

## From Our President:

I hope that you all had a very enjoyable Easter. I think that we were lucky as far as the weather goes with not too much rain (although we desperately need it) and some pleasant sunshine.

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for putting their trust in me to act as President and Ron as Vice President and we are looking forward to contributing to the running of the Association over the next 12 months or so. Since the AGM, the new Executive Committee have held their first meeting and we are already working towards achieving the objectives I gave at the Annual General Meeting. As I will be leaving for the UK in a few days time to attend my niece's wedding in Scotland, Ron is going to finish this article as he will be in a better position than I to give you more up to date information.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, by the time of the AGM later this month, the following committee positions would be vacant. However I can now report the good news that volunteers have come forward and the first three of the four vacancies listed below have been filled. This is a significant achievement and will serve to ensure that the Association can now continue to function in a proper and effective manner.

- 1 Deputy Secretary
- 2 Groups Coordinator (Exec Comm.)
- 3 Communications Officer (Exec Comm.)
- 4 Deputy Communications Officer

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome David Grove to the position of Groups Coordinator. David was officially appointed to the role at the Executive Committee meeting on Monday April 15th.

In addition we also welcome Theresa Pinfield to the position of Deputy Secretary and likewise Theresa was confirmed in her appointment at the same meeting.

Finally we can also confirm as previously stated that we have agreed a candidate for the position of Communications Officer but it will be several weeks before that person moves into the role. Therefore details regarding this appointment will be provided in due course.

If you, or anyone else you know, wishes to volunteer for the remaining role of Deputy Communications officer, please do let me know as soon as possible.

I am also delighted to confirm that as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, Donald Watts will be assuming responsibility for the storage and of managing the hire of the Association's crockery, cutlery and glassware. Donald's contact details are as follows telephone 966462202 and email: [crockery@u3ajavea.org](mailto:crockery@u3ajavea.org).

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to all the above people who have taken on these responsibilities so vital to the continued success of the Javea U3A.

As you will be aware, last month Carol Pilgrim and John Bellinger Smith left the Executive Committee after several years of valuable service to the organisation. Due to their busy schedules it has not been possible as is our normal custom as a gesture of our appreciation to present them with leaving gifts at the Parador meeting. However I can confirm that the Association has now made a presentation to Carol of a dinner voucher for two at the restaurant Masena and in line with his wishes we have made a donation to the Red Cross on John's behalf. Once again we offer our heartfelt thanks for their contribution to the U3A.

The date for the annual May Ball has been set for **17 May 2013** and the venue will be at Carrasco, Jávea. Tickets for the May Ball, at a cost of €40 per person, will continue to be on sale at the April Parador meeting and you can also pre-order your tickets by sending an e-mail to this address: [tickets@u3ajavea.org](mailto:tickets@u3ajavea.org). I am sure that this will again be an evening not to be missed, so please order or buy your tickets now.

We would also like to remind people to monitor our other events on the website such as Tea dance, Barn dance, Hog Roast and even a possible New Years Eve event.

Having in recent weeks said on occasion that the members discount list has been largely static it is good to report that as a result of some discussions with the Costa Blanca Business Association a number of their members have asked to be added to our list. By the end of April I expect some eight new businesses to be available for your perusal.

Finally, we look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it to the Parador meeting next week. Our guest speaker will be Mike Rendell, who will be talking about the "Top 20 Tourist Attractions in London around 1785".

*Peter Allin & Ron Hughes*

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## Forthcoming Events

### THE MAY BALL Friday 17th May at 19.00

Once again, the Jávea U3A will be pulling out all the stops for another fantastic May Ball. There will be loads of fun, music, food, a little drink and great company. This year we will be enjoying ourselves at **Salones Carrasco in Jávea**.

The evening will start with a Cava reception at 19:00, followed at 19:30 by a three course dinner. This year we have been fortunate enough to secure the services of Strikland, one of the most popular local bands, who, along with Mixmaster Eric Taylor, will provide music for dancing from 22:00 until 01:00. Full details, including the **dinner menu** can be found on the Special Events page of our website – [here](#).

Pre-ordering your tickets via [tickets@u3ajavea.org](mailto:tickets@u3ajavea.org) is a good idea. All you then have to do is visit the ticket collection desk at the Parador meeting on 27 March or 24 April, to pay for and to collect your tickets. There will also be a desk where you order and pay for tickets. However, using the online process saves time and queuing, so please give it a go.

Stephen Burke  
Events Organiser  
[events@u3ajavea.org](mailto:events@u3ajavea.org)

## Planned Events

The following events are planned for later in the year.

