members who have asked to come to

the BBQ, which is now fully booked and I regret that no further requests can be taken as numbers have been given to the Bull and Bear for them to arrange the necessary catering. However, any additional members who would like to join us for the usual musical gathering are welcome to do so at around 7.30 pm, and the evening will conclude as usual at around 10.00 pm. Any additional members wishing to join us for just the musical session of the Group should please let me know 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 by

E Mail at the above address, and we look forward to hopefully seeing some new faces at our sessions when we start meeting again in September. The first meeting of the autumn sessions will be on **Monday 27th September**, so please put that date in your diaries now! Further details about the group and its activities can be found on the Javea U3A web site. **Organiser: Paul Wessendorff**

PRACTICAL COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE: I am considering running another "Build a PC" exercise, where we take an old PC and bring it up-to-date with modern components. Likely to be in September. Expressions of interest to me please, at pck@u3ajavea.org. **Organiser: Tom Stevenson**

SOLOS SOCIAL GROUP: Thursday 1st July - Curry Night

At the Taj Mahal restaurant in the Arenal, just further up from Mas y Mas. Meet in the restaurant at 7.30 p.m. The buffet menu is 12.80€ - drinks are extra (pay on the night).

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) at the June meeting (or email angelachantry@gmail.com).

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: The next presentation will be given by Pat Robinson who will be telling us about "*South Africa*". This will be our summer "get-together", which will take place in the El Andaluz Restaurant, on the Benitachell to Moraira road. The talk will be followed by lunch: a 3-course menu del dia, with choice of starter/main course/dessert, including ½ bottle wine pp, some water, and tip (12 euros). Arrival: 11.30 a.m. for a 12 p.m. start. We will reconvene on Tuesday 21st September, in the Javea Players' Studio (in the road behind Book World España, Javea pueblo), when Steve Collins will be telling us about "*Cruising the Norwegian Fiords to Iceland*" - 11.30 a.m. for a 12 p.m. start. New members always welcome! **Organiser: Angela Chantry**

WINE TASTING: The Group meets once a month at La Cocina in Javea. Meetings alternate between lunchtimes, when the meeting starts at 12.00, and evenings when the start time is 5.30pm. The next meeting will be either in September if sufficient Members are back from their summer breaks, or October. There are no meetings in either July or August. **Organiser: Steve Collins**

*** **FOR ALL OTHER GROUPS**, please contact the relevant **Group Leader**, or visit the U3A web site.***

STOP PRESS:

U3A Garden Group...First meeting of the new season will be on Thursday September 30th at 15:30

Friends of Avinença...

Visit to Fiesta at Algemesi - 8th September....

Visit to the Jucar Valley river system - Tuesday 19th October



Travel 2010

Our Programme of excursions for 2010/2011 can be viewed on the U3A web site or in our Newsletter

UPDATE FROM THE TRAVEL TEAM

We would like to thank the many members who responded to our travel survey - the first change as you can see has been the production of a Newsletter for Travel and for Cultural Arts, which from now on will be emailed to members separately from the general monthly U3A newsletter. This enables us to give you much more detail about up and coming trips, excursions, concerts, theatre outings and events, with pictures where appropriate (reduced size images which should not present a problem for members on dial-up rather than ADSL), with details of who is organising the activity, when to book and how to pay, and who to contact for further information if required.

The survey gave a very clear indication that in the current economic climate, many of us have had to be more prudent in stretching the pension to cover "extras" such as the longer travel trips. In general, the request has been for more day trips - particularly from those with pets who can then avoid the expense of cattery/kennel fees. Nevertheless, many suggestions were put forward for trips involving longer periods away, for example, city breaks to Madrid, Barcelona, Murcia and Valencia, or further afield to areas such as the Picos de Europa and Galicia; trips outside of Spain, for example to Gibraltar, Portugal, and Morocco, have also been requested, as well as cruises starting from Spanish ports e.g. Valencia, Alicante, Barcelona. A number of members commented on the dislike of long coach journeys, and we will be investigating the possibilities of travel excursions by train/plane/ferry. Of course, it is not always going to be possible to accommodate everyone's wishes: some members said that they like to have half-board and guided tours included, whereas others wanted b&b only and to be free to "do their own thing"!

We will be publishing an outline of our 2011 programme in the autumn, and are proposing to give an overview of our plans in a short pictorial presentation at the October general meeting.

Thank you once again to everyone who took the time to assist in our survey, and for the many suggestions and comments offered.

Angela Chantry
on behalf of the Travel Team

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.

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 (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. We have started a new way of advertising the For Sale, Wanted or Recycled items. Send your adverts by email to urecyclesale@yahoo.co.uk email subject-U3A Javea notice board. Your advert will be placed on the new For Sale web page, a link is available through Javea U3A website-Activities Groups- Special Events-For Sale etc or <http://javea-u3a-noticeboard.wikidot.com> 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

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 29th September at 11.00 am

DVD SWAP at the Parador meeting - This only works if you remember to bring your DVD's along, so don't forget - Pat will be pleased to see you at the Swap table in the hall.

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