

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE: JAVEA
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NEWSLETTER October 2009

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This month our speaker (back by popular demand) is Michael Bulleid who gave such an interesting and humorous presentation last year on the activities of the criminal justice system in the UK, I am sure we will all enjoy his talk and learn a little bit more about how the justice system works.

PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Members,

We are now in October and I am beginning to wonder where the year has gone and as always the U3A Javea calendar has been full, with lots more activity happening over the coming months. The Travel Group has been busy planning lots of Trips and Christmas social activities, and all of the Groups have restarted after the summer break. As ever finding accommodation for all of the Groups has proven to be challenging and we must say a big thank you to Elizabeth Collins for working so hard to find the right places for all Groups to meet. As more Groups start, accommodation is becoming a bigger problem, something the Committee will need to address over the coming months. Sadly, the Ayuntamiento has only been able to offer limited access to classrooms and at a cost of €25 per member per year, which is too expensive for most of our groups, particularly if they only meet once a month.

Wilma Stevenson has been very busy organising and planning the meeting for our Associate members in November. This will enable them to meet the Committee and allow us to listen to their comments regarding the Society's activities.

I hope all is well with you and your families and look forward to seeing many of you at the meetings being held over the next couple of weeks.

Shirley King

*****MEMBERSHIP*****

The Committee are currently considering capping membership of the Association, and suspending future applications for membership until further notice. A decision will be announced at the next meeting at the Parador on 16th November 2009.

The *total membership* at present is 1003 members – being 727 Full membership and 276 Associate membership. At the September Parador meeting we had 40 new members join. A total of 77 Associates have been transferred to Full membership. These Associates joined our 'Waiting List' between the period December 2007 and May 2008! For information, our Associates have a membership number greater than 1100. A meeting has been arranged in early November at which some

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of the Committee and Group Leaders will be meeting with Associate Members to discuss progress over the past year. **Wilma Stevenson:** javeau3amembership@gmail.com

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Committee has two vacancies: one is for a Treasurer and the other is for a Groups Coordinator. Both of these roles are open to Full and Associate Members. There has been one applicant for the role of Treasurer, and therefore the closing date for applications for this post is 14th November. For further information regarding either of these roles please contact **Shirley King**.

“Care & Share” Team

- we would like to say a very big “thank you” to all the members who have offered assistance with

- ✓ Transport
- ✓ Spanish translation
- ✓ General maintenance

I am sorry that the email contacts given last month were incorrect, so if you have been unable to get in touch with us, do please email again on: caresharepat@u3ajavea.org or careshareangela@u3ajavea.org if you feel that you would like to be involved and can offer assistance in any of the above areas. Please include your landline and mobile numbers. I would like to thank everyone who offered advice on sorting out my shower head – I’m delighted to say it is now functional again (soaking in vinegar did the trick!).

Angela Chantry

St. Valentine’s Ball – Friday 12th February 2010

Tickets are now on sale (priced at 35€) for our *St. Valentine’s Ball*, to be held at *Salones Carrasco* in Javea – a delightful venue with easy access and plenty of parking. The evening will commence with a cava reception between 7.30-8.15 p.m., followed by a 4-course dinner: please see the website for full details of the menu (choice of meat or fish) and the vegetarian option. A copy can also be found on the notice board in the main hall, and at the ticket sales desks. Music for dancing will be provided by *Paulette* and *John Curtis*. During the evening there will be a free raffle, drawn from ticket numbers. Dress: smart / evening wear.

We will also be selling tickets for a separate raffle in aid of the proposed Day Centre at the Convent de Marta y Maria in Javea Old Town – the Centre will care for the elderly and those suffering from Alzheimer’s. There are some lovely prizes to be won and tickets are priced at just 1€ each, and they will also be available for purchase at the meetings of several of the individual Groups.

Javea U3A members are being given first priority in buying tickets for the Ball, but we suggest you do not delay as *any tickets which remain unsold* will be available for purchase for members’ friends at the November meeting, and will also be offered to members of other local U3As, at the slightly increased price of 40€ for non-members, the additional monies collected being added to our charity donation. *So come and see Karen* who will be at the ticket sales desk located in the foyer outside the main hall, and *Marie and Angela* who will be manning a desk in the Travel Organisers’ Room, which is on the right just beyond the gift shop as you enter the Parador.

