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## From Our President:

This is my first newsletter article as President and I take this opportunity to thank you, the membership, for putting your trust in me to work for you in that capacity. I am very much looking forward to contributing to the running of the Association over the next 12 months and am fortunate to have joined an experienced Executive Committee whose members, with the exception of our new VP, have been in place for at least 12 months; over which time I have been involved on an ad-hoc basis in my role as Events organiser. Last week we held our first committee meeting since the AGM, and are already working towards achieving the objectives I set out during that meeting, among which is to review how we convey information both internally and externally and the establishment of the Jávea U3A Facebook page. Other U3A branches use this media very effectively to benefit their members and currently Communications Officer, David Woodhall, and I are researching how best to use this resource and its place in our overall communications strategy. More details on this next month.

With regards to committee members, Jenny Wessendorff, our Deputy Groups Coordinator, will at the end of next month be stepping down after 5 years in this role. I know that Jenny has found her time in this job enjoyable and very rewarding and with typical thoughtfulness has given fair notice of her intentions. Jenny will continue her excellent and invaluable work supporting the Groups Coordinator, David Grove, until the end of next month but we need to find a replacement now.

The position of Deputy Groups Coordinator is essential to the efficient management of the 50 or so groups that we have. If you have any interest in becoming involved in the management of **YOUR U3A** and would like to find out more about this varied and interesting role please contact me directly or by email at [president@u3ajavea.org](mailto:president@u3ajavea.org) or our Groups Coordinator David Grove at [groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org](mailto:groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org)

The April meeting presents the last chance to buy tickets for the 2014 May Ball which is just over two weeks away on May 16th. Tickets can be purchased at the meeting or ordered using the events ticket line [tickets@u3ajavea.org](mailto:tickets@u3ajavea.org) and details appear elsewhere in this newsletter but at 40€ per person it really is excellent value. Can all those who have ordered tickets pay for and collect them at this meeting where menu selections can be handed in.

Also on the subject of events if anyone has a venue they consider suitable and can let us use for our annual summer event please let me know as we need to finalise and publish details of this event before the summer break.

The proceeds of all our events are donated to our chosen charity which this year is The Friends of The Children of Emaús. The money raised by the raffles we hold during these events represents a significant contribution to the overall donation and the less we have to spend on purchasing raffle prizes the greater is our contribution to charity so if any member has something they would like to donate as a prize for any event we hold, please let me know using [events@u3ajavea.org](mailto:events@u3ajavea.org) and I can arrange collection.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it to our monthly meeting at the Parador on 30th April, when our guest speaker Mike Rendell will use the amazing records of his London based ancestor to provide a fascinating insight to life in 18th century England. In particular, looking at food and drink of that time and how meals developed throughout the Georgian era. There will be a look at how changes led to new rooms (separate, dedicated, kitchens and dining rooms) with a reference to changing fashions for glassware, tables, side cabinets and a bit about grand feasts and banquets.

Finally to help me do the best I can to serve your interests and consider your opinions I have to know what those interests and opinions are so please if you ever have a particular opinion, any input or suggestions, or just want to make a comment on any aspect of U3A Jávea please do not hesitate to contact me.

Stephen Burke  
[president@u3ajavea.org](mailto:president@u3ajavea.org)

# **MAY BALL 2014**

Menu selection forms for the May Ball will be available at the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> April, when those who have ordered tickets by email can pay for and collect them.

## **Ticket price includes**

**Cava Reception with Canapes**

**Four course gourmet meal**

(with four choices of main course, incl. a vegetarian option)

**Complimentary Wine, Water, Beer and Soft Drinks**  
served throughout the meal

Top class live entertainment provided by **Strikland**  
with dancing until late with DJ Eric Taylor



**LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS FOR 2014 MAY BALL.** Tickets will be on sale at the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> April at a cost of only €40 per person. The 2014 May Ball is being held at Salones Carrasco in Javea and will take place on Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can also be ordered via [tickets@u3ajavea.org](mailto:tickets@u3ajavea.org)

The Menu is published at the end of this Newsletter.



## CÁRITAS

There will be food collection days at the **JUNE & NOVEMBER** Parador meetings. 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!

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. Caritas will also take your unwanted towels, bed linen, clothes, crockery, cutlery, any household goods, food etc. You can deliver the items on a Tuesday morning (except holidays) from 9.00am to 11.00am at Avenida de Alicante 14 (next to the Red Cross) Old Town. Many thanks for your co-operation.

