

University of the Third Age
Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Javea

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As ever, the year is passing far too quickly for comfort, and we are already thinking ahead to Easter and beyond! The various group activities have got off to a flying start in 2012 following our Christmas and New Year break, and we are now planning for the Spring and Summer season ahead.

Peter Allin has planned a full programme of speakers for our Parador meetings this year, starting with a very interesting talk being given this month by Lindsay Johnson on the subject of breast cancer. This is very appropriate as our nominated charity for 2012 is the Cancer Care Charity of Javea, and their treasurer, Terry Saville, will also be at the meeting telling us about the charity, and what they are doing over the coming year.

Whilst on the subject of the Cancer Care Charity, I would also like to mention a couple of events with which the charity are associated that are coming up in the next few weeks or so. Firstly, they will have a stall at the Women in Business health, beauty & gift fair at the Parador, Javea on Sunday 11th March, 11am-5pm, to which everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. More details are on the Website. Secondly, they are organising a charity walk to be held on 18th May, starting on the Arenal, Javea at 11.00 am. Again, more details are given on the website, and you are asked to give what support you can to both of these events in support of a very worthy cause.

Now to more serious business, and what is coming soon at our Annual General Meeting to be held at the Parador Hotel on 28th March. This is our one official meeting of the year, where you have the opportunity to raise any issues you may have concerning the running of the Association, to vote in the new

committee for the following year, and to approve the audited accounts for the previous period for 2011. You will shortly receive details of how you are able to cast your votes on the main issues involved at the AGM. You will also be asked to submit items you would wish to raise at the meeting, which should be with the Committee by Friday 16th March.

Sadly, due to family and other commitments, I will be standing down as President at the AGM, and will not be putting myself forward for re-election for next year. The good news is that Peter Allin, our Vice President, has agreed to put himself forward for election as President, which will give the Presidency and the committee good continuity in office as Peter has been working very closely with me over the past 12 months. I have no hesitation in recommending his acceptance as President at the forthcoming elections in March.

On the lighter side, looking at our social calendar for 2012, planning is already well in hand for our Tea Dance which is to be held at the Social Centre in Javea on Friday 30th March. The function will include a traditional English tea, with some music for dancing. More details are available on the website and in the newsletter, and tickets are now available and will be on sale at the Parador next week.

Looking further ahead, Peter Speer, our Events Organiser, is already planning our social programme for 2012. The May Ball is now scheduled for 18th May, and our programme is hoped to include a garden party in June, another barn dance in November, and possibly a hog roast evening function in the early autumn in October. Please keep a look out on the web and in the newsletter for further information on all these events and activities.

Meanwhile, I look forward to seeing as many as can make it at our next meeting at the Parador next week.

Paul Wessendorff

IMPORTANT

Have you renewed your membership?

If not, please come to the Parador on Wednesday 29 February between 9.45 - 10.45 to renew and collect your new Membership Card.

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At the Parador meeting on 29th February we intend to have a DONATION DAY in aid of Cancer Care Javea. So, if you have any items of clothes, jewellery or items of household goods which are of no further use, please bring them along to the February meeting. A Cancer Care representative will collect the donations and take them to the Charity Shop.

LA ASOCIACIÓN SOCIAL DE LA TERCERA EDAD DE JÁVEA

(KNOW AS JÁVEA U3A)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on

Wednesday 28th March 2012

commencing at 11.00 am at the Parador Hotel, Javea.

All members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Association

As last year, arrangements are being made for all members to be able to vote on the issues raised on the agenda at the AGM either in person or by E Mail. Details will be announced later in this newsletter, and at the February meeting at the Parador on 29th February 2012.

Any members wishing to raise issues concerning the Association are asked to submit these to the President or to any other member of the Committee, to be with the Committee by Friday 16th March 2012.

Paul Wessendorff
President

VACANCY FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Peter Allin, our current Vice President volunteered to step up to President after the Annual General Meeting in March. This means we will need a new Vice President from that date. If any member would kindly like to volunteer for that role please let me know and I am sure that if you have any questions about the role Peter and I will be only too pleased to answer them.