**30/31 August** - a **Summer Garden Party** at the home of Ron and Pru Hughes.

**08 November** - a **Barn Dance** at Los Arcos restaurant, with dancing to Los Rancheros.

**31 December** – a **New Year's Eve Party**. This is a possibility, but would depend on the number of members that are interested. We are looking for a suitable venue at a reasonable cost, either for this year or perhaps next year. It would be of significant help to the organiser to know if members would be interested and if some have already booked for this year, whether next year would be of interest.

Full details of these events will be published later, but it would be a great help if those interested could make this known as soon as possible to the Events Organiser.

Events Organiser,  
Stephen Burke,  
Email [events@u3ajavea.org](mailto:events@u3ajavea.org).

### TEA DANCE

There will be another Tea-Dance on Friday **26th April** at the Baptist Church Centre in Jávea old town. We will (hopefully) be dancing to Eric Taylor again. There will be piles of sandwiches and lashings of tea and coffee, other drinks are available at a small cost from the bar.

We had such a good time in February; why not join us in April. Tickets are only €10. For more information, please contact –

Val Dromgoole.  
[tea.dance@u3ajavea.org](mailto:tea.dance@u3ajavea.org).



## Charities and Appeals



### CANCER CARE - CHARITY AUCTION

[See the website here for full details]

### CÁRITAS

If you have any furniture to dispose of, **Cáritas** would be pleased to pick it up and find a good home for it. To arrange pick up contact Krystyna Stefanczyk on 966462482, or email [social.rummikubs@u3ajavea.org](mailto:social.rummikubs@u3ajavea.org), and she will get in touch with Caritas. Many thanks for your cooperation.

### FOOD COLLECTIONS

**Please remember** that the Parador Hotel meetings in **JUNE, SEPTEMBER and NOVEMBER** will be donation days of food items for our nominated charity for this year, **Cáritas**. Please do ensure that any items of food that you bring for Cáritas have not expired i.e. not past their "use by" date. Be generous!

### COLLECTION OF PLASTIC TOPS FOR "NOA"

Noa is a 7 year old severely disabled girl. She had meningitis when she was 4 years old, but the medical profession misdiagnosed her, hence her condition. There have been severe cuts in Social Services in Spain, especially to the disabled. People like Noa have special needs, which her parents can no longer afford. To make her life a little more comfortable we are collecting hard plastic tops e.g. milk tops, juice, wine cartoons, coffee jar tops, cosmetic, hairsprays, cleaning products, gas bottle tops etc.

We need a lot of tops to make a little difference to Noa's life. We will have a box with Noa's picture on it, in the foyer where Sue Neill has her CD table, at each U3A Parador meeting. So please, save all your tops, it just takes a little thought. Many thanks.  
Krystyna Stefanczyk.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

If you have already paid your membership, and are not in possession of your new 2013 Membership Card, these can be collected from the **New Members** desk. These un-collected cards will be available for collection at each Parador meeting.

If you have not yet renewed for 2013, your name will have been removed from the Membership List. You can, however, rejoin (retaining your original membership number) at the New Members desk at any Parador meeting. You can also pay your subscription by Bank Transfer, please see the details on the [How to Join](#) webpage.

If you have changed your contact details, e.g. telephone number or email address, please let me know.

The total membership now stands at 1,137 members.

Howard Parker  
Membership Secretary  
[membership.secretary@u3ajavea.org](mailto:membership.secretary@u3ajavea.org)



## DISCOUNTS LIST



Members are reminded that on the web site there are 16 pages of details of businesses who will give a discount on goods and services for Javea U3A members. Just hand in your current membership card and you will receive the discount.

If you know of any company/business that would like to take part in the scheme please email: [vice.president@u3ajavea.org](mailto:vice.president@u3ajavea.org).

Follow this link to the discounts page:  
[www.u3ajavea.org/Group-Independent/PDFs/Discounts.pdf](http://www.u3ajavea.org/Group-Independent/PDFs/Discounts.pdf)

## GROOP NEWS

As announced in the President's Address on page 1, the Committee have appointed David Grove as the new Groups Coordinator. David can be contacted on [groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org](mailto:groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org).

Currently we have 46 active Groups and all are doing well. Only a few are full but some of the smaller ones such as **Backgammon, Bridge, Digital Photography, Poetry and Spanish**, do need new members. Anyone interested in these groups should contact the group leader in the first instance.

The **Pilates** groups Beginners and Intermediate have proved very popular and are full. If there are any members who are interested then a new beginners could be started but with a minimum of 8 people. If you are interested please contact the group leader, **Carol Pilgrim**.

This month, two new groups have been proposed and would like to hear from members who are interested in joining. The first is **Ladies that Lunch**, led by **Sally Wells and Katrina Frost**, as a way of meeting new people over lunch and having a jolly good chinwag. The second is proposed by **Karen Smith**, a qualified florist, who is interested in setting up a new group to teach **Floristry for Beginners**. A U3A Group Leader is also needed for this group.

