

### From our President

Dear Members,

I hope you have all been enjoying the lovely autumn sunshine and the wonderful awe inspiring sunrises and sunsets. It is hard to believe that Christmas is only four weeks away.

The Committee and I trust that many of you can come to the final meeting for this year. We hope it will have something for everyone to enjoy. Angela will be presenting the travel programme for next year and there maybe one or two surprises.

We shall be holding a raffle in aid of Caritas with a number of really lovely prizes, including a quilt made by our Patchwork Group and the signed book given to us by Kathryn Marsden.

We would also ask for everyone coming to the meeting to bring a food item to place in the box for those people in need this Christmas.

Please support this very worthwhile charity as 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.

The Committee are now busy planning the January Open meeting where all members can come and pay their fees for next year. It was hoped we could have set up a Membership Bank Account so members could pay via their own banks account. This is now unlikely to happen this year, due to the delay in the paperwork being authorised by Alicante. In the event the paperwork is received before Christmas we will email you and publish the details on the website.

On behalf of those who attended the Christmas Meal organised by Mike Frost I would like to say a big thank you to Mike and Katrina, the food, wine and company were excellent.

Our thanks go to all Group Leaders who give up their time so willingly to making the Javea U3A such a friendly and enjoyable Society to be part of.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the November meeting, and in the event you are unable to attend, on behalf of the Committee and me we would like wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Shirley

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**Don't forget to bring a food item in aid of Caritas to the November**



### CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN JAVEA OLD TOWN

Javea Ayuntamiento have asked that we join with other ex-Pat communities to have an informal session of carol singing just prior to Christmas. It is hoped that we will have a variety of well-known carols being sung by the English, Dutch, German, Swiss and of course Spanish peoples that live in the international community in and around Javea, and hopefully some joint singing of carols common to all nationalities.

It is hoped to combine this event with one of the Spanish pre-Christmas ceremonies in the Javea Old Town, at which local children and families will be in attendance. It is planned to do this on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December**, this date to be confirmed by the Javea Ayuntamiento in the next few days. Anyone interested in joining in this venture should contact Paul Wessendorff on 96-649-3959 in the first instance, who will confirm the final details and arrangements.

Looking forward to seeing as many as can make it there.  
Paul Wessendorff Vice President

## MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL INFORMATION

Membership of the U3A is for one year - this means that you must renew your Membership in January each year.

### ***New Membership Cards:***

We are in the process of having new Membership Cards printed. These cards will have a new design and colour and will show your Name, Membership Number and Expiry Date on the reverse. The cards will be issued to everyone renewing their membership at the January meeting.

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

### ***Renewal Information:***

If you wish to continue with your Membership, you MUST attend the Parador on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January to renew your Membership.

For members who joined between September – November this 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.

**All other members should attend in January.**

As usual, in January there will be no General Meeting but the session will take the form of an "Open Meeting". Members can attend any time between 10.00am to 12.30pm to pay your subscriptions/collect your new Membership Cards, and to meet various Group Leaders. 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 <b>A - C</b>	Renewal for Members <b>D - G</b>	Renewal for Members <b>H - L</b>	Renewal for Members <b>M - R</b>	Renewal for Members <b>S - Z</b>

The annual renewal fee is €12 each and it would be helpful if you could have the **exact cash** ready in order to reduce waiting time. 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.

Should you have any questions on the above, or should there be any unforeseen circumstances why you can't renew in January, please contact me: Wilma Stevenson, email address - [javeau3amembership@gmail.com](mailto:javeau3amembership@gmail.com)

Our Membership currently stands at 1075. Any changes to details should be notified to me at the above email address.

# GROUP NEWS

As we all have time off for good behaviour next month to prepare for the festive season I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our group leaders for all the hard work and dedication they put into their group activities.

In stressful times during my life I have always tried to act on the saying "**TODAY IS THE START OF THE REST OF MY LIFE**" and I would like all of our members to take a minute to look at the wide range of group activities we have, to join a group and enjoy the friendship being in a group brings to the members in all the groups.

