

NEWSLETTER March 2010

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*From our President*

Where has this year gone? It has now been a year since the new Committee was elected. The *Annual General Meeting* will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March when the Committee will give a review of the last year's activities and our proposals for next year.

Also this year **all** members are being given the *opportunity to vote*, **your vote is important** so we would ask that even if you cannot attend the meeting you use the option to vote by email.

There have been many comments regarding the *changes in the Statutes* and the *of re structure of the Committee*. With regards to the Statutes, there have been no major changes other than those issues already known to members. The most significant change will come once we **publish them permanently on our website** for all to see in Spanish and English. Thereafter, any changes will be clear for all to see and the problems and concerns expressed this year will no longer be an issue.

It should also be noted that the Statutes are *not set in stone*. As the Society grows, and changes are made, the Statutes need to be updated accordingly. So if any member has a major concern with the Statutes, once approved and published, they are entitled to raise their concerns with the Committee. In the event a change is necessary, then the Committee will vote on the issue prior to the next AGM, when an amendment may be tabled.

With regard to the change in the Structure, there are *two main reasons* for this;

- 1 To implement a *succession plan*, something that has been a major concern for members.
- 2 With over 1000 members the *workload* for the Committee grown. Therefore several roles have needed to be split; also, as the Society changes, so does the role of the Committee. With a reluctance by members to volunteer for a Committee role, it has been much easier to fill roles when volunteers do not have to give too much of their time.

It should be noted that with the exception of two roles, the Communications Officer and the Spanish Liaison Officer, we have *volunteer members* for all Committee Roles. Should you be interested in either of these roles, please contact Paul Wessendorff or myself. I would like to *thank* those members who have come forward and volunteered to help run this wonderful organisation.

We aim to make the *AGM* an informative and fun meeting with the odd surprise or two so please come along it will be good to see as many members there as possible.

I would also like to *thank* everyone that has given me their support over what has been a very difficult year for me. As my mother used to say "you can please some of the people some of the time but not all of the people all of the time". I do my best and will continue to do so for the Society should I be re-elected.

All of us on the Committee look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

**Shirley King**

**MABS Cancer Support Group - RACE FOR LIFE - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April, start 11am.**

This is your chance to make a difference. By taking part in this event you will be *raising funds* to support the MABS Support Centre which provides alternative treatments, counselling and support to many sufferers of cancer and their families regardless of their financial situation. You can take part in this either as a group or on your own and you may like to do this in memory of a loved one that you have lost to this terrible disease.

Although it's called Race For Life at our age we may prefer to stroll, so if you fancy a walk in the spring sunshine please collect your entry form from **Mike Frost** at the Parador on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March or download from the MABS website [www.mabscancersupport.org](http://www.mabscancersupport.org)

The 'race' will start at 11 am from the MABS Support Centre, Los Leones, C/Lerida 3, Sol Park, Moraira and is under 5k in length, so will take about an hour or so depending on your speed. There is also the opportunity for you to obtain a *sponsorship form* so that you can involve your friends and family, the end result being you will raise more money for this very worthy scheme.

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**Lin Jones**

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**CHARITY MUSIC EVENING**

A charity evening of music performed by a variety of artists is being organised at the Hotel Pinosal, Javea, on **Tuesday 4th May** commencing at 6.30 for 7.00 pm. Firm commitments from some excellent musicians who will offer a range of music to suit every taste, have already been received. Classical, folk, rock and roll, and songs from the shows are already lined up, and jazz is in the pipeline. All proceeds will be shared between Denia HELP and a local musician who has done much for charity but who now finds himself victim of a stroke. Tickets are only 10€ each (great value for a full evening's entertainment) and may be ordered from **Peter Adams** on 96 647 030

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**"AN INVITATION TO THE BALL"**

**Vall del Pop U3A** would like to invite Javea members to their **May Ball** on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> May at Salones Fillol, Pego. Tickets are €35. Please contact [mikeandanne@telitec.com](mailto:mikeandanne@telitec.com).

**Moraira-Teulada U3A** would like to extend a very warm welcome to all members of the Javea U3A to their Summer Ball, which will take place at El Canor on Friday 24th September. For further details please see **Angela Chantry**.