Paul Wessendorff

MAY BALL – FRIDAY 18TH MAY 2012

Tickets for the May Ball will be on sale at the Parador meeting on 29th February. Those members who have already reserved tickets should collect and pay for them at the February Parador meeting. We have already had over 200 tickets reserved and there is a limit on numbers. After the February Parador meeting tickets will go on sale to friends and family who are not members of U3A. For full details use this link to the U3A web site – <http://www.u3ajavea.org/Group-Independent/Special-Events/special-events.html>.

Peter Speer

A coach has been ordered to take members to the May Ball. It will be leaving 5.30pm from the Old Town, car park (old market place, just up the road from Liddles and Mercadona, next stop Avenida Augusta, then Barclays Bank and last stop at Mas y Mas, Benitachell. Cost per person 7€. Anyone wishing to join the coach please pay when collecting May Ball tickets at the Parador meeting. There are only 55 places, some have already been reserved. If there are enough people another coach will be booked.

Krystyna Stefanczyk

On-line Scams

The Neighbourhood Watch organisation have informed us that there has recently been a big increase in internet and on-line scams with people attempting to get access to email, mobile phones, computer records and bank account details and warning people to be wary. Go to the Neighbourhood Watch web site for more details -

<http://www.nhwinspain.com/crime-stopping/80-internet-security.html>

PC Clinic



Problems with your PC? Can't work out why that program won't do just what you want it to? Unsure of how to achieve what you want with your PC? Worried the PC may have an infection? How do I update my PC? And so on.

I can't promise to solve all your PC problems, but I am willing to have a look and see what I can do. And if I can't help I may be able to make suggestions as to where else you can seek assistance.

I'll be running sessions at L'Ancoira Tennis Club during March, which are free to Jávea U3A members. Send me an email at pck@u3ajavea.org, outlining your problem and I'll get back to you with a view to arranging a 15 or 30 minute session. Of course, if your PC isn't working then it may be easier to call me on 966 460 706! For more info see the web page, <http://www.u3ajavea.org/Activity-Groups/Computer-Knowledge-Practical/computer-knowledge-practical.html>. Tom Stevenson



Are you an Olympian

I am preparing a talk on the ancient and modern Olympics to be given at the general meeting in the Parador on May 30. While I know it's a longshot, I am wondering if any Jávea U3A member has competed in the Summer Olympics. If so, I would love to talk to you about the experience. Please get in touch with me, Peter Atkinson, at petergillatkinson@yahoo.co.uk.

ANY SUGGESTIONS

If any member has a suggestion for a fund raising event to be held during 2012 for Cancer Care, or would like to organise one themselves, perhaps in their own home, would they please write the suggestion on the forms next to the suggestion box in the foyer and pop it in or email them to suggestions@u3ajavea.org.

Membership and Renewal Information

We had a very successful turnout at the January meeting. A total of 707 members renewed their memberships and we had an astonishing total of 119 new members join our U3A. This exceeded last January's total of 86!

Although a few members have emailed to advise that they will not be renewing their membership this year, we still have almost 300 members who have not renewed! For this purpose a single table will be set up at the February meeting for those who still wish to renew. This table will be marked "**Renewals**" whilst our usual table will be marked "**New Members**". If you still wish to renew, now is the time as any unpaid subscriptions shall result in Membership being withdrawn.

If you have already paid your membership, and are not in possession of your new 2012 Membership Card, these too can be collected from the **Renewals** desk. These un-collected cards will be available for collection at each Parador meeting. From the March meeting onwards these cards can be collected from the **New Members** desk.

Our total Membership now stands at 1266.

If you are attending the meeting in the main hall, please make sure that you 'Check In' before entering the hall.

Wilma Stevenson
membership.secretary@u3ajavea.org

PUBLICITY

Do any members have good contacts with the local press, or can you introduