

From our President

Dear Members,

I would like to start this month by thanking Paul our Vice President for taking over the chair whilst I was away on holiday. I am sure that he did an excellent job.

This is my last Newsletter as President and my thanks go to everyone who has supported me over the last two years as President and the previous year as Vice President. I know I have not always got everything right, I never claimed to be perfect but I did promise to do my best and this I have done.

During this time I have met so many lovely and fun loving people many of whom are now dear friends. I would also like to thank Karen and Clive White who took over as Health Walk Leaders when I became President. They have done an excellent job and developed the walks and web page far beyond anything I could have done.

The Society continues to grow with an average of around 1000 members. New Groups have started and sadly some have closed due to various reasons but in the main our groups are thriving. Several Groups are now over subscribed so if you think you could run a group but do not know what to do, please contact John our Groups Coordinator who will give you all of the support you need to get a group going.

Tickets for the Ball are selling fast and there are now only a few remaining so if you would like to go

and not sure who to go with we have tables for new members, couples, solos etc. We promise you will not be on your own and will have a great time. If you have purchased your ticket and not made your menu selection please do so as soon as possible, we need to let El Canor know our choices by the beginning of April.

There will also be a food collection at the Parador again this month for Caritas, our understanding is that the situation in Javea is getting worse, so any contribution would be welcome. Please ensure the item is in date as out of date food cannot be distributed for obvious reasons.

It is AGM time again and I do hope that you will all take the time to cast your vote for next year's committee. It is important that you vote even if there is only one candidate for the position. It is required in our Statutes that members be allowed to vote each year. Of course we would be delighted if there was more than one person for each position but there seems to be a decidedly lack of willingness amongst members to put themselves forward for Committee positions. VOTE NOW either by email or at the AGM.

Once again thank you to everyone and I do hope you will give the new incoming committee as much support as you have given me.

Kindest regards and Best Wishes
Shirley King

NEW TRAVEL ORGANISERS WANTED FOR TRAVEL TEAM

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

Paul Wessendorff



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30th March 2011 at the Parador Hotel

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Parking on the Roads near the Parador



Members are reminded about parking correctly on the roads near the Parador. The police appear to be cracking down and there are hefty fines if you park on the pavement or a yellow line and also a 200€ fine if you park on a cycle lane. There were a number of people issued with parking tickets last week particularly in the bridge area.

Shirley King



Speakers Arranged for the Monthly Meetings at the Parador 2011

The speakers that have kindly agreed to present to us at our monthly meetings at the Parador during 2011 are shown below, together with the topics on which they will be talking.

Date	Speaker	Subject
27 th April	Alan Blake	Budget Airlines
25 th May	Cheda Panajotovic	Teaching the Un-teachable
28 th September	Kathryn Marsden	Diet and Digestion
26 th October	Chris Duffin	Life and Experiences as a Prison Governor

Alan Blake – Budget Airlines. Alan is a retired pilot, who will be giving us an insight into what goes on behind the scenes of a budget airline. Most of us will have experienced use of these airlines, and we should be given some detail on the background and reasons for the various problems and frustrations some of us may have experienced?

Cheda Panajotovic – Teaching the Unteachable. Cheda will be talking to us about his life and experiences of teaching in an inner city school. He spent 7 years amongst his lovely ruffians who have been known to 'expel' so many teachers within a couple of days of them arriving at the school. Teacher trainers would make many a visit just to study how he 'survived'. What others found tough, he found fascinating, and he still holds extremely fond memories of 'his boys'.

Kathryn Marsden – Diet and Digestion. Kathryn gave a superb talk to us last year on the subjects of diet and digestion, which proved to be extremely popular with the members. She has kindly agreed to return to speak to us again in September, but on this occasion, we will be changing the format of the usual presentation. We have asked Kathryn to talk about the issues that our own members may have on this vast subject. We will be asking members to give us topics on which they have concerns, and about which they would wish Kathryn to speak, and she will do her utmost to answer whatever queries are raised.

Chris Duffin – Life as a Prison Governor. Unfortunately, due to illness, Chris was unable to give her talk on this subject in February, but has kindly agreed to give her presentation at the October meeting. Entitled "From Styal to Strangeways", Chris will take a brief trip through her time in the Prison Service with experience of both male and female prisons, finishing her career as a Prison Governor at HM Prison Strangeways.