For more details see our website at [www.u3ajavea.org](http://www.u3ajavea.org).

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**U3A CHOIR**

Moraira-Teulada / Vall de Pop U3A Choir would like to extend *an invitation* to any Javea U3A members who enjoy singing and would like to join a growing, enthusiastic choir. We meet weekly at the Ermita San Jose (La Fustera Anglican Church....off the Moraira/Calpe coast road) on Wednesdays from 11am until 1pm.

You do not need to have sung in a choir before or read music but obviously the ability to sing in tune is an advantage! As well as singing a wide ranging repertoire from popular ballads to light classical, some basic singing technique is also covered as well as general hints re music notation etc..

If you enjoy music making or would like to try something you have never tried before why not come along and join our very sociable, enthusiastic group and have fun while making music.

For further information please email **Ann Johnson** at [sealslippers01@yahoo.es](mailto:sealslippers01@yahoo.es) or 'phone 96 649 7358.

### **FRIENDS OF AVINENCA**

There are 3 visits planned over the next 3 months - to the Albufera Wetlands, a day visiting archaeological sites, and a 2 day visit to Espadan Natural Park. Full details are to be found on the "Friends of Avinenca" web page.

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#### **Membership**

I am pleased to announce that we no longer have Associate Members within the Javea U3A. All members are now classed as Full members - with no restrictions on attending our monthly meetings held in the Parador. A new **Attendance List** has been prepared and I would remind ALL members to please 'Check-In' before entering the meeting hall. Not only does this have to be done for fire reasons, but it is also used to obtain the number of attendees for our own statistics. Two tables are located in the entrance foyer for this purpose.

#### **Membership Numbers**

A total of 176 members have either had their name deleted due to non-payment, or have withdrawn from membership. It would appear that quite a few have returned to the UK, or have decided to be a member of only one U3A Organisation. As at 18 March, our membership stands at 950 members.

**Wilma Stevenson:** [javeau3amembership@gmail.com](mailto:javeau3amembership@gmail.com)

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#### **"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](mailto:caresharepat@u3ajavea.org) or [careshareangela@u3ajavea.org](mailto:careshareangela@u3ajavea.org) **Angela Chantry**

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#### **TUESDAY LECTURE PROGRAMME 2010**

Our next lecture will be on 4<sup>th</sup> May when Cheda Panajotovic will talk on "The Crown Jewels". More details next month. We are preparing a programme for the 2010 2011 season and would like to hear from any member who would like to present a lecture in the general area of Art History, Science and Technology. Please let me know. **Organiser: Alan Oliver at [alan@oliverjavea.com](mailto:alan@oliverjavea.com)**

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#### **\*\*\*NEW GROUP\*\*\***

##### **Beginners SLR (SINGLE LENS REFLEX) Digital Photography**

This course is for *beginners and near beginners* in SLR photography and those who may feel they have never quite got to grips with the advantages of SLR photography (yes we know how easy it is to forget the basics!). It also might suit those who have other more advanced cameras that may well not be SLR cameras but they still have many of the SLR advantages and choices.

The *course will start* with a 'get to know your camera' session, going through all the basic settings and will progress from there. The sessions will include taking photographs for portraits and people, landscapes, moving objects and night scenes and whatever else the group want to discuss or practice.

*Group sessions* are to be held at the Sala Conferencia in the Centro Social, Javea Pueblo and at our house near Javea using the garden and house for photographic practice.

The group sessions will be for an *initial 3 months*. The first two courses will be at our house near Javea using the garden and house for photographic practice on Saturday 27 March (10am – 1pm) and also the next day Sunday 28 March (10am – 1pm). If there is enough interest we would then arrange continuing courses once every two weeks. I would like to start off with a more concentrated two day course as various aspects of SLR cameras should be learnt together – and not as separate items out of context with each other.

For *further details*, or your *expression of interest*, please contact **Peter Sanders** at [pj.sanders@live.com](mailto:pj.sanders@live.com) or **Nick Winter**, Group Coordinator at - [groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org](mailto:groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org).