Angela will take bookings for any individual members who may like to join the Solos Social Group table, and will also take reservations for tables (seating from 8 up to 20) from any members who would like to make up a group together – in fairness to everyone, the available round tables will be allocated according to when full payment for a table reservation has been received. It will save time if you email your table request with names and menu choices (meat/fish or vegetarian) to Angela in advance, and your tickets will then be ready in an envelope for you to collect at the meeting in exchange for your payment - angelachantry@gmail.com

WALKING TREASURE HUNT: The last event of this year's activity is a planned Walking Treasure Hunt around Benissa on Thursday 19th November. As before the starting time will be 10:30. Open to all members Come along and find out that there is more to Benissa than the N332! Includes lunch & prizes for the winners. €15 per person. Teams will be decided on the day unless previously requested. Names and subscriptions to **Organiser: Paul Pruden** in the Travel Group room or reservations to javea-u3a-wth@hotmail.com Maximum 32 participants.

TUESDAY LECTURE PROGRAMME 2009 - 2010

November. 3rd 1030 – 1230 at the Casa de Cultura Javea. Pueblo

Cheda Panajotovic gave us a brilliant start on the 6th October for our Tuesday lecture programme with his illustrated talk on “Art Appreciation”. For this month, we have invited Christine Ord , Group Leader of the Denia U3A Astronomy Group to give us a lecture on “The Solar System”. Christine worked in IT in the UK but on retiring took up an interest in Astronomy. On coming to Spain she joined the Javea and District Astronomy Society and played a major part in their incorporation into the Denia U3A, and now heads up their most impressive and active Astronomy Group. We hope you will support this event. All are welcome. There is no charge, apart from the coffee, and no reservation is necessary.

Organiser: Alan Oliver

NEW GROUPS INFORMATION – *Elizabeth Collins, Groups Co-ordinator*

NEW GROUP SUGGESTION..... U3A Somerset Maugham Appreciation Group

Sylvia Cresswell is willing to lead a discussion group on the life and work of W. Somerset Maugham. There will be six sessions, one per month, each devoted to a nominated book. A DVD of the film based on the book may be shown at some of the sessions.

It is hoped to use an early evening slot, say 5pm – 7pm. Hopefully a room with facilities for DVDs will be available. Anyone interested please email Sylvia on sylvia_hugo@yahoo.co.uk (Note the underscore after Sylvia i.e. sylvia_hugo) or phone 96 579 2316.

TUESDAY LECTURE SERIES – Congratulations to Ceda on a very interesting and entertaining first Lecture. I hope that many more of you will attend the second Lecture.

VENUE - Those of you who attended group meetings at the Artisano cafe should have been contacted by your Group Leader to inform you of the new venue your group will be using. If you missed this, then please contact your group leader before the next session is due.

PAGING ALL DOCTORS.....

Dr Bob Grainger has finally decided to roll up the bandages and has decided not to run any more of his popular First Aid Courses.

Are there any other members who are active or retired Doctors who would be willing to run short courses or one/off First Aid, or What to do in an Emergency sessions for Javea U3A?

These courses are very popular and very useful, so if you are willing to help, please contact me to discuss. elizabethgroupscordinator@gmail.com

GROUPS COORDINATOR VACANCY – I am extremely disheartened, not to say disappointed, that there has been no response to the request for members to come forward to discuss this role.

Now that we have such a large and solid base of groups established and venues found, all we need is someone to keep the work coordinated and represent the groups at Committee level. Two bright and willing people have stepped forward to act as the support and team mates of the Groups Coordinator, so that the role to be filled will not be as arduous as it has been in the past. The new person would create their own position and not have to assume or follow exactly what I have done in the past. I will give you my support until you are happy to take over fully.

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By the end of this month, I shall find it extremely difficult to continue in this role, so I hope that in answer to this plea some, or at least one of you, male, female, full or associate member will contact either Shirley King or me to discuss if this is something in which you might wish to become involved.
Elizabeth Collins – Groups Coordinator

ONGOING GROUPS

BOOK CLUB: We meet at members' homes on the third Monday of each month from 3-5pm. We do have a waiting list, but if you are interested in joining the Book Club or would like more information, please contact Pru Hughes at pru.bookclub@gmail.com

Books for the next two meetings are as follows:

Night Train to Lisbon by Pascal Mercier

The Virgin Blue by Tracy Chevalier

Organiser: Pru Hughes

COMPUTER GROUPS

PRACTICAL COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE: A couple of people have withdrawn from the group over the summer months and there is therefore an opportunity for some new members to join us. The Group provides a forum within which U3A members can discuss issues arising from their use of computers and seek help from others in the group, with the aim of enhancing everyone's use of computing. The pooled experience of members provides a means of identifying "best practice" in computer use, for example in word processing, video editing, computer backups etc. and allows informed discussion about the possible approaches to using computers for common tasks, such as the production of newsletters, photo archives, web browsing, etc. On occasion, short talks are also given on generic topics of interest, for example anti-virus software, Desktop vs. Laptop, storage mediums, Windows Vista and so on. None of this is to an advanced level!

If you are interested in joining us please either send me an email or give me a call (see Contact List for details). **Organiser: Tom Stevenson**

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) PARTNERS GROUP: Thankyou to all those who have offered support to others. We are now able to offer help with Windows, Microsoft Office applications, genealogy, setting up of email accounts, web site creation, organising photographs, design and construction of databases and Internet searches. If you would like support in these areas of software or if you would like to offer support for other software please contact **Organiser: Dodie Hodgkinson** on IT.Partners@u3ajavea.org See the web site for a proforma for submitting information.

Some U3A members do not, yet have an email address. Even if you do not have the Internet at home you can have your own email address which can be accessed in an internet café, the library etc. If you would like to set up an email address using Gmail please contact me. There are no account charges for doing this.

NB Computer repairs and hardware issues do not come within the scope of this group.

CULTURAL ARTS:

PLEASE NOTE!! In future you are kindly requested to arrive at the CA desk with an envelope containing the correct payment and with your name and the name of the concert/s which you wish to attend printed on the outside of the envelope. This will help to reduce queuing time for those members who do come prepared!

Thursday 29th October: "Leigh Orpheus Male Voice Choir"

The choir was founded in 1968, and aims to foster public appreciation of choral music - regular tours are made to prestigious venues in both the U.K. and Europe and these have enabled the choir's reputation to continue to grow. The choir has a wide and varied repertoire ranging from 16th century madrigals to opera and songs from the shows, and modern popular music. The Concert will take place in the Teulada Town Hall, 18.30 hrs-21.15 hrs. Tickets:10€ available from Angela.

Saturday 31st October: "The Wireless Years"

Jerry Lane's exceptionally popular show, to be held at the Espai La Senieta, Moraira, with curtain up at 20.00 hrs. Please note that in order to prevent any disturbance to the unique atmosphere created in this show, the **doors will be closed at 19.55 hrs** and there will be no further admittance until the interval. There will be a raffle in aid of the Costa Blanca Samaritans. All tickets have been sold – names to Angela for reserve list only.

Tuesday 10th November: "Oklahoma" The musical "Oklahoma" will be performed by the Footlights Theatre Group in the Casa de Cultura, Calpe, commencing at 20.00 hrs. Those participating should collect their ticket/s from Angela in the foyer at 19.30 hrs on the night.

Tuesday 1st December: "Wait until dark"

An entertaining and suspenseful thriller, to be performed by the Javea Players at the Union Musical Theatre, Gata, from 30th Nov to 5th Dec, at 20.00 hrs. There will be free parking available at the end of the street. For this production the Javea Players will support a worthy charitable cause and for every ticket sold, 1€ will be donated to charity. The U3A group will attend on **Tuesday 1st December**, at the discounted price of 8€ (full price 10€). Please collect your ticket/s from Angela in the foyer on the night at 19.30 hrs.

For further information on any of the above concerts, please see Angela, located in the Travel Room (on the right just beyond the gift shop as you enter the Parador). For other local events of interest, please visit the Cultural Arts page on the website www.u3ajavea.org

Organiser: Angela Chantry

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY: Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 27th October at the Javea Social centre at 1.45 pm. The subject is the use of flash photography. A reminder to anyone who has any interesting flash pictures, please bring them with you on a memory pin with a USB connection.