## 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 from milk cartons, juice, wine cartons, 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. You can hand them to me, at the meeting. So please, save all your tops, it just takes a little thought. Many thanks.  
Krystyna Stefanczyk.

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Membership Desk for new members and renewals **will be open from 0930 until 1030hrs**. The door will be shut promptly at 1030 to allow for cashing up, so that the membership staff can attend the General Meeting commencing at 1100hrs.

Please note that following the passing of the motion to introduce a €10 joining fee for new members, and a €10 re-joining fee for existing members who did not renew before 31st March 2014, that the amounts payable for both new members and renewing members for the rest of 2014 will be €15 for each member, (€10 joining fee plus €5 subs).

The total membership currently stands in excess of **1,190** members.

**Remember:** You can pay your subscription by Bank Transfer, please see the details below and on the [How to Join](#) webpage.

**Bank Transfer Details** (New Membership Cards will be available for collection at the next Parador Meeting.)

**Association Name:** Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea  
**Bank:** Barclays  
**Address:** Avenida del Pla 160, 03730 Jávea, Spain

	Country	Entidad	Office	DC	Account No
<b>IBAN</b>	ES04	0065	0049	80	0001 0581 01
<b>BIC</b>	BARCESMM				

The BIC (swift) code may be required for some banks when transferring from outside Spain. Check with your bank if this will incur a charge.

**IMPORTANT NOTE if using Bank Transfer**

The Payment Reference field must contain: the word "SUB", your Full Name along with your Membership Number.

We have a few members with the same name – different Membership Number!!

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

Howard Parker (Membership Secretary)



### DISCOUNTS LIST

Members are reminded that on the web site there are 20 pages of businesses who will give a discount on goods and services for Jávea 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).

Please visit our website at [www.u3ajavea.org](http://www.u3ajavea.org) for the latest group news and group leader contact details.

Currently we have 50+ 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.

Every month we hope to publish a "Group of the Month" highlighting their recent and future activities in more depth.

**CULTURAL ARTS.** Please refer to the website <http://www.u3ajavea.org/Activity-Groups/Cultural-Arts/cultural-arts.html> for more detailed information or contact the Groups Coordinator, email address below.

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

David Grove  
Groups Coordinator  
[groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org](mailto:groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org)

## GROUP OF THE MONTH

### CRAFTS (CARDMAKING)



A group of ladies with scalpels, cutting, stamping and punching, might normally expect a visit from the Guardia. However, their activities, combined with Lacé or Découpage would certainly result in something you would be delighted to receive for a Birthday or as a Thank You. While those names may not currently mean much at all, receiving a card constructed using these techniques, will often mean a great deal. You can learn these skills, and more, at the card group which meets alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays in Javea.



*A selection of cards made in the last month*

Numbers are limited by the need to have cutting mat sets and space in which to work with guillotines, glue and machines. The upside of this limitation is, that it results in a small, friendly group who are happy to share skills and suggestions. It is rumoured that tea and cakes sometime break the concentration, but our ladies have somehow managed to deal with the stress. You can contact us on [crafts@u3ajavea.org](mailto:crafts@u3ajavea.org)



Shirley King (Group Leader)  
[crafts@u3ajavea.org](mailto:crafts@u3ajavea.org).

## NEW GROUPS

### **PILATES.** "Back to Basics"

For complete beginners to those that have done Pilates before but would like to get back to fundamentals!

#### **Where:**

Javea International Baptist Church  
Calle Favara, 8, 03730 Xabia, Alicante

The International Baptist Church is just off Plaza Constitucion in the old town (where the Police Station and large underground car park are)

#### **When:**

Fridays at 10.00 - 11.00

5 week course May 9, 16, 30 (23rd May no class), June 6, 13

#### **How much:**

€38.

A full 5 week course must be paid for.

The cost of classes is inclusive of room hire.

If you have to miss up to one class during the course, you will be invited to attend a complimentary private or semi-private class at Graciela's fully equipped Pilates Studio situated near the new Hospital in La Xara.

#### **What you need:**

Exercise mat

Medium size bath towel

Water

Please be aware that the room needs to be booked ASAP, therefore we would be grateful if you could let us know before Wednesday 7th May. If we do not hear from you before then or there's not enough members attending, the classes will NOT go ahead.