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## ONGOING GROUPS

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

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

*People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks

*Cider House Rules* by John Irving

The AFTERNOON group continues to meet at members' homes on the third Monday of each month from 3 - 5pm. The books chosen for April & May are:

*Purple Hibiscus* by Chiminanda Ngozi Adici

*The Promise of Happiness* by Justin Cartwright

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](mailto:pru.bookclub@gmail.com)

## **COMPUTER GROUPS:**

### **Practical Computer Knowledge**

This group is currently full and I have a waiting list. **Organiser: Tom Stevenson**

### **Computers for Beginners/Using Your Computer**

I do not plan to run any further courses at beginner level. **Organiser: Tom Stevenson**

### **PC Rebuild**

I hope to repeat this exercise in the autumn, but this is dependent upon the donation of an old PC (which we can then rebuild using modern components). More details after the summer break.

**Organiser: Tom Stevenson**

## **CULTURAL ARTS:**

### **Monday 29th March: "Easter music and poetry"**

A short concert of Easter music and poetry, given by the Montgo Chorale and directed by Gordon Lawson, will take place in the Ermita de Popul on the Jesus Pobre Road at 5 p.m. It is not part of a service and there is no admission fee, so do come and enjoy!

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April: "Cowardly Custard"**

Footlights Theatre Group spring production has been described as a glamorous review of the life, times and music of Sir Noel Coward (1899-1973). Songs in the show include "Mad Dogs and Englishmen", "Poor little rich girl", etc. The performance begins at 8 p.m., in the Espai La Senieta, Moraira (corner of market carpark). Price: €12. In Angela's absence, payments will be collected on her behalf by Mike Frost.

### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April: Classical Concert at the Palau de Musica, Valencia**

Leticia Moreno (violin) and Oleg Polianski (piano):-

F. Schubert: Fantasia en do mayor para violín y piano, op. 159, D 934; M. de Falla: Suite popular española; P. Sarasate: Fantasia de concierto sobre la ópera Carmen, op. 25: Aires Bohemios. The coach will leave El Rafalet at 14.30 hrs, with a drop-off near the Bullring in Valencia – time for shopping & refreshments; make your own way to the Palau de Musica where the concert takes place at 20.15 hrs in the Sala Rodrigo. The coach will pick up outside the Palau de Musica at approx. 22.30 hrs for return journey to Javea. **Price: €34pp** (concert + coach), please pay in cash as tickets have to be bought in advance (best available at the time of booking). In Angela's absence, payments will be collected on her behalf by Mike Frost. **3 places available**

### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May: "Cash on Delivery"**

Careline Theatre's next production at Alcalali, has been described as two hours of almost relentless and hilarious madness. Book via email to [angelachantry@gmail.com](mailto:angelachantry@gmail.com) and pay (€11) at the April meeting.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May: “Pirates of Penzance”**

At the Casa de Cultura, Calpe, commencing 8 p.m., in aid of Caritas & Friends of the Children of EMAUS. Book via email to [angelachantry@gmail.com](mailto:angelachantry@gmail.com) and pay (€10) in April.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June: “Il Divo – Three Tenors”** Juan Gallego, Tenor - Antonio Magno, Tenor - Pedro Noguerra, Tenor, with José Jaime Hidalgo, Piano. The phenomenal success of “Il divo” has inspired the three tenors to stage a popular programme with a sophisticated mixture of light tenor songs and “hits” of today. At the Heredad de Elias Ferrer (Bullring gardens Alcalali), 8 p.m. – 11 p.m. (see map on website). The normal price is €20 – buy your tickets in advance from Angela and pay €15 (at the April meeting) **Organiser: Angela Chantry**

**DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY:** The Digital Photograph Group met on February 23rd at which Peter Sanders presented a most informative and well illustrated talk on the creative use of zoom lenses. The next meeting will be held at the Javea Social Centre on Tuesday 30th March when Tom Miller will give a demonstration on digitising old 35mm slides followed by a presentation from Tom Birch illustrating the further use of the tools in Adobe Photoshop Elements. The group will also review photographs of the almond blossom and of the Denia Fallas and cremation thereof. **Organiser: Tom Miller**