Organiser: Tom Miller

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY (BEGINNERS): The new Beginners Digital Photography group had their first meeting this month. The aim of the group is to explore the basic settings on a digital compact camera and use a simple digital editing programme (Picasa) on the computer to improve photography. There will be a photographic project each month providing the opportunity to try out the different techniques and ideas shared on the course. The first group, which is full, will meet once a month for 8 months. If successful and there is a demand it may be possible to run similar courses in the future. I already have some further expressions of interest. If you want to add your name to the list please email me at: - digital.photography@u3ajavea.org **Organiser: Dodie Hodgkinson**

DISCUSSION GROUP: The next meeting of the Discussion group will be held on Friday, 6th November in the Sala de Terapia 2, first door on right side on first floor of the Javea Social Centre. Time 16.00 – 18.00 hrs. The subject for discussion will be: *Is there a difference between Wisdom and Intelligence?* Please turn up at the Social Centre, or for more information, contact **Organiser: Gill Birch** by telephone after 30th October.

DINE AND DANCE: Next event is the dinner dance at El Andaluz on 24th October. November venue not yet agreed but group members will be advised. Contact **Organiser: Pat Wykes Johnson.**

DINING OUT: In October, 46 members of the group spent an enjoyable evening at Restaurant Masina. Our next event will be on Thursday 5th November at Restaurant Los Remos at the Arenal.

Organiser: Peter Speer

FACETS OF FASHION: The date and time of our next meeting will be 2.30 pm at the Parador Hotel, on Tuesday 27th October. We will meet in the coffee lounge when the topic for discussion this month's meeting will be 'The Effect of Rationing on Fashion during the 1940s'. Subsequent topics will include 'Rennie Mackintosh and the Art Deco Movement 1920-40' and 'The Changing Shape of Fashion'. I hope you find these fashion ideas interesting and we look forward to seeing you in October when you will have the opportunity to join us in our informal discussion. If you would like more information, please email me or telephone on 965 058237. **Organiser: Vivienne Sullivan**

FAMILY HISTORY: At the last meeting Maureen Storey-Jones' talked about how she developed her interest in Family History by researching the ancestry of Denys Corbet (1826-1909) a Guernsey poet, artist and schoolmaster. By then tracing her own family tree back she established the ancestral links. She is island born and bred.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th November at 2.15pm at the usual venue of the Social Centre. This will be just following Remembrance Sunday when Carol and Peter Whitehead will be co-ordinating an event entitled "What my Ancestors did in the War". Members are encouraged to bring along photos, memorabilia and family stories.

Organiser: James Hodgkinson

FOLK MUSIC: The Folk Music Group is still meeting regularly on the last Wednesday of each month, and I trust that all members of the Group have been practising and keeping their voices in good order over the summer months? The next meeting of the group will again be held at No 144 Les Fonts on Wednesday 28 October 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 Should anyone require directions on where to find No 144 Les Fonts, again let me know, and I will send details of how best to approach through Benitachell and find us in the Les Fonts Urbanisation below the village. 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 28 October. **Organiser: Paul Wessendorff**

FOODIES GROUP: In October, Dorothy Murphy gave a very knowledgeable and anecdotal presentation on how to cook gluten free. She has a background as a pharmacist, was diagnosed with Coeliac disease in adulthood and went on to run a successful hotel which also catered for coeliacs (pronounced see-liac). Dorothy told us how even a small amount of gluten can cause damage to a sufferer which may take 18 months to 2 years for the gut to heal. We thank Dorothy for an interesting and enlightening presentation which was very well received.

For the November 19th meeting we will meet at the Social Centre at 10.30 am, by the Open Market in Javea town centre, break into groups with a Spanish speaking leader, peruse the stalls and ask questions etc. For those who do not have to rush away we will meet for a drink and chat at the social centre to share our findings. We will confirm the meeting up time before we disperse around the market. **Organiser: Barbara Craven**

HISTORY GROUP: The next History Group talks are –

Monday the 26th October: "**I Have Seen Auschwitz**" presented by Fabio Bezoari at **14.30** hrs in the **Javea Players Studio**. Please note that this is an additional presentation and is not in our new venue.

Monday 9th November: "**The Maya – Divine Kings of the Rain Forest**" presented by Maureen Stanley in the **Casa de Cultura** at **12.00** hrs.

New members who are interested in joining the group please contact **Organiser: Sally Wells**

LET'S TALK JAVEA: We had our second monthly session at Lounge 29 on the 21st. Our talks ranged over the underground car parks, their under usage, overcharges, exorbitant costs and potential ways to encourage more use of 'em. We moved into *sewerage* issues. It was thought that residents' views on this issue should be made known in the Press.