Paul Wessendorff

Membership Information

This year there has been more than the normal amount of members who have not renewed. However, our Membership now stands at 979 members. I want to once again thank all the volunteers for their help in collecting Renewal monies, handing out replacement Membership Cards and manning the 'Check-In' desk. We do realise you are giving up your free time on those days and it is very much appreciated.

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.

Wilma Stevenson
Javeau3amembership@gmail.com

ANNUAL BALL – FRIDAY 6th MAY 2011

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

Already 302 tickets have been sold and as the number will be limited you need to buy your ticket soon. You can do this by going to the Parador Meeting on Wednesday 30th March where they will be on sale from 10 am – 10.45 am. The Annual Ball table will be in the Main Hall.

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

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

COACH RESERVATION



Some members have asked me to look into the possibility of hiring one or more coaches to transport members to the Annual Ball venue at El Canor which would save members driving. The coach would pick up and drop off at various places around the Javea area. It is expected that the cost will be approximately €6-€7 per person return.

If you would be interested in travelling to the Ball by coach please e-mail Krystyna Stefanczyk at kryspoland@yahoo.com using the subject heading "May Ball – Coach Reservation". Please make sure you give your full name and those of any other members/guests you would like to reserve a place for. Indicate how many places you would wish to reserve in total and which area you live in so that it can be gauged what interest there is in this suggestion and to try to arrange pick-up and drop-off points. Alternatively you can express your interest at the Ball table at the Parador meeting on 30th March.

If there is sufficient interest then a coach/coaches will be arranged and those reserving a place will be contacted by e-mail giving full details of exact cost, pick-up and drop-off points, times etc.

Peter Speer
Events Organiser

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

GROUP NEWS

Rummikubs Group

Due to the great success of the current group - the numbers now exceed the seating in the venue - Kyrystyna has had to close the group to new members. We would like to start a second group and I am looking for a volunteer to start a new rummikubs group. Please let me know if you can help, many thanks

The **Car Treasure Hunt** group plans to hold it's next event on the 20th April anyone wishing to take part please email me.

The Art group for beginners has started, anyone wishing to join please see the group details on the web site.

John Bellinger Smith, Groups Co-ordinator.

FEATURED GROUP SOLOS SOCIAL GROUP



Group Leader: Pat Ainsley
Email: patainsleysolos@gmail.com
Tel: 965796818 Mob: 680957630

The aim of the Solos Social Group is to enable members who are on their own to build up a network of friends who would like to share a variety of activities with like-minded individuals.

We have a varied programme of events to cover as many interests as possible - theatre, cinema, travel, dining and dancing etc. - and members of the group are able to organise an activity for others to share if they wish.

Over the next few weeks we will be attending HMS Pinafore, Dining and Dancing at El Andaluz, Fashion Show, Walking plus other events.

If anyone would like to join the Solos Table at the forthcoming Javea U3A Ball on Friday 6th May they will be very welcome.

Our Group has been running for close on twenty months now, and we really feel we can make a big difference to anyone who finds themselves in the position of being on their own. If you would like to join our Solos group, please send an email to the group leader, or see Pat Ainsley at the Parador meeting.

NEW GROUPS

ART FOR BEGINNERS, GROUP 2

A new group has been formed - Art for Beginners, Group 2. The group leader is Sandy Tsalikidas and the Teacher is Judie Mellars. An initial meeting of members of the group took place on the 12th March to explain how it will operate.

The group will have the use of a room at the bar "La Brioche", which is located at Tosamar, at no cost, bar to provide coffee or drinks. The room is big and comfortable, heated and with chairs and trestle tables and lots of parking at the back of the bar. It opens out onto the pool and would be a pleasant place to work in the warmer weather. (Javea U3A already use these facilities at the "La Cholotte" for Petanque). If you are interested in joining the group please contact Sandy by e-mailing: sandytsalikidis@hotmail.com.

GROUP NEWS

The **Car Treasure Hunt Group** plans to hold an event on a quarterly basis for a fun morning of driving through lovely scenery, whilst, at the same time solving clues to the various points of interest and ending with lunch at a restaurant. These events will not take up too much time, but, given the weather and the beautiful surroundings should make for an enjoyable morning.

The next hunt is scheduled for the **20th April 2011** starting at **10.30 am** and finish with lunch at a restaurant at **1.00-1.30 pm**. 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!

Details will be sent to those members who attended the first event. If you are interested please contact me.