**DINE AND DANCE:** Friday 12th March joint evening with the Solos Group was great - thanks to Barbara, Fred and Marie for singing for us to complement the music provided by Paulette. Next event will be on Saturday 10th April, 7.30 for 8.00, at La Naya, Benimarco, price €20 to include meal, wine, water, coffee and tip. Payment to Group Leader at the March meeting. The group are also invited to join the Solos group on 23rd April at Las Brisas, Javea arranged by Angela (details under Solos Group). In Sunday 9th May we plan to go for late Spanish “afternoon tea” and dancing at Viva Espana. Price for buffet plus coach €21 per person - names and payment at March meeting. **Organiser: Pat Wykes Johnson.**

**DINING OUT:** On the 18th March, 50 members dined at Restaurant La Cocina in the Port. Our April meal will be at Restaurant La Boheme on the Arenal promenade on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>. **Organiser: Peter Speer**

**FAMILY HISTORY:** Our next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 2.15pm at the usual venue of the Social Centre when James will give an illustrated talk “A survival tale of two brothers and their families in 19<sup>th</sup> century Britain” **Organiser: James Hodgkinson**

**HISTORY GROUP:** The next History Group presentation is –

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April:** “Spanish History, 1939 to the Present (The Franco Years and the Restoration of Democracy)” presented by Alan Oliver. This will be in the **Casa de Cultura**, starting at **13.15** hrs. Please note the change of subject, the presentation on “The Last Muslim King of Spain” will now be given on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Members who are interested in joining the group please contact the **Group Leader, Sally Wells.**

**LET’S TALK JAVEA:** We had a good old Blarney on St.Patrick’s day, including the Town Hall threat to bulldoze some of the covered terraces of premises on the Arenal promenade. We concluded with ideas for an Agenda 21 seminar on renewable energy and home insulation, of which more later, as a follow-on to the jute bags initiative that also originated from Agenda 21. For general day to day news items, in English, concerning Javea, U3A members are recommended to click onto... <http://agenda21-xabia.wikidot.com/> **Organiser: Tim Ladd**

**NOT JUST FOLK MUSIC GROUP:** The next meeting of the group will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at The Bull and Bear Restaurant and Pub opposite Mas y Mas in Benitachell, gathering at 7.30 for 8.00pm start, and concluding 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 E Mail to [folk.music@u3ajavea.org](mailto:folk.music@u3ajavea.org)

I am pleased to confirm that Pam Dentith will be joining us at our meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March. Pam is a well known local folk singer from the Weymouth area, and has actively supported folk music activities in the UK helping to organise, run, and also perform at many folk festivals and concerts over a considerable period of time. I am sure she will give us some excellent performances from her repertoire, which is extensive and extremely varied. I am confident that anyone wishing to join us on this occasion will enjoy her contribution to the events on the night.

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 during the months ahead. Further details about the group and its activities can be found on the Javea U3A web site.

Looking forward to seeing as many as possible on the 24<sup>th</sup> March. **Organiser: Paul Wessendorff**

**QUIZ NIGHT:** There are just a few places left for April 8<sup>th</sup> at L'Hort. If you'd like to come please e-mail or phone your details to Jeni at the address given in N/L or come to the AGM on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Organisers: Jeni and Stan Oldfield**

**SAILING:** Now the weather has finally cheered up, it would be nice to my get boat back in the water, however I am no further forward in finding a suitable local place to launch. Our latest member Paul Priest from Denia has joined the Denia Yacht Club to keep his recently acquired Wanderer dinghy. He does of course have to pay for the facility and it would be nice to have the same choice here in Javea. Javea, as I have said before, is one of the best and safest bays I have ever come across in 48 years of sailing, so it is such a pity that access is denied to small environmentally friendly sailing craft. If there is anyone who can offer any information or suggestions of how we get over this problem I would be grateful to talk to them. The Javea Port slipway is still blocked by concrete blocks. **Organiser: Gordon Edwards**

**SOLO ON SUNDAYS:** Hello everybody! The Group welcomed two new members and we enjoyed an extremely nice meal at La Boheme on the 14th March, the sun shone for us, making it even better! The next Solo on Sundays will be at Bar Masena at 1.30. It will be an €18 menu including wine. We look forward to seeing you. Just email or telephone Marion on 96 646 3389. **Organiser: Marion Monsell**