This Sunday (24 Oct) is *car free day* in the Javea Town centre which led us to talk about the Urban Mobility Study presented at the A21 session on October 6th. A summary in English can be found by clicking onto <http://agenda21-xabia.wikidot.com/urban-mobility-plan> A quick summary indicates little of further help for those living outside Javea's key urban areas. This led us onto the number of roundabouts that are growing about as fast as acorns, rather than mushrooms.

If foreign folk here In Javea still wish to be recognized officially, they will need to respond to a letter that they should (but may not) receive, asking for them *to reregister (each personally) on the Padrón*, and to *check their presence on the Electoral Roll (Censo)* in the same office. The relevant office for this is now in the Planning/Urbanismo/Foreigner Relations office. Identity papers will be needed.

The A21 *jute bag project* continues apace. When time allows, it may expand into tackling locally excessive packaging. Shopping sites, possibly not yet targetted were kindly suggested. A further

suggestion was made as to the existence (or creation) of a professional project audit commission, that would evaluate the rationale, terms and conditions of all large municipal contracts, holding to account those responsible for failures.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th November. **Organiser: Tim Ladd**

MAHJONG GROUP: Due to the closure of the Artisano Cafe the Mahjong Group will be meeting with immediate effect at their new venue: Parador Javea, at 3 o'clock - Tuesday afternoons.

Organiser: Kay Thomas

POETRY FOR PLEASURE: Our October meeting was the first at which we adopted a new approach. In addition to our normal readings and discussion of poems members chose to bring along, we also gave over some of our time to a more detailed discussion of just one poem by Dylan Thomas, which all of us had read in advance. As this proved to be a great success, we have now decided that we will choose in advance a poem of the month for each of our meetings. The idea is that each group member should have the opportunity to select a poem for all of us to read. So, at our meeting on November 17th (11am at the Parador, as usual), we will be choosing a poem of the month to be discussed at the following session. As always, members are encouraged to bring along any poem of their choice, regardless of whether it is by one of the great names, or by an unheard of newcomer. New members are welcome to join us. Please contact the group leader for more details. **Organiser: John Othick**

QUIZ NIGHT: Next one is December 1st, a Thursday, at our popular new venue, La Polenta in Teulada. As it is smaller than Bar Med numbers will have to be on a first come basis. If you'd like to come please choose your menu from below and email it to me at: stanjenioldfield@gmail.com or give your name and €15 pp to Stan at the October Parador meeting. The quiz begins at 8pm so arrive any time from 7.30pm. It is in Av. Mediterraneo in Teulada, on the right going down just before the last lights. Menu: (All home baked) Cream of pumpkin soup with oil of basil OR scrambled egg with black sausage & mushrooms. 2nd course: roast chicken & vegetables OR salmon cakes with caramelised onion, plus bread & alioli y tomate, pud & glass of wine. See you there! **Organisers: Jeni and Stan Oldfield**

RUMMIKUBS: *CHANGE OF VENUE* - We are now playing every Wednesday at 3.00pm at Bar Quo Vadis (opposite Arenal Campsite). For more information ring or email **Organiser: Krystyna Stefanczyk**

SATCINE: Saturday, 10th October was the date of our first show and a small queue had formed ready for the doors to open at 7.30pm despite the fact that all the 45 seats were booked in advance. We had a full house and a very sociable house of U3A members greeting old friends and making new friends aided by a free drink and nibbles as it was a first night. The film shown was thought provoking, non violent with a happy ending and from what I have been told everyone had a great evening.

To date we have 88 members who are advised of the next film two weeks before the showing and the first 45 to apply will be invited to attend, so by the time you read this no doubt all the seats will have been taken for our next show in November. **Organiser: John Chun** at satcine@gmail.com

SCRAPBOOKING: I would be happy to do a 1 to 1 session with anyone who would be interested, at a time that suits us both, all you need to do is to bring photos. **Organiser: Barbara Gorrod**

SOLO ON SUNDAYS: Hi Everybody, our next and last luncheon for this year will be held at Basilico (Italian) Restaurant on Sunday 8th November at 1.30pm. We look forward to seeing old friends and new, so come along and enjoy the good food and nice surroundings. **Organiser: Marion Monsell**

SOLOS SOCIAL GROUP:

Wednesday 25th November: There will be a Solos table for the "End of term lunch" at L'Hort Restaurant. Three course menu, with wine, water, coffee, and free raffle.

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Saturday 5th December: There will be a Solos table for the Christmas Dinner Dance at the Javea Golf Club, with dancing to *Paulette*.