**Details and contact information for these proposed groups are shown below, so please let the group leaders know if you are interested.**

Please support our group leaders and join the groups as they are doing an excellent job.

Jenny Wessendorff  
Deputy Groups Coordinator  
[depgroupcoord@u3ajavea.org](mailto:depgroupcoord@u3ajavea.org).

### Proposed GROOPS

#### FLORISTRY FOR BEGINNERS

Karen Smith, a qualified florist, is interested in setting up a new group to teach floristry for beginners. The workshop would be for 2 hours, 1 hour of demonstration, followed by 1 hour of practical. Fresh flowers will be supplied. If you need any more information, please don't hesitate to contact Karen at [flowersforyouspain@gmail.com](mailto:flowersforyouspain@gmail.com). Please note that a U3A GROUP LEADER would also be needed, so, if you would like to take this on please contact David Grove.  
[groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org](mailto:groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org).

#### LADIES THAT LUNCH

A way of meeting new people over lunch and a jolly good chinwag. We hope to meet every month (day to be decided) depending on other activities. We would prefer no more than 40, so it will be run on a first come first served philosophy.

The group leaders, Sally Wells and Katrina Frost, would like to gauge how many members would be interested, so please contact Sally at the address below to show your interest or to ask any questions you may have.

Sally Wells and Katrina Frost.  
[ladies.that.lunch@u3ajavea.org](mailto:ladies.that.lunch@u3ajavea.org).

### MORE GROOP NEWS

#### BADMINTON

Just to remind you that we have now two sessions for Badminton.

Monday 10.00 - 12.00 noon.

10.00 - 10.15 warm up

10.15 - 11.00 training for people who have never played or would like to improve their Badminton.

11.00 - 12.00 games.

Thursday 10.00- 12.00 noon.

Philip Gauron.  
[badminton@u3ajavea.org](mailto:badminton@u3ajavea.org).

## BOOK CLUB

In March the afternoon group discussed "Or The Bull Kills You" by Jason Webster. A very appropriate novel, as this murder mystery is set in Valencia during the Fallas. In the brilliantly weaved storyline, Webster introduces the current debate over bullfighting, greedy politicians and the hero, Max Camara, a flawed police detective who loves his city. As a group, we can thoroughly recommend this book.

We meet at 3pm on the 3rd Monday of the month and the morning group at 10.30am on the 1st Tuesday, both at the Parador. If you are interested in joining either group, please contact:-

Kay Thomas (morning group)

[bookgroup@u3ajavea.org](mailto:bookgroup@u3ajavea.org).

Or, Pru Hughes (afternoon group)

[bookgroup.two@u3ajavea.org](mailto:bookgroup.two@u3ajavea.org).

## Cycling Group

The next ride will be on Sunday the 28th April 2013. Meet at the Marriott Hotel Denia for 10.15 and then will drive a few minute to the start point. The ride will start at 10.30.

The requirements are - Mountain/Electric bikes, Water, packed lunch, advise wearing a helmet.

The ride will take approx 3.5 hours, two stops and cover 37 km.

Philip Gauron.

[cycling@u3ajavea.org](mailto:cycling@u3ajavea.org).

## Dining Out Group

At our last event, 88 members attended an event at Restaurant Masena. We all experienced great service and the usual high quality food. Our next event will be on **Thursday 25th April** at restaurant **El Caserio** which is situated between Benitachell and Moraira.

Membership of the group is full with a waiting list in operation.

Peter Speer.

[dining.out@u3ajavea.org](mailto:dining.out@u3ajavea.org).

## DISCUSSION GROUP

The next meeting is on **Friday, May 3rd**, usual time 4pm at the Social Centre and the chosen subject will be, **'What are the benefits of multiculturalism, does it change the character of a country?'**

Gill Birch (Group Leader).

[depgroupcoord@u3ajavea.org](mailto:depgroupcoord@u3ajavea.org)

## FOODIES GROUP

The April meeting of the Foodies took place on the 18th April at Le Gourmand. The theme was an exchange of favourite recipes and special ingredients, with members parting with their (now not) secret tips and hints.

Those of you going on the Alicante trip on Thursday May 16th (and any of you who want to go and haven't booked yet) or who haven't already paid, don't forget to come to the Parador meeting on the 24th April to the Travel Desk, where I will be, poised to take your booking (€10 per person). This will be the last chance to book.

Gillian Breen (Group Leader).