#### **SOLOS SOCIAL GROUP:**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: St. George's Day Dinner Dance at Las Brisas**

Menu available via email to [angelachantry@gmail.com](mailto:angelachantry@gmail.com) Glass of sherry or English ale on arrival, 3 course menu, with unlimited wine & water during the meal, & coffee. Price: €26 (to include tip). Music for dancing will be provided by Jill (of Double Impact). Family members/friends are welcome on this occasion as space is not a problem.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April: Tapas Party in Gata** - Sorry, this event is now full.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May: Garden Party in the Iris Gardens, Marnes** - Stroll through thousands of iris in a myriad of colours, shapes and sizes, and enjoy a cup of tea and homemade cakes in the atmosphere of the enchanted garden. Price for entrance and tea: €6 - required at the April meeting.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May: Vall del Pop May Ball** - To be held at Sallones Fillol's in Pego, from 7.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a cava reception, 3 course dinner with wine, and music for dancing by *Duo Romance*. Dress: black tie/lounge suit. I have tickets available (priced at €35) for anyone who would like to attend this event.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June: MABS Ball at El Canor, Teulada** - We will be having a Solos table – email Angela to book (€45 pp).

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September: Moraira-Teulada U3A Summer Ball** - 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 will be available from April; email Angela for menu (choice of meat/fish and vegetarian option).

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

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**SNOOKER:** The group meets at 11.30 every Friday at Jaspers in Cabo de la Nao. Please contact the Group Leader if you are interested in joining. **Organiser: Larry Sherrington**

**TRAVELLERS' TALES GROUP:** Our thanks to Peter Atkinson for his excellent presentation on the 16<sup>th</sup> March entitled "*Northern Spain: a little history, a little geography, and a leisurely tour*". On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April we can look forward to John Reynolds' talk on "*Kerala, South India*". Venue: The Javea Players' Studio, Javea old town (in the road behind Book World Espana, just further on from Bar Fuentes). Arrival: 11.30 a.m. for a 12 p.m. start. New members always welcome! **Organiser: Angela Chantry**

### WALKING GROUPS

Full details for ALL the walking groups can be found on the website.

**WINE TASTING:** The next meeting of the Group will be at 12.00 on Wednesday 21st April at La Cocina. Full details will be sent out to all group members nearer the time, and the talk will probably be on the wines of Priorat. **Organiser: Steve Collins**

\*\*\*\*\* **FOR ALL OTHER GROUPS**, please contact the relevant **group leader**, or visit the **website** at [www.u3ajavea.org](http://www.u3ajavea.org) \*\*\*\*\*

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### TRAVEL 2010

#### \*\*\*Águilas - February\*\*\*

Your free DVD record of the trip kindly produced by Ross Ord is available for collection at today's meeting. If you are unable to attend, please arrange for a friend to collect it from **Mike Frost**.

**Wednesday 24th March** – *Coach to Valencia*, - yes, this is still going ahead, despite the AGM being brought forward to the same date. **Organiser: John Price**

**Tuesday 20th-Thursday 22nd April** - *Delta del Ebro*. Coach to Peniscola (4 star accommodation, with half board) and trips to Tarragona, Delta del Ebro and Morella, with optional entrances etc. Cost €190 pp, single supplement €60 pp. If you have already paid a deposit of €50 pp, then please pay the balance of €140 pp (+ single supplement, if applicable) at the March meeting or, if not, please pay the total amount of €190 pp (+single supplement as applicable), at the March meeting (Pat will collect on my behalf). *Exact money, please-cash or cheques (payable to Assoc Social de la Tercera Edad de Javea, with your name and the trip written on the back)*. This will be your last chance to join this superb trip. Please advise me (by email if you like) of any special requirements, dietary or otherwise. I will advise the pick up point and time by email following the meeting-the drop back time on 22nd will be around 18.00. **Organiser: John Price**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May: Salamanca & Avila**. A 4 day trip to visit these 2 cities. Coach to Salamanca with 2 nights half board in 4\* hotel. 1 night half board in 3\* hotel in Avila. Return by coach. Balance of €130 (+ € 80 single supp.) per person payable at today's meeting, Cheques payable to Assoc Social de la Tercera Edad de Javea or cash please. **Places still available. Organiser: Diane Ord.**