John Bellinger-Smith (Group Leader)

E-mail car.treasure.hunt@u3ajavea.org

Dine and Dance

A friendly group who meet about once a month to enjoy a good dinner with informal dancing. We had a great time at Venta de Posa last month, and the next venue is El Andaluz in Moraira on 2nd April. For more Dine and Dance information contact group leader.

Pat Johnson (Group Leader)

dine.dance@u3ajavea.org

Dining Out

Our next Dining Out Event will be held at Restaurant Masena on Ctra, Benitachell on **Thursday 7th April**. Members who wish to attend have been requested to advise their menu choices before the 31st March.

Peter Speer (Group Leader)

dining.out@u3ajavea.org

Family History

"Tales of Emigration and Deportation" is the topic being introduced by Vivienne at our next meeting to be held on Tuesday 19th April at 2.15pm at the usual venue of the Social Centre. New members please contact group leader if you wish to come along.

James Hodgkinson (Group Leader)

u3afamilyhistory@u3ajavea.org

The **Foodies Group** met on March 17th and held a very successful and busy meeting, with a cooking demonstration, using the halogen cooker, and resulting in a sampling of a lemon drizzle cake and a vegetable frittata, which was enjoyed by 20 plus of the many members.

At the next meeting in April, we have an exciting visitor as we have been fortunate to procure the talents of a fish and shellfish expert, importer and exporter of seafood. He is a Breton and is going to enlighten us on the delights of enjoying shellfish, especially oysters! **Because this is obviously a 'one off' demonstration, I would like to invite non food group members of the U3A to enjoy this occasion.** If you are interested in joining us for this very special tasting (free!) please contact me (gbreen@gmx.com) or contact me at the Parador meeting on March 30th. The meeting will be at the Javea Tennis Club at **4.30pm on Thursday 21st**

April. There is a limit of 60 places, so make sure you book in time!

On May 19th (a Thursday) the Foodies Group are going to Valencia for a visit to the famous indoor market. A coach has been booked and in conjunction with the Travel Group, Angela Chantry will be taking bookings for this trip as there will be quite a few seats available on the coach. The cost for the day trip will be €10, so if you are interested, be sure to see Angela at the Travel Desk at the Parador meeting on March 30th. You are free, obviously, to go where you want for the day, you do not have to come with us to the market. We are also going to a famous tapas bar for lunch!

Gillian Breen (Group Leader)

foodies@u3ajavea.org

History Group

Many thanks to Geoff Woodward for his excellent then-and-now presentation on the town of Gata, and for stepping in at short notice. Our scheduled March speaker, Clive Hedge, who was indisposed, will now give us "Jack the Ripper: Motivator or Manipulator" on June 13.

Meanwhile, our April and May meetings feature a two-part miniseries on the American Civil War (1861-65) by Fred Crowson, entitled "The Last British Civil War". Part 1, "The Rise of Confederacy", focusing on the events leading up to the war, will be at 1.15 on Monday, April 11 at the Casa de Cultura. (Part 2 will be on May 9: "The Road to Appomattox Court House", where Lee finally surrendered to Grant.)

To be added to the group's emailing list or to learn more about the group please contact me.

Peter Atkinson (Group Leader)

history@u3ajavea.org.

Not Just Folk Music Group

The next meeting of the group will be held on Monday 28th March 2011 gathering at 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start, and the session will conclude at around 10.00 pm.

Again we will be meeting at the Javea Bowls Club, The Inn on the Green, which is situated on the Cami de Cansalades between Javea and Benitachell on the road to Cansalades Park.

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

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

Paul Wessendorff (Group Leader)

Poetry for Pleasure

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5 April at 11am in the Parador. If you are interested in joining PFP, or in coming along to see what we are all about, please feel free to join us on the 5th. You will be very welcome. If you need more information about the group, please contact the group leader.

John Othick Group Leader

poetry.appreciation@u3ajavea.org

Practical Computer Knowledge

This is a self-help group (not a course) covering all aspects of personal computer hardware and software. Most sessions take the form of a round-the-table discussion where members can bring up any issues with their computer, provide information on new hardware/software and just generally share information. On occasion there is also a short presentation by a group member on some aspect of computing. Please contact the Group Leader for more information if you feel this would be of interest to you.