The January meeting at the Parador is an Open Meeting and myself and many of the Group Leaders will be available to share information on the groups. We look forward to meeting everyone who would like to join a group – please come along  
Have a great Christmas. **JBS, Groups Co-ordinator**

## FEATURED GROUP

### NOT JUST FOLK MUSIC GROUP

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Group Leader: Paul Wessendorff

Email Address: [folk.music@u3ajavea.org](mailto:folk.music@u3ajavea.org)

Meeting venue: Bull and Bear Restaurant and Pub, Benitachell - but may vary (see below).

Date and time: Normally last Monday of the month, meeting at 19.30 for 20.00 start,  
And concluding at around 22.00.

[Please contact the group leader for further information.](#)

The Not Just Folk Music Group continues to grow in both size and performance, and meet regularly at the Bull and Bear Restaurant and Pub opposite the Mas y Mas Supermarket in Benitachell. Although we originally called ourselves a folk group, we have never restricted ourselves to purely traditional or contemporary folk music. Blues, Country, amusing musical ditties, and even 60s/70s pop may be heard. Indeed, any acoustic music is most welcome at any of our sessions.

Our already active and enthusiastic group of singers and musicians, who enjoy either playing, singing, or just joining in with music from a variety of backgrounds, are continuing to attend and enjoy the monthly sessions. The aim of the group is for members to join in and enjoy impromptu sessions of music which can be from almost any section of the musical spectrum. Contributions of

any sort are always welcomed, and a wide-ranging variety of musical renditions are already being given and enjoyed by members of the group.

Any U3A members who have guitars, accordions, violins, tin whistles, spoons, or whatever tucked away in cupboards gathering dust, should take this opportunity to get together with other like-minded 'musicians' and 'singers' for informal and impromptu sessions of music. If you are not able to play an instrument, you may like to sing unaccompanied, or even just give a monologue or read some poetry. Not everyone attending need sing or play an instrument, but all are welcome to attend, if only to listen, hopefully enjoy some music in a relaxed atmosphere, and perhaps join in a chorus or two.

The schedule of meetings planned for the group during the remainder of 2010 are now as follows:

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November

This will be the final meeting for 2010. Our January meeting is scheduled for Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Full dates for meetings in 2011 will be published shortly.

Anyone wishing to join us at our next meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> November, if they have not already done so, should contact me as soon as possible to book in for our next session at the Bull and Bear, which promises to be another great, fun evening.

Anyone interested in joining the group should contact me in the first instance by E Mail to [folk.music@u3ajavea.org](mailto:folk.music@u3ajavea.org) and we look forward to hopefully seeing some new faces at our sessions during the months ahead.

Paul Wessendorff

## **TUESDAY LECTURES**

DECEMBER 7th 2010 1030 – 1230.

This will be my last lecture as Group Leader of the Tuesday Lectures. Next Year Cheda will be taking over and I hope you will give him the support that you have given me during the last two years. I do hope to appear as a lecturer on future occasions, if asked !

This time, I have planned to give lectures on two topics , the first covering the geological basis for some of the eruptions and earthquakes of 2010, and in the second part, I plan to talk about Oceanography, The Science of the Sea, and to illustrate what has been discovered about the sea in the last 50 years.

### **Lecture Synopsis**

#### **Recent Geological Events**

The geological background to the following events will be described and illustrated;

Haitian Earthquake

Icelandic Volcanic Eruption

Chinese Earthquakes

Chilean Earthquake

Christchurch Earthquake.

Mt Merapi eruption and the earthquake in the Mentawi Islands , both in Indonesia.

#### **Oceanography**

These topics will be included in this lecture;

Brief History of the Exploration of the Sea

Sea Currents

Profile of the Sea Floor

Physical conditions in the Sea, Light, Temperature, Salinity, Pressure.

Life in the Sea, Plankton, Benthos, Nekton.

The Fishing Industry.

The Abyssal Plain and Marine Trenches..

Hydrothermal Vents. Alan Oliver

## **New Groups**

### **Pet sitting circle**

Pet sitting circle is open for members and I am delighted to inform you that the Pet Sitting Circle has held its first meeting to discuss the way the group will operate.

The group is open to all members who have a pet and are willing to give some of their time to look after a member's pet and in return have a member of the group look after theirs. Ideal for those day trips or those evening dinners that may go on a little longer and all you need is someone to pop around and let them out and feed them, or if you have plans for a weekend, or even a week away, and need your pets cared for until you return.