**Sunday 20th-Wednesday 23rd June: Andalucia**. Day 1: coach to Seville with stops en route, then dinner in hotel. Day 2: tour of Seville with official guide, then free afternoon (optional, cost not included, excursions e.g. boat trip, Flamenco show) and dinner in hotel. Day 3: on to Cordoba and visit to the historical centre including the Mezquita. Afternoon: leave for Granada and dinner in hotel. Day 4 visit to the Alhambra & gardens, then afternoon departure for Javea. Cost €310 pp, single supplement €90 pp, includes tours and half board accommodation in 3 or 4 star hotels. Please pay a March 2010

deposit of €100 pp, *exact money, please (again, cash or cheques payable to Assoc Social de la Tercera Edad de Javea, with your name and the trip written on the back)*, to Pat at the March meeting.

**Organiser: John Price**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October:** *Visit to Lorca* This 3-day visit will allow time to explore the many attractions of Lorca, declared an Historical and Artistic town in 1964: Fortress of the Sun, Lorca's Workshop of Time, Archaeological Museum, Embroidery Museums, Palace of Guevara, and ride the tourist train which leaves from the Visitor Centre. On the return journey visit the Monasterio de Santa Eulalia, near Totana, and perhaps walk the Way of the Cross, time for lunch (own purchase) before returning to Javea. We will stay at the 4\* Hotel Jardines de Lorca (spa hotel), which is a short walk from the historical centre, 2 nights half-board (wine & water included during dinner). Price: circa 175€ (depending on nos), single supp. 36€. Deposit of 50€ pp at the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March – to Mike Frost who is collecting on my behalf. **Organiser: Angela Chantry**

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#### **TRAVEL SECTION: REMINDER FROM THE TRAVEL TEAM**

**Please look at the travel section ahead of the meeting, so you are aware of which trips are available and do come prepared with the correct deposit or full payment for the trips which you are booked on – see the appropriate Organiser's information for details as to who cheques should be made payable to.**

As an additional service to members, we have obtained a **Mail Box** at **Total Postal** (near the Sports Centre, Javea Port), where it will now be possible for you to hand in an envelope containing your booking request/s and payment (cheques only) – all envelopes should be addressed to Angela Chantry, Suite No. 053, Total Postal. A form for this purpose has been created and must accompany your payment. It can be printed off from our Travel Page on the website, or come and collect one from any of the Travel Organisers – full details are included on the form.

Our **programme of day trips and excursions** being planned for 2010 has been included at the end of this newsletter.

#### **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS**

The Travel Team will be on hand to collect money and names for trips at the open meeting in the Parador – please note that as Angela and John cannot attend this month's meeting, Mike Frost will be taking deposits for the LORCA TRIP on Angela's behalf, and Pat Johnson will be responsible for John's trip to PENISCOLA. 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 either a deposit or full payment for, you should inform the appropriate Travel Organiser, who will try and find a replacement from the reserve list. Where this is possible, the Travel Organiser should be able to give you a full or partial refund (depending on the nature of the trip). If there is no waiting list, then a refund would not be possible, as this may prejudice other members booked on the trip. We have a clearly defined policy whereby non-members are only permitted after all else has been exhausted, and the non-member may be expected to pay a small additional supplement. We do not allow non-member substitutions as it is unfair to our members. **Angela Chantry**

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**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

**FOR SALE, RECYCLE OR WANTED BOARD:** Sorry, there will not be a notice board at this month's Parador meeting. We are currently preparing a new form of presentation for the notice board. See the April news letter for details.