Tom Stevenson -Group Leader
javeaU3Acomputers@gmail.com

Quiz Night Thursday April 28th: We'll be at the same venue, El Salaito, c/l Roques, 7.30 onwards for 8pm start. Menu: Variety of tapas to start; because it was so popular I've chosen **jabali** again (wild boar) with prunes & wild rice OR **Merluza a la Vasca** (with asparagus, egg & peas); POSTRE: tarta de queso con mermelada de fresas OR mousse de limon y hierbebuena (mint); pan Y alioli, **half** bottle of wine (there was still some confusion last time but this is correct). Cost 16€ - **price includes tip**. Please order your menu **plus wine choice at time of booking** at:quiz.night@u3ajavea.org. Don't leave it too late as we had to run a waiting list last time!
Jeni and Stan Oldfield Group Leaders

Satcine

At the last Open Meeting some people wished to join the Satcine group and left an email address however we could not contact some of these as the addresses were not correct or they were commercial which could give us spam problems. If you have not heard from us please contact us on the email address below. This is the only contact system we use.

Sadly we will not be able to use The Javea Players Study for our April social show. Sheila the studio manager cannot confirm that the Studio conversions will be completed by that date. It was suggested that we look for an alternative but we do not know of any, maybe you do, if so please let us know. The date required is Saturday 9th April. Unless you hear from us again shortly, the April show is CANCELLED. Sorry.

An important update-----The show is now ON at a new venue. Details to members this Saturday 26th March

John and Beryl Chun, Group Leaders
satcine@gmail.com

Solo on Sunday

31 of us enjoyed a very nice Lunch at L'Almacera on 13th March, hosted by Colin the chef and his wife Elaine. We welcomed new members Ingrid and Joan and hope to see them again. Marian Lodge won the spot prize of a bottle of wine. Well done Marian!

Previously in February, again 31 of us were offered gastronomical delights by Cliff and Laurie at La Cocina. Again the sun shone for us making it a perfect afternoon. We again welcomed new members Beryl, Christine, Mo and Roy, who we hope to see again. Ted won the spot prize of a bottle of whisky, well done Ted!

April 10th at 1.30 the venue will be Club Nautica in the Port. Very reasonable prices and in beautiful settings.

Menus will be distributed by email. So, if you would like to join us, simply email memarionapril@hotmail.com or telephone 86 646 3389
Hope to see you all there.

Marion Monsell (Group Leader)



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



INFORMATION



Agencies Offering Discounts to Javea U3A Members

Over recent months, a number of additional agencies have offered discounts to our members on the goods and services they provide. Full details are available on the Discounts Page on the Javea U3A Website, but I show below a resumé of the additional items now on offer.

Car Servicing and Repair

Taller Larry, 48 Calle Pozo, Benitachell. Offering a 20% discount on servicing and repairs.

The Garage , Avenida de Ondarra, Javea. Offering 10% discount on repairs and servicing. Also has a special offer of a winter service for €49.

Hairdressing

Candy's. Ronda Sur, Javea. Offering a range of discounts on various services for cuts, blow dry, colouring, and perms etc.

Home Maintenance

Alan Winstanley, Javea. Offering 10% – 15% discounts on a range of services for home maintenance, electrical, and air-conditioning work.

Cress Poole. Offering a 20% discount for house maintenance, tile cleaning and anti-slip treatments.

Home Care Services

Goldberg and Partners, Javea. Offering a 10% discount on home care for children and the elderly including house cleaning and other services. House rental management.

Quality Tropical Cabanas, Javea. Offering 10% discount on Authentic Tropical Cabanas built by skilled craftsmen using authentic materials imported from Brazil.

Caravan/Motorhome Insurance

Hermanos Corro, Javea. Offering 10% discount on all new policies.

House and Car Insurance

Andrew Turner Agency for Liberty Seguros. Offering up to 20% discount for car and house insurance. Discounts on other types of insurance also available.

Postal & Courier Services

Letters R US, Moraira. 10% discount offered to all U3A members on sending passport applications/renewals to Madrid, and on all shop purchases.

Restaurants

Kashas Restaurant, Teulada. 10% discount offered on all meals on production of U3A membership card.

Basilica Italian Restaurant, Javea. 10% discount offered on all a la carte and menu del dia/noche, excluding Saturday evenings and any festive occasions.

Cosmetics

Avon Agent Bonnie Wills. 10% discount offered on make-up, facial creams, products for feet, body and hair. Also lingerie, jewellery, perfume and gifts. Now also includes men's facial range of products.