Pat Ainsley (Group Leader)

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

## MORE GROUP NEWS

### **ANDROID SUPPORT**

Although only a couple of months old, Android Support already boasts 17 members and is growing rapidly. We meet informally at 3pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at Cafe Cortado to discuss and learn from each others experiences with this 'new' technology. The next meeting is 13<sup>th</sup> May. Further information from:

Hilary Grove (Group Leader),

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

### **BADMINTON**

**There will be no badminton on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, the sports hall will be closed.**

Also Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of June will be the last day for badminton before we start again in September 2014, once I have the start date I will let you know. All enquiries to:

Philip Gauron. (Group Leader)

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

### **BOOK CLUB**

There are TWO flourishing book groups which meet once a month to discuss their chosen book in a lively, informal atmosphere. Through the groups we will introduce new authors and books to one another and discuss their strengths and weaknesses. The afternoon group meets at 3pm on the 3rd Monday of the month, the morning group at 10.30am on the 1st Tuesday, both at the Parador. Further information from either group, please contact:

Kay Thomas (morning group),

or Tony Lawton (afternoon group),

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

[book.club@u3ajavea.org](mailto:book.club@u3ajavea.org)

### **CANASTA GROUP**

Canasta has proved to be very popular with our members (33+), but thankfully they don't all come at the same time due to trips back and forth to the UK etc. Although Cafe Cortado has changed hands we are still offered a very warm welcome and also a "special discount" on drinks. Any members wishing to join or learn to play this very crafty and addictive game, please contact the group leader.

Val Norrie (Group Leader)

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

### COMPUTER SUPPORT GROUP

The group meets at GJ's on the Arenal. First Wednesday of the month at 10.30am. However, please check the venue with group leader as meetings are sometimes held at alternative venues if specific technology is required.

Malcolm Neill (Group Leader),

[computer.support.group@u3ajavea.org](mailto:computer.support.group@u3ajavea.org)

### CULTURAL ARTS

The June day trip to Gandia including a guided tour of the Palace and pueblo is almost full...a few seats remain...check out the Cultural Arts web pages for full details...don't forget to pay Gwen at the April meeting...

Gwen Clark (Group Leader)

[cultural.arts@u3ajavea.org](mailto:cultural.arts@u3ajavea.org).

### CURRY CLUB

In March/April we had four curry evenings focusing on food from Malaysia. Malaysian food is influenced by a number of cultures chiefly Malaya, India, Eurasia and China. This provided scope for our members to prepare a range of dishes including the well known Beef Rendang and Laksa (Rice noodle soup), fish curries, noodle and rice dishes, and the exquisite pineapple tarts made with fresh pineapple preserve. It was also an opportunity to try traditional cocktails such as lemon grass and ginger cocktail and teas including lemon grass green tea. See website for menu and photographs. For more information, contact:

Dodie and James Hodgkinson (Group Leaders),

[curry.club@javeau3a.org](mailto:curry.club@javeau3a.org).

### DISCUSSION GROUP

The group meets every first Friday of the month, the next meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 4 - 6 pm at the Social Centre next to the Centro Salud in the Pueblo, 1st floor, at the end of the corridor. No need to 'phone everyone welcome, just turn up. The subject for May is: "**Is there ever a moral justification for war?**"

Gill Birch (Group Leader),

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

### GARDEN GROUP

Monday 19th May, L'Ahuir Beach, near Gandia... An opportunity to learn about dune ecology. This area is under threat from development. We will learn of the risks to the environment. Afterwards we will be going to the Monduver region to see the spring flora. Again it will be a fully guided trip in English and Spanish.

The cost of the trip is €20 per person, the pick up points are Teulada, Gata and Oliva. It is a full day trips, lunch is not included (a packed lunch is advised). For more information contact:

Paul Pruden (Group Leader),

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

### HISTORY GROUP

The group's next meeting will be at 11.30 on Tuesday, 13 May in the Casa de Cultura when Cheda Panajotovic will speak on a subject with which he has close personal connections: "YUGOSLAVIA – A COUNTRY THAT ALMOST WAS".

The 20th century opened with the end of three great empires: the Austrian, Hungarian and Ottoman. New states were awakening and the peoples of the Balkans wanted a share of the promise of freedom and independence. Without regard to religious and ethnic divisions, hoping tensions would disappear with time, Yugoslavia was formed with joy and passion after WWI. Three quarters of a century later it disintegrated with as much passion but, instead of joy, with blood-letting, hatred and pain.

For more information go to the group's webpage or contact the group leader.

Peter Atkinson (Group Leader),

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

### MAHJONG

The group has recently started having occasional social events, e.g. Afternoon Tea at the Parador (where we hold our Mahjong sessions) and recently a farewell lunch for one of our members returning to the UK. We also meet to celebrate the Chinese New Year in one of Jávea's Chinese restaurants. As the addition of social events has proved popular Lynn Channon has been co-opted as joint leader and social secretary.

Kay Thomas (Group Leader)

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

### MAY BALL 2014

The ticket desk will be open at the meeting on 30th April for payment and collection of pre-ordered tickets. You can also complete and hand in menu selection forms.

Tickets are also available via [tickets@u3ajavea.org](mailto:tickets@u3ajavea.org).

Tables are available in any size to a maximum of twelve and for groups greater than twelve we can locate tables together so you will all be in the same vicinity.

The proceeds for the May Ball will be donated to the Friends of the Children of Emaús charity.

Stephen Burke (Events Organiser)

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



### **PADEL TENNIS**

We have now reached a total of 16 possibly 17 members and as we only have 2 courts available to play on it is now necessary to close this group to new members. Further information from:

Jill Knight (Group Leader)

[padel.tennis@u3ajavea.org](mailto:padel.tennis@u3ajavea.org)

### **PAINTING IN WATERCOLOURS**

We still have places in our newly-named group (formerly Art Beginners) so if you are a beginner or have already some experience in this medium you are welcome to come along. We meet each Wednesday 10.30 - 13.30 at Cafe de Dance, Toscamar. Painting is fun and relaxing, we are a nice friendly group and you would be surprised how much we learn and absorb. There are places available in the Beginners' Art Class (watercolour) which is held Wednesdays at Toscamar 10.30 - 13.30. If you would like to try out your artistic hand or already have some experience please let me know and I will send more details. Further information from:

Maureen Stanley (Group Leader),

[painting.watercolours@u3ajavea.org](mailto:painting.watercolours@u3ajavea.org)

### **PETANQUE**

We play at the much improved courts at Café L'Echalote, Costa Nova, Thursday at 14:45 for 15:00 start. The charge for hire of the courts is €3 each, which includes a drink, beer, wine, water, coffee or soft drink.

Pam Coombe (Group Leader).

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

### **PETANQUE TWO**

The second Petanque Group meets on Friday afternoons at 16:30 at the Terrains next to the Football pitch on Calle Verona, just off Avenida Augusta at the port and is proving very popular. Please contact the group leader if you wish to participate.

Edward Story-Jones (Group Leader).

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

### **PRACTICAL COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE**

Practical Computer Knowledge is an active U3A Group which meets monthly and has around 20 keen members. A Group Leader is required for this Group as the present incumbent is stepping down after the May 2014 meeting. In addition to the usual GL attributes (ability to organise, manage meetings, great patience) it would also be useful if the GL had at least an interest in Technology matters. A background in IT would be even better! All enquiries to:

Tom Stevenson (Group Leader)

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

### **PRACTICAL IPAD GROUP**

The next meeting will be on Monday 12 May 2014 at 3.00 p.m. at the Inn on the Green. **Please let me have your questions in advance by Monday 5 May.**

Lorraine Allin (Group Leader)

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

### **QUIZ NIGHT**

Stan and Jeni will be away for the next quiz (24<sup>th</sup> April) which will be run by Tony and Morag Lawton ([tonylawton107@gmail.com](mailto:tonylawton107@gmail.com)), please direct all quiz enquiries and reservations to them, including menu choices. Details can be found on the website <http://www.u3ajavea.org/Activity-Groups/Quiz-Night/quiz-night.html>.

Jeni and Stan Oldfield (Group Leaders)

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

### **RAILWAY ENTHUSIASTS**

Our April meeting saw only seven of us enjoy the customary tea and biscuits. Unfortunately Vic who was bringing the DVD on New Zealand Steam could not be with us due to flu like illness, we wish him well and look forward to seeing the video next time around.

It was decided that out of the DVD's that I brought along to fill the gap, to watch one compiled by myself of videos and pictures of railway interest in East Anglia which also included my fathers "oo" gauge Hornby lay-out. Our discussion on this occasion was taken over tea and biscuits. It ranged from railways to reminiscences our past travels and experiences.

Also the subject of our proposed trip on the Denia - Alicante metre gauge line was briefly talked about.

Just a short re-cap for our newer members: a few meetings ago we agreed that we would all like to go on this line for a day out before it was modernised (or closed) possibly bringing along our partners / friends, so with this in mind would all like to think of suitable days, times etc. to go on this outing. I suggest we try to fit it in on a date/time that gives everyone a chance to come. Maybe not during the height of summer, but before any major changes to the system. A talking point for our next meeting.

If anyone likes walking there is a walk on 1st May, from Villalonga or Lorcha to La Infern along the trackbed of the old Alcoy - Gandia Railway. Tapas and musical entertainment will be provided at La Infern see the web site [www.trenag.com](http://www.trenag.com) you can also contact me for further details. For more information contact:

Peter Sparks (Group Leader)  
[railways@u3ajavea.org](mailto:railways@u3ajavea.org).

### **RUMMIKUBS GROUP TWO**

After being the featured group of the month in March and getting "our faces" in the Newsletter we acquired some new members, Carol and Dudley - welcome.

Cafe Cortado's new owner, Karen, has redecorated and it is very bright inside, with their green and pink colour scheme! They are also buying new tables and chairs, so it will be very swish and roomy. Claire and Paul, who are on duty on Thursdays, are very welcoming and supply our drinks and tea-cakes with a smile. They are joined by Marie-Cruz later in the day who often gives us little Spanish lessons.

There is always room at the Thursday Rummikub Group so come and join us.

All enquiries to:

Val Dromgoole (Group Leader),  
[rummikubs.two@u3ajavea.org](mailto:rummikubs.two@u3ajavea.org)

### **SOLO ON SUNDAY**

In March we visited El Rancho for our Lunch which was enjoyed by all. The bottle of cava being won by Pat W.

Our next venue will be at La Cocina on May 6th, where the food is always exceptionally good and Laurie and Cliff always look after us so well.

Menus and price will be sent out nearer the time to you all.

We hope as many of you as possible join us. Time is 1.15pm for 1.30pm For more information contact either of the group leaders.

Marion Monsell and Pat Ainsley (Group Leaders),  
[solo.on.sunday@u3ajavea.org](mailto:solo.on.sunday@u3ajavea.org).

### **SPANISH CULTURE AND CUISINE**

Tuesday 13th to Friday 16th May: 4-day trip to Tortosa/Monserrat/Vinaros. Price: €210 p.p. Full payment via bank transfer (see "methods of payment" on Travel page on website) or in cash, by arrangement. Singles rooms all booked, twin/double rooms still available. Highlights include a guided walking tour of Tortosa; guided tour of Cavas Freixenet at Sant Sadurni d'Anoia, with tasting of different cavas; "Montserrat All Day" ticket, which includes entry to museums, Basilica, tasting typical liquors, singing of the Boys' Choir and lunch in Restaurant Montserrat; free time in Vinaros; 1 night at the 3\* Hotel Berenguer (b&b) and 2 nights at the 3\* Hotel Abat Cisneros (½ board).

Wednesday 11th June/Tuesday 24th June/Tuesday 1st July: Summer Social Evenings. An opportunity to spend a summer's evening with friends in a unique setting – a natural cave which is 150 million years old – enjoying tapas with a glass of wine. Venue: Casa Calleja, Benidoleig, situated beside the Cuevas de las Calaveras. The evening will commence with a glass of wine or orange juice at 7.30 p.m. and at 8 p.m. Angela will give a short talk on the Cuevas de las Calaveras and the artist, sculptor and poet, Eladio Calleja (born in Javea), who created Casa Calleja, followed by a choice of tapas. Pay bar for further drinks, at reasonable prices. Bookings being taken for Wednesday 11th June; names for reserve list for 24th June and 1st July. 10€ pp (includes 1 drink + tapas) and is restricted to 30 guests. Payment at the May meeting.

Full details of all events can be found on the Spanish Culture & Cuisine webpage

<http://www.u3ajavea.org/Activity-Groups/Spanish-Culture-Cuisine/spanish-culture-cuisine.html>

or contact either of the group leaders:

Angela Chantry/Tony Dearie (Group Leaders)  
[spanish.culture.cuisine@u3ajavea.org](mailto:spanish.culture.cuisine@u3ajavea.org).

### **TRAVEL**

The Travel Group are running a trip at the beginning of May, 2nd - 4th, to Cofrentes and Albarracin. There has been a late cancellation therefore if there is a couple or single person who would like to take their place please contact Joni at [travel.jh@u3ajavea.org](mailto:travel.jh@u3ajavea.org) or by telephone: 965794879, Mobile 690679011.

Joni Hills (Group Leader)

[travel.jh@u3ajavea.org](mailto:travel.jh@u3ajavea.org).

### **TRAVELLERS TALES GROUP**

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 20th May when Angela will give a presentation entitled "Quito and the Galapagos Islands". Venue: the Javea Players' Studio (email for directions). Please arrive at 11a.m. for an 11.30a.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 and Tony Dearie (Group Leaders)

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

### **WINE APPRECIATION GROUP**

Thirty four members of the wine appreciation group met at La Cocina for a blind tasting of four red wines from the Jumilla D.O region of Spain. Geoff entitled the tasting 'A blast from the past' and explained that, as about a third of our membership now consisted of members who had joined the group during the past two and a half years, he thought they would benefit from experiencing the way meetings were organised in the past when every meeting was a 'blind' tasting.

After hearing about the Jumilla wine growing area, members tasted four wines and then marked their scores about colour, nose, and taste of each wine. The results were as varied as the members! Geoff then presented a wine from a different region of Spain which members could enjoy throughout lunch. This particular wine had been chosen by the Sommelier in charge of the choice of wines for the 2013 Oscars lunch in Los Angeles.

The wine tasted were as follows:

Juan Gil 4 Meses 2012 which was 100% Monastrell and cost €5.80 (Peñin 92)

2012 Finca Luzon red which was a Mourvedre blend and cost€4.90 (Peñin 85)

Luzón Roble a 100% Monastrell at €5.50 (Peñin 88)

Las Hermanas Organic 100% Monastrell at €4.95

The wine tasted at lunch was the Honora Vera 2013 from the Calatayud D.O and was made from the Garnacha Tinta grape. The cost of this wine is €5.45

All the wines tasted are available from La Casa del Vino (5% discount for Jávea U3A members)

After lunch and the raffle, Geoff made the point that our present meetings were organised into two distinct and separate halves. The first for tasting, learning and appreciation of different wines, and the second for the social side of our meetings. For more information contact:

Geoff Woodward (Group Leader)

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

**CARE  
AND  
SHARE  
TEAM**

The team, led by Ineke Butcher, offers support and practical assistance to others within the Jávea U3A who, like the team members, have suffered loss. If you would like further information please contact:

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**DON'T FORGET**

The next food collection for **CÁRITAS** will be at the JUNE meeting (see Charities and Appeals, p4)

All contributions will be gratefully received.



## OTHER INFORMATION

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### British Consulate in Alicante

The British Consulate in Alicante has moved offices. For more details, including a map, see our [website](#).

### For Sale, Recycle or Wanted Board

These "boards" are now only available online.

### BOOK SWAP, AUDIO BOOK SWAP & DVD SWAP

**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.

## Menu for Javea U3A May Ball 2014

### First Course

Ensalada de Bogavente con vinagreta de frutos secos  
(Lobster salad with dried fruit vinaigrette)

or

Milhojas de foie micuit con jamon curado de pato  
(Micuit de foie millefeuille with salad and slices of smoked duck breast)

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Sorbete de frambuesa

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### Main Course

Medallones de solomillo Iberico con salsa pimienta, patata graten y pure calabza.  
(Medallions of pork loin with pepper sauce, gratin potatoes and pumpkin puree)

or

Lenguad relleno con gulas crujientes y brocoli  
(Rolled fillet of sole stuffed with crispy mock elvers, served with steamed broccoli)

or

Magret de pato con salsa de frutos rojos  
(Duck magret with red fruit sauce)

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### Dessert

Brocheta de frutas tropicales con helado galleta

Kebab of tropical fruits with biscuit ice cream

or

Profiteroles de nata y crema con chocolate y helado

Profiteroles with chocolate cream sauce and vanilla ice cream

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### Coffee

**Beer, wine and water is included in the cost of the meal and will be served until coffee; ie after dessert.**