**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 Pat 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

**At a glance:-**

**TRAVEL PROGRAMME MARCH – OCTOBER 2010**

Month	Trip	Price	Organiser
Tues-Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Coach to Peniscola (4* accommodation with half board), and trips to Tarragona, Delta del Ebro and Morella, with optional entrances etc. Please pay the balance of €140 pp, or the full amount, exact money please, cash or cheques payable to Assoc Social de la Tercera Edad de Javea, with your name and the trip written on the back, to Pat at the March meeting.	190 €, single sup.60 €	John Price
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Coach to Valencia, free time for shopping/refreshments and ticket for evening classical concert at the Palau de Musica <b>3 places available</b>	34 €	Angela Chantry
Tues-Frid 4 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Coach to Salamanca (2 nights 4* accomm.) & Avila (1 night 3* accomm.) half-board throughout.	€ 230 Single sup. € 80	Diane Ord
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Spanish Merienda Buffet at Viva Espana, with dancing to two bands – further info to follow	t.b.c.	Pat Johnson
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> - Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Andalucia: Seville/Cordoba/Alhambra & gardens; includes tours and half board accommodation in 3 or 4 star hotels. Please pay a deposit of €100 pp, <i>exact money, please cash or cheques payable to Assoc Social de la Tercera Edad de Javea, with your name and the trip written on the back</i> , to Pat at the March meeting.	Cost €310 pp, single supplement €90 pp	John Price
September	Day trip to Albufera (rice fields, visitors' centre + boat trip)	t.b.c.	Mike Frost

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> to Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Coach to Lorca, 4* Hotel Jardines de Lorca (spa hotel), short walk from the historical centre, 2 nights half-board (wine & water included during dinner). <b>Deposit of 50 euros pp required March</b>	Circa 175 € (depending on nos) single supp. 36€	Angela Chantry
7 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> MAY 2011	Moraira-Teulada U3A are proposing a joint trip to Italy: flight to Rome with 3 free days for independent sightseeing +7 night stay in Montecatini Terme (with guided visit), excursions to Lucca, Volterra and San Gimignano, a day in Florence, and visit to Pisa. Ryanair flight from Pisa to Valencia, with coach transfer to Javea. 11 nights hotels on a B&b basis.	More details will be available in April	Norman Peterken/Angela Chantry

*Next month's meeting: 11.00 am. on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April at the Parador*

### Agenda

#### Asociacion Social de la Tercera Edad Javea U3A

#### Annual General Meeting

#### 24<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at the Parador Hotel

Minutes for last General Meeting – November 2009	Shirley King
Presentation of Certificate to Xabia Bella	Shirley King
Presidents Annual Report	Shirley King
Vice Presidents Annual Report	Paul Wessendorff
Treasurer Report	Geoffrey Milne
Membership Secretary Annual Report	Wilma Stevenson
Groups Coordinator Annual Report	Elizabeth Collins
Vote for changes to Committee Structure	Shirley King
Vote for changes to Statutes	Shirley King
Election of Officers for 2010/2011	Shirley King
Committee Objectives 2010/2011	Committee
Questions from the floor.	All

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**Asociación de la Tercera Edad de Javea**  
Minutes of the February monthly Meeting  
Held on 24th February 2010  
At the Parador Hotel Javea

<b>PRESENT: President:</b>	Shirley King
<b>Vice President:</b>	Paul Wessendorff
<b>Secretary:</b>	Jeni Oldfield
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Geoff Milnes
<b>Membership Secretary:</b>	Wilma Stevenson
<b>Web Master:</b>	Sam Wells

The minutes of the November meeting were proposed by Jean Miller and seconded by Tom Stevenson.

**Shirley** introduced Geoff Milnes as our *new Treasurer* and he gave us a resumé of his career as a bank manager.

Shirley then also introduced Nick Winter as the *new Groups Coordinator*. He said that Elizabeth would be a hard act to follow but that he would have help from the new team, Jenny, Jean and Krystina..

A new *Communications Officer* is still needed, offers to Shirley please.

Shirley apologised for the fact that the Newsletter had omitted to say who our speaker was for to-day. She then gave a *big thanks* to Karen, Marie and Angela for organising the Valentine Ball.

Shirley also *thanked our new Publicity Officer, Tom Miller* who had taken photos at the Ball which would appear in the next edition of the Costa Blanca News.

*Thanks also went to Ken Robinson* in his absence for auditing our accounts. He will receive some wine as a token of our thanks.

*Sally Wells* was given a tin of chocolates as a thank you for arranging the popular Christmas Follies. Sam took the chocolates for her as Sally was away.