Friday 25th December: Come and join the fun on the Solos table for the Christmas Day lunch at Restaurante El Andaluz, on the Benitachell to Moraira road. Music for dancing by *Duo Romance*.

Saturday 26th December: walk off all the calories on our 2-hour Boxing Day walk! Meet at the Sales Office up at Cumbre del Sol at 09.50 hrs.

Friday 12th February: bookings are being taken for the Solos table at the St. Valentine's Ball, to be held at Salones Carrasco, with music for dancing by *Paulette* and *John Curtis*.

See the full programme for our Group at www.u3ajavea.org and click on our home page. If you would like to join us and receive regular updates of our activities, email Angela or ask today for a copy of our autumn programme. **Organiser: Angela Chantry**

SPANISH:

Spanish for beginners started on 1 October at the Social Centre in the pueblo next to the Centro de Salud. Because of high interest we started off in two classes but now numbers have dwindled and I have amalgamated the two classes into one. This class now meets from 11.15 -12.15 am on most Thursdays at the Social Centre, starting on 29 October.

Continuation Spanish started on October 6 at the PSOE in the Casa del Pueblo. However, from next week onwards this class will take place at the Centro Social on most Thursdays from 10 - 11am.

Organiser: Heidi Hancock

SNOOKER: Following upon the closure of Snooker Group 2, for lack of support, there is now only one Snooker group which meets at 11.30 every Friday at Jaspers in Cabo de la Nao. There may be one or two vacancies in the Group so please contact the Group Leader if you are interested in joining. Some experience of playing snooker in pairs is required, and we cannot accommodate beginners, at present. **Organiser: Steve Collins**

TRAVELLERS' TALES GROUP: Our next presentation will be given by Fabio Bezoari, on Tuesday 17th November at the Javea Players' Studio, in the road behind Book World Espana (a few doors up from Bar Fuentes). This will be a "double bill" – *Colours and sounds of Wyoming + Colours of Utah* (dvd presentations). Please arrive at 11.30 a.m. for a 12 p.m. start. Names are now being taken for our Christmas get-together at Las Brisas Restaurant, on Tuesday 8th December, when John & Ann Boot will be giving their talk (postponed from September due to the torrential rain), on "A drive from Florida to Vermont, and back". Price for the "Christmas Cracker" lunch (inc. tip), will be 12.50 euros. Please check the website www.u3ajavea.org to see our full programme through to September 2010. **Organiser: Angela Chantry**

WALKING GROUPS

GENTLE WALKS: Please contact **Jean Miller** at jeandepgroupcoord@yahoo.co.uk phone - 966 074 021 or **Karen White** at karen.l.boddy@gmail.com

HEALTH WALKS: The Health Walking group has produced a guide describing a number of the walks that this group has performed over the last year or so. The guide is 42 pages and contains over 20 walks. For each walk there is an overview of the walk including how much ascent is involved and what the walking surface is like. There is also a detailed step by step description of how to follow the route along with a map showing the route. This is ideal for those who cannot make the Monday walks and especially useful for showing guests the lanes and countryside around Javea. Get your copy before they all go. Only 5 euros, profits to charity. On sale at the next Parador meeting.

Organiser: Karen White

INTERMEDIATE WALKS: Please see website for details of programme. **Organiser: Karen White**

MOUNTAIN WALKING GROUP: Organiser: Al Knight's schedule for the monthly walk, meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 9.30am at the Tourist Office car park in Benitachell is as follows:

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5 th November	Benimaurell	4 hours	8km	300m ascent
3 rd December	Castell de Castells	4 hours	10km	300m ascent
7 th January 2010	Val d'Ébo	3.5 hours	9km	250m ascent
4 th February	Javea	4 hours	14km	200m ascent
4 th March	Benimaurell	4.5 hours	12km	300m ascent
1 st April	Famorca	3.5 hours	6km	350m ascent
5 th May	Castell de Castells	3.5 hours	10km	250m ascent
3 rd June	Loma Larga	4.5 hours	8km	350m ascent

WINE APPRECIATION:

Lunchtime Wine Appreciation Group: Next meeting Wednesday 21st October at 12.00 pm at La Cocina. **Organiser: Steve Collins**

Evening Wine Appreciation Group: The next meeting will be at our new venue of La Cocina where a 2 course meal will form a part of the evening. It is on Wednesday 11th November at 6.00 pm when we shall be looking at and tasting the wines of Utiel-Requena. **Organiser: Steve Collins**

***** **FOR ALL OTHER GROUPS**, please contact the relevant **group leader**, or visit the **website** at www.u3ajavea.org *****

TRAVEL 2009

Please see the Travel Section on the website for our programme of day trips and excursions being planned for 2010 – a copy will be available to view in the Travel Room.

Xativa 9th September - there are still some minor refunds to be collected. Please see me at the October meeting in the Travel room. **Organiser: John Price**

Thursday 12th November - *A day trip to Valencia.* A day free to visit a museum, art gallery, go sightseeing or just shopping. Depart Rafalet at 9.00am, arrive back at approx 6.30pm. Cost 10€ per person. Coach now full, but names on the waiting list at the meeting. **Organiser: Diane Ord**

Wednesday, 18th November – *A day trip to Valencia* to visit the Sorolla exhibition with a timed entrance (so no queuing). To register your interest e-mail to mike.katrina@gmail.com. Price for coach circa 10€, depending on numbers. List closes 5th November. **Organiser: Mike Frost.**

Wednesday 25th November – *A lunch following the final monthly meeting* at Restaurante L'Hort, Javea. 3 course menu, half bottle of wine, water, coffee, IVA, tip and raffle prizes - 20€ per person. Payment and menu choices at today are meeting. Places still available. **Organiser: Mike Frost**

Saturday 5th December – *Christmas Dinner Dance* at Javea Golf Club, €33 per person to include meal, wine, water, coffee plus live music from Paulette. Payment at October meeting, menu choices to organiser by November 10th. Menu available from organiser at meeting, or by e-mail. **Organiser: Pat Wykes Johnson**

Friday 25th December - *Christmas Day Lunch* at Restaurante El Andaluz
Names are now being taken for our Christmas Day Lunch at Restaurante El Andaluz, which is on the Benitachell to Moraira road. The menu is extensive, including a welcome cocktail, tapas, canapés, smoked salmon, soup, sorbet, traditional roast turkey with all the trimmings, Christmas pudding with brandy custard, mince pie, petit fours, & coffee, with a bottle wine between two. Price 43 euros pp. Dancing to **Duo Romance**. Payment in October to **Organiser: Angela Chantry**

And to burn off all those calories!

Saturday 26th December: Boxing Day Walk

A two-hour walk up at Cumbre del Sol, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. – meet by the Sales Office which is just outside the entrance to Cumbre del Sol at 9.55 a.m. Please email and let me know if you are joining us. **Organiser: Angela Chantry**

January 2010, date TBA –A coach trip to Cheste, near Valencia, to watch the Formula 1 testing (subject to testing actually taking place). To add your name to the list, e-mail mike.katrina@gmail.com. **Organiser Mike Frost**

Wednesday to Friday 15th to 17th February –2 nights bed and breakfast, 4* hotel, in the Capital of Carnival, Aguilas, to see the annual carnival procession. Price not more than 150€ per person, single supplement 8€. A few places still available. 50€ deposit per person at today's meeting, the balance at November meeting. On Tuesday 16th February we will visit the mountain-top village of Mojacar, and on the Wednesday we will spend the day in Caravaca de la Cruz and Calasparra. **Organiser: Mike Frost**

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

The Travel Team are on hand to collect money and names for trips between 10.00 a.m.-10.55 a.m. on the morning of the general meetings in the Parador Hotel. The travel room is located just beyond the gift shop on the right hand side, opposite Reception. If you cannot attend the Parador you can contact any travel organiser via the website. *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.

PLEASE NOTE - If you are unable to use a trip which you have paid for you should inform the appropriate travel organiser, and where possible, you will be given contact details of the next person on the waiting list for you to make contact – sell on your booking - and collect your refund from them. We have a clearly defined policy whereby non-members are only permitted after all else has been exhausted, and the non-member will be expected to pay a small additional supplement. We do not allow non-member substitutions as it is unfair to our members. **Angela Chantry**

FOR SALE, RECYCLE OR WANTED: At the Parador meeting we will have a board for you to advertise items you wish to SELL, RECYCLE (give away) or WANTED. To advertise your item please contact Jean at urecyclesale@yahoo.co.uk (email subject-U3A Javea notice board). Please make sure you put all the details about the item, and your contact number or email address. We will presume you have sold, recycled or found the item before the next meeting so 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.

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.