How the group will operate:

1. Each member receives One Point for each hour, or part of an hour, of pet sitting – irrespective of number of pets
  2. Pet sitting / Care can be at either group members addresses
  3. Members contact each other to arrange sits
  4. Members email Helga, the Group Leader, to record the date and number of points earned / spent – and name of Pet Owner / Sitters.
- Flexible sits range from a brief visit to feed and exercise pet(s), to providing care for a week or more; if the latter, points to be agreed between members

To join please contact **Helga** on **96577175** or email Helga at [helga@aperfectcv.co.uk](mailto:helga@aperfectcv.co.uk)



### **Car Treasure Hunt Group**

The group plans to hold it's first treasure hunt in February to take advantage of the almond blossom (your first clue) and they are looking for members to join the group and enjoy a morning out with a spot of lunch to help get over the excitement!

The group will meet at the Mercadona Car Park near the old town at 10.30a.m. and the hunt will start from there. Members will be given their route and clues on where to find the answers to the questions, ending up at a restaurant for lunch – the incentive to successfully complete the hunt.

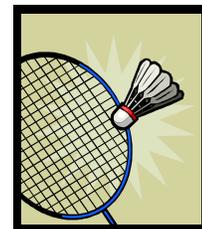
The Group will hold a treasure hunt quarterly, starting on the 23rd February 2011.

To join the group please contact John Hynd, Group Leader on 965790936 or email John at [hynd@telefonica.net](mailto:hynd@telefonica.net)

### **Proposed new groups**

The following groups have been suggested by members. Please let the Groups Co-ordinator know if you are interested in joining a group for:

Badminton  
Acrylic Painting  
Tai Chi  
10 pin bowling  
Line dancing  
Art for beginners  
Play script reading



## Group Information

### 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.

Only the Morning group meets in December, their chosen book is *I, Alex Cross* by James Patterson. Books for January are *The Crimson Room* by Katherine McMahon and *The Olive Groves of Belchite* by Elena Moya Pereira.

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)



### Card Games for Pleasure

We are a small group (6-18 people) meeting every Tuesday 3-5 p.m at The Social Centre, behind Salud in Pueblo. We would welcome new members, players and total novices, to join our friendly and non competitive group. We play various games, depending on numbers and preferences. I know you will receive a warm welcome and enjoy the games and the company. We charge €1 per week to fund small prizes. Come along and meet us or email [shirley.humphrey@gmail.com](mailto:shirley.humphrey@gmail.com)

During October, 77 members of the **Dining Out** group spent two enjoyable evenings at restaurant Mi Terraza in Javea Port. For November we decided to return to one of our favourite restaurants La Plaza 6 in Javea Park. On Thursday 11th, 41 members visited the venue and the food and service was excellent as usual. A further evening has been planned for Tuesday 23rd November at the same restaurant and we have already taken bookings from a further 43 different members.

Our December event will be on Thursday 9th December and details will be sent to all group members shortly. Peter Speer

Change to **Discussion Group's** December Meeting. This will be in the form of Christmas Lunch at the home of Gill Birch at 2pm on 5<sup>th</sup> December. All members of the group welcome. Anyone interested in this Group is also welcome. Please let Gill know if you would like to go along

so she can cater for numbers involved - [depgroupcoord@u3ajavea.org](mailto:depgroupcoord@u3ajavea.org).

### Family History

A Christmas theme is planned for our next meeting on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December in a local restaurant. Please note that this is a changed date from that previously advertised.

Have you got common ancestors with any members of our group? We now have a list of surnames our members are researching which can be accessed by the Family History Group page on the web site. James Hodgkinson



The November meeting of the **Foodies Group** traditionally takes place at the Javea Market, because our meeting place at the Tennis Club is closed in November. The December meeting is going to take the form of a Christmas lunch, so we will gather at 1p.m. at the Javea Tennis Club, where, instead of Christmas (English!) lunch we are going for traditional Spanish. Make sure you book your place for 16<sup>th</sup> December and let Gillian know - [ggreen@gmx.com](mailto:ggreen@gmx.com) - if you would like to join us. The meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011 is going to have an exciting new format, so be sure to be there!