The *new-look Newsletter* will be launched in April and thanks go to Wilma Stevenson and Sue Bentley for their hard work in bringing this to fruition.

**Paul Pruden** gave a short resumé of his new group, *Friends of Avinença*, which is not a closed group but open to all members and not a travel group either. There will be day trips with English speaking guides at places not usually open to the public where members can learn about the history and culture of the area.

**Shirley** continued with an up-date of our *fund raising for Xabia Bella*. She hopes the Director will be able to come to our next meeting to collect a cheque of money raised from the individual events taking place in people's homes. So far, 960€ have been raised from four events. A group from the Committee had been to the Centre to deliver Christmas presents; many of the young people there have no family to give them presents or to take them out so we were also able to provide funds for visits.

Anne Bickerstaff, one of our newer members, has made a beautiful patchwork cushion which Shirley showed. This will be *raffled* at a forthcoming coffee morning at Diane Ord's.

Shirley said this year was the first time members would be *voting at our AGM*. As it is not possible, due to room size, for all members to attend, ballot papers were available to-day for members to cast their vote or they could vote via e-mail. If anyone knows of a member without email who cannot attend the meeting they should contact a member of the Committee who will make arrangements for them to vote. Sam Wells and Wilma Stevenson will be the only ones doing the count, so privacy will be maintained.

Shirley reminded members that the *committee has the power to co-opt* a member if necessary.

Re: *the Statutes*, Paul has rewritten these after discussion with Shirley, there being no fundamental changes, the biggest being the *restructure of the Committee*. This was due to the large increase in members which put a much bigger workload on the Committee. 35 new members had joined to-day. There was no succession plan for the Committee.

With the increase in membership came an increase in the number of groups which made the role of Group Coordinator much more difficult. With such a large committee it made decision making more

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lengthy. With 16 committee members in the new structure the load will be spread and with only 7 of these positions being executive, meetings should be more effective and the deputies will be part of the succession plan. It is very important that members vote on this issue as we need 50% minimum in order that the changes can take place.

Shirley asked if there were *any questions* about this and one member asked if the statutes could be put on the web but Shirley said she was not prepared to risk having lots of changes to make with different ideas coming in. John Chun asked how many had actually read the statutes. Paul said that at the Open meeting in January when he had them all displayed by his table, only two people had stopped to read them. Shirley said she was prepared to sit down and discuss them with anyone. Once approved at the AGM they will be printed on the web in both English and Spanish.

Lots of people have enjoyed the *individual charity events* and would like to do more. Also, there could be the possibility of fun events, not for charity.

Finally, Shirley announced some *new discounts* on offer to U3A members, namely:

5 Star Pool Cleaning Service, Joyce Nail Salon, Tracey Baker Holistic Therapy, and Gilly McNally Sports Therapist. Details of these can be found on the webpage.

**Paul** spoke briefly about *our charity, Xabia Bella*, saying that details about the different events taking place could be seen on the web. Several individual events had already taken place successfully with more to come over the next few weeks. He said that *sponsors were needed* for Keith Cottingham who was due to walk for the charity and that there would be a bucket for donations in the foyer after the meeting.

**Geoff** reported that *funds* were healthy with €13,269 being available and that we were well within budget.

**Wilma** said that over *80% of members had renewed* in January with 200 still left to pay. She thanked all those who had volunteered to help at January's meeting. By the AGM there will be no Associate members, the current 56 will have been made up to full members. There are about 100 members without emails, and some will not disclose their email addresses or telephone numbers, and Wilma asked if anyone knew anyone in this category please to tell them that all are now full members and entitled to attend meetings. With the 35 new members of to-day *membership now stands at 1105*. If those who have not renewed their membership do not do so, they will be deleted from the list at the end of the month.

**Sam** reported that lots of things were going on with the *website*. The discounts will soon appear in table form which will make it easier for all.

**Shirley** announced that during the coming week-end the almond blossom would be at its best, especially in the Jalon valley.

She then introduced *this month's speaker, Stephen Ashley of the Costa Blanca Samaritans*. The meeting concluded with questions from the floor after which Shirley presented him with a cheque for €100.