Asociación de la Tercera Edad de Javea U3A
Members' Meeting 30th September held at the Parador Javea

PRESENT: **President:** Shirley King
Treasurer: Marie Smith
Secretary: Jeni Oldfield
Groups Coordinator: Elizabeth Collins
Membership Secretary: Wilma Stevenson

Shirley opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and hoping all had enjoyed a good summer. She apologised on behalf of Sam Wells for not being able to present his talk-help on the website as there was a problem with the computer but thanked Brenda Bates for stepping in at the last minute to talk about her time in Kenya the life of Joy Adamson.

Following the resignation of our Vice-President earlier this year, Paul Wessendorff had offered to stand and as no-one else had come forward he will fill the post until the AGM, according to the Statutes. Shirley welcomed Paul to the Committee and he talked to the members a little about himself. Shirley congratulated our petanque team for winning the tournament against Moraira U3A and presented them with the trophy. As the team had all come to the meeting they had their photograph taken by Tom Miller.

Shirley said that it had been decided to support two charities this year, 2009/10. We will buy much needed furniture for the Alzheimers Society in Javea and the Xabia Bella home for mentally handicapped will receive games and Christmas gifts.

Our speaker next month will be Michael Bulleid, a retired barrister whose previous talk had been much enjoyed by all.

Piera King announced that she was giving a talk the next day on dealing with difficult people.

Shirley said that Marie was resigning at the end of the year and thanked Marie and Elizabeth for all their hard work on the Committee and asked members to come forward if they felt able to fill these posts.

Marie declared that funds to-day stood at €13961.52. The planned expenditure was €581 over budget but she considered this to be negligible.

Ball tickets, price €35 are now available through three people.

Wilma had been overwhelmed with new members to-day as 40 people had joined bringing our membership 998.

Wilma said that the committee had been discussing Associate members and it had been agreed that they would have a meeting solely for them. This will be by invitation to determine the number wishing to attend and will be held in the Social Centre in November. If members have any suggestions about how to overcome the problem of finding a larger venue they can use the suggestion box at the next meeting.

Sam apologised for the malfunctioning computer which meant he could not give his talk and also for printing the wrong start time of the meeting in the Newsletter.

Elizabeth thanked all the Group Leaders for their hard work in presenting their groups at the June Open Meeting. Tom Miller had taken photos of this event and they were to be put on the Web.

Elizabeth then announced that she was resigning from her post as groups Coordinator as she was going to be away from Javea quite a bit in the near future and she needed time to do other things. She hoped someone would come forward to take on this fulfilling role on the new groups' team. Anyone interested should contact her or Shirley. On the website there are links to all groups and what's on in Javea. The contact list gives all information and the calendar is updated each month. If anyone has any problem using the web they should get in touch with Sam, IT Partners or committee members.

There are some new group leaders namely Alice Davies, Malcolm Neill, Tom Miller and Neill Freeman all starting up new groups. Some have had to close such as Pat Robinson's Music 4 U as no-one had come forward to take her place. Elizabeth thanked Mike Frost and John Evans for running their groups over a long period and they were all presented with a thank you gift of wine. John Othick had said there is room for more members in the Poetry for Pleasure group and Piera has room for more in her Meditation group. Tom Stevenson needs people to come forward for his new venture of building a computer.

Heidi is starting another Spanish conversation group and Alan Ewins is starting one on learning about ipods.

October 2009

In the new lecture series, the first is to be on Art Appreciation given by Mr Ceda Panajotovic. Next month the Foodies Group will provide some goodies for us to sample. There is now a box for collecting used postage stamps. These will be collected by the Royal Legion to help the RBL Benevolent Fund. There is always the suggestion box on the table too. **Shirley** then handed over to the four speakers for to-day. First was **Nina Davis** who talked about her initiative with selling jute bags in order to try to make Javea the first town in Spain to be plastic-bag free. The bags were on sale at to-day's meeting. **Alan Ewins** introduced his new course for beginners learning how to use ipods. **Angela Chantry** talked about a new project – Care and Share for helping bereaved members in various practical ways such as transport, Spanish interpretation and small maintenance tasks. **Shirley** thanked all the people involved in setting up this new venture. **Brenda Bates** had cancelled another meeting to come and talk to us at very short notice about her life in Kenya and that of Joy Adamson. It was a very interesting talk and several people bought paintings and cards afterwards.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 12.30pm
The next meeting will be at 11.00 on October 28th at the Parador, Javea.