### History Group

The next History Group meeting is **Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup>** in the Casa de Cultura at 1.15. This is the continuation of Peter Atkinson's talk on the subject "Texas, From Spanish Colony to NASA HQ: The Lone Star State". The second part stands alone in its own right and is "Reconstruction to Apollo XI".

Members who are interested in joining the group please contact the Group Leader, Sally Wells

### Not Just Folk Music

The next meeting will be on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November at the Bull and Bear Restaurant and Pub in Benitachell - 19.30 for 20.00 start. Anyone wishing to join at this meeting should contact the -group Leader Paul Wessendorf - [folk.music@u3ajavea.org](mailto:folk.music@u3ajavea.org). See web site for further information. January meeting Monday 31<sup>st</sup>



### **Practical Computer Knowledge**

This is a self-help group for users of Windows-based personal computers. We normally meet on the second Tuesday of each month at L'Anкора Tennis Club. The format varies, usually some kind of short presentation followed by topics of interest submitted by the 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 me at [pck@javeau3a.org](mailto:pck@javeau3a.org)  
Tom Stevenson

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**Quiz Night** on Dec 9<sup>th</sup> unfortunately is all booked up. You can put your name on a waiting list if you wish by emailing [stanjenoldfield@gmail.com](mailto:stanjenoldfield@gmail.com)

### **Solos on Sunday**

21 of us enjoyed an exceptionally nice lunchtime on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> at L'Almacera. Could not fault the varied dishes and the owners Elaine and Colin the Chef did a superb job. My thoughts were not to hold a Solo on Sundays in December as there is so much going on at this time....but due to popular request we will be meeting up on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 at the new restaurant Atalaya, upper level on the promenade (above Scallops). Just ring or email me. If you have not joined our Group before, please come along. See you there and if not, have yourself a Very Happy Christmas! Email - [solo.on.sunday@u3ajavea.org](mailto:solo.on.sunday@u3ajavea.org) Marion Monsell

### **Solos Social Group**

Monday 29 November - Curry Night/Indian Palace, Meet at 7.30pm. Please contact Keith Yeulett to reserve place

Wednesday 1 December - Fashion Show & Lunch Leonis Restaurant, Sol Park, Moraira 1230 for 1pm. Occasion of Jalon. Please contact Wendy Turner to reserve.

Saturday 11 December - Dinner Dance El Andaluz, meet at 8pm in bar, three course dinner plus wine Contact Pat Ainsley to reserve  
New Years Eve Bash Dinner Dance at El Andaluz to celebrate the New Year, anyone welcome. Cost approx 80€ to include excellent dinner with unlimited wine, cava etc. If you

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would like to join us and receive regular updates of our activities, email [Patainsleysolos@gmail.co](mailto:Patainsleysolos@gmail.co)

### **Travellers' Tales**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, when Fabio Bezoari will be giving his dvd presentation on "*The Land of Enchantment - New Mexico*". Venue: the Javea Players' Studio (in the road behind Book World Espana, Javea pueblo) - 11.30 a.m. for a 12 p.m. start. Our Christmas get together this year will be on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, when Chris & Gerald Dobson will be telling us all about "*Tasmania*". This meeting will take place at Restaurante El Andaluz, on the Benitachell to Moraira road - 11.30 a.m. for a 12 p.m. start, with a 3 course menu del dia to follow at 1.15 p.m. - 11 euros p.p. - payable either on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov, or at the general meeting (you will be given a copy of the menu to complete your menu choices). New members always welcome! Angela Chantry.

### **Wine Appreciation**

The next meeting will take place at La Cocina on 1<sup>st</sup> December at 1.30 pm and will be Christmas Lunch. Bookings will be on first come first served basis. Email Steve Collins on [mr\\_steve\\_collins@hotmail.com](mailto:mr_steve_collins@hotmail.com)

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



## INFORMATION

### 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 or  
careshareangela@u3ajavea.org  
**Angela Chantry**



**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 and the 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.

All of the stamps you have donated so far, including a collection of stamps, have been passed to the Javea branch of the Royal British Legion where they will be sorted and auctioned. The money raised will go to the Poppy Appeal.

**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 Tuesday 23 November.



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