[foodies@u3ajavea.org](mailto:foodies@u3ajavea.org)

## HISTORY GROUP

Our next meeting will be at the **Casa de Cultura at 12.30 on Monday, 13 May**, when **Dee Craig** will give a talk on **"Victoria's Children"**. There were nine of them and, remarkably, all survived into adulthood:

*"Victoria has been described as a mixture of a dependent personality and a control freak. Hundreds of books, dozens of films and numerous articles have been written about her. But what of the children she bore, what kind of lives did they lead? Was family life happy and contented? How did she measure up as a mother? What happened to her children when they grew up, who did they marry and were those marriages a success? What effect did Victoria's children have on the royalty of Europe? Hopefully, this talk will answer some of these questions."*

By definition, everyone in the Jávea U3A is a member of the History Group so come along on the 13th; there's no need to book. To learn more or to have your name added to our e-mailing list please contact the group leader.

Peter Atkinson.

[history@u3ajavea.org](mailto:history@u3ajavea.org).

## IPAD SUPPORT GROUP

The next two monthly meetings of the I Pad Group are:-

April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3.00pm at The Inn on The Green.

May the 20<sup>th</sup>, also 3.00pm at The Inn on The Green.

Any member wishing to join the group, please email Anne at the address below.

Anne Muir.

[ipad.support@u3ajavea.org](mailto:ipad.support@u3ajavea.org).

### NOT JUST FOLK MUSIC GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Monday the **29th April 2013**. The venue will be our usual at The Inn on The green Javea/Xabia. The evening will commence at 7.30pm. There will be no theme this month so the "artistes" will have a free choice of genre.

Because of limited space, please let me know at the address below if you wish to attend.

Ian Mackenzie.

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

### PILATES GROUPS

The current 6 weekly session of the Pilates group started on Tuesday 9th April. Please note that there will be no beginner's class for these 6 weeks. Both classes will be for Improvers.

If you have never done Pilates before, and would like to try, please email the Group Leader so that you name can be put on the list for the 6 week session starting on 14th May.

Carol Pilgram.

[pilates@u3ajavea.org](mailto:pilates@u3ajavea.org)

### QUIZ NIGHT

The next quiz will be held on **April 25** and, at the time of writing, there is space remaining for just two more participants. Full details are on the Quiz Night webpage. To book, or join a waiting list, contact the group leaders.

There will a Quiz Night in June, details of which will be posted when finalised. So keep an eye on the website and book early to avoid disappointment.

Jeni and Stan Oldfield (Group Leaders).

[quiz.night@u3ajavea.org](mailto:quiz.night@u3ajavea.org).

### SPANISH GROUPS

Please note new times:-

Spanish for Beginners: Mondays 9.30 - 10.30

Spanish Intermediate: Mondays 10.45 - 11.45

As before both classes will take place in the Social Centre, Javea, but I have stopped the Pre-Intermediate class.

Heidi Hancock.

[spanish.beginners@u3ajavea.org](mailto:spanish.beginners@u3ajavea.org).

### TRAVELLERS TALES GROUP

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st May when Angela Chantry will be talking **about "Buenos Aires and cruising from South America to Antarctica"**. The following presentation will be given by Diane Ord on Tuesday 25th June, when the subject will be **"South Africa"**. Venue: the Javea Players' Studio (located in the road behind Book World España, Javea old town). Please arrive at **11.00 a.m. for an 11.30 a.m. start**. Members are asked to contribute 1€ pp to cover the cost of room hire, which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. New members always welcome!

Angela Chantry.

[travellers.tales@u3ajavea.org](mailto:travellers.tales@u3ajavea.org)

### WINE APPRECIATION

The wines tasted at the meeting of April 17th were presented by Roberto from the Bodega de Pinoso. For full details of this meeting and the wines tasted, go to the Group's web page here – [WINE](#).

At the next meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>, Pat & Eric Johnson will be presenting four wines from the D.O. Ribera del Duero. Geoff Woodward.

[wine@u3ajavea.org](mailto:wine@u3ajavea.org)

**Please visit our website at [www.u3ajavea.org](http://www.u3ajavea.org) for news about other groups and group leader contact details.**

### 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 contact:

[careshareineke@u3ajavea.org](mailto:careshareineke@u3ajavea.org)

[caresharepat@u3ajavea.org](mailto:caresharepat@u3ajavea.org)



## INFORMATION

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### 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 [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 be on the board again make sure you ask for the advert to be resubmitted. Your items **will not** appear on the notice board if received after 6pm on Monday 25 February.

You can also bring your advert and picture to the meeting. Please pin on the For Sale board. No advert larger than A5.

**BOOK SWAP & AUDIO BOOK SWAP.** Please remember to bring along your books or audio books, there is a small charge of 50c if you have no book to swap, and 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.

**CD SWAP.** Many of you have CD's you don't listen to anymore so why not bring them along to the Parador and swap them for music you may not know or wish to have in your music library.

A collection box for used Postage Stamps will be by the notice boards. These stamps will be given to the Royal British Legion for their support fund.