Airport Car Parking

Airport Long-term Parking SL, Liam Higginson. 15% discount off all rates (less 1 year long-term contract) on production of U3A membership card.

Paul Wessendorff



INFORMATION

Javea Cultural Programme - February 2011

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

<http://www.ajxabia.com/sites/default/files/cultura-marc.pdf>.

CARE AND SHARE TEAM	<p>The Team offers support and practical assistance to others within the Javea U3A who, like the team members, have suffered loss. If you would like further information please come and talk to us at the general meeting or email: caresharepat@u3ajavea.org or careshareineke@u3ajavea.org</p> <p>Ineke Butcher</p>
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BOOK SWAP & AUDIO BOOK SWAP Barbara will be pleased to see you at the Parador meeting, Remember to bring along your books or audio books. There is a small charge of 50c if you have no book to swap. This money will go towards the U3A chosen charity.

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

A collection box for used **Postage Stamps** will be by the DVD and Book swap table. These stamps will be given to the Royal British Legion for their support fund, so please remember to bring Books, DVDs and now stamps as well to future meetings.

For Sale, Recycle or Wanted Board Jean is unable to do the Sale, Recycle and Wanted ad's this month. If you wish an ad. to go on the board please take it to the Parador on Wednesday and ask Carol Pilgram to display it for you.



CHARITIES



CARITAS

Caritas is the main charity that Javea U3A will be supporting this year. In 2010 they were most grateful for the kind donations and fund-raising events that were held on their behalf, resulting in much needed funding being made available to support them in their efforts to provide help and assistance to those in great need in the Javea area. Our efforts really did make a difference and Caritas are very grateful for all the donations members are making. We hope to be undertaking more fund raising events later this year and we will be asking for ideas and support from members to be able to do this.

Meanwhile there will be a box for Members to donate food items to Caritas at each monthly meeting at the Parador Hotel – the next one being on the 30th March. Tins, dried goods and jars are all suitable but please ensure they are in-date and in an acceptable condition.

You can also leave food items and other items, such as clothes, furniture etc. for this charity at the Fisherman's Church in the Port, Caritas Nuestra Sra. De Loreto, calle Pio X11 9, Aduanas del Mar, telephone 965792220, mobile 619689311. They are open on a Monday from 1800-1930 hours. They suggest you bring tins of tuna, biscuits, cola cao and quesitos. You can also donate food and clothes in the Old Town – Caritas de la Parroque de San Bartolome de Javea. They are open from 1600-1700 hours on a Monday. The address is Carrer Llotgeta – in the little road next to Casa del Cultura.

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

MABS CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

MABS are running 2 events in April to raise funds for the charity:

a. Race for Life -

(1) Starts at **Sol Park in Moraira at 11.00 am on 3rd April**. Report in for a Warm-up at 10.30 am (2) Run or walk - this will be your choice. (3) Course is not arduous, and is mainly on the flat around the Moraira area. (4) Entrance fee is 10 Euros, with all proceeds going to MABS. You can download an entry form by going on to the u3ajavea.org web site and following the link on the home page.

b. Book Sale at Iceland Store in Javea on Saturday 16th April.

(1) Stall will be open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. (2) Books will be sold at 1 Euro each. (3) Please hand in any unwanted books to the stall holders on the day. (4) All proceeds will be going to MABS.

Contact for both of the above events is Lin Jones, on 96-647-0187, E-Mail lintel3@gmail.com.

'HELP' ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

The Art Centre Association in Javea will be having an Antiques Roadshow on Sunday May 8th. Their yearly 'Arty Farty Garden Party' will be open to members of the public and will benefit the charity, 'HELP' of Denia and Marina Alta.

The HELP Antiques Roadshow will be an all day event.

This is not a fair where you can buy antiques, it is a valuation day just like on the telly. They already have nine experts, yes nine, who will be on hand to value and advise on antiques and collectibles at a charge of €3 per item for charity.

There will be food, drink and a cake stall; also a fabulous raffle with antiques as prizes.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO 'HELP' OF DENIA AND MARINA ALTA.

Items that are too large to bring to the Art Centre Garden should be photographed and sent in advance to artcentrejavea@yahoo.com

For now, this is a date for your diary but more details will be available nearer the time.

Please send an email or telephone Art Centre Chairwoman Lorely Griffiths on 966 47 20 49 for instructions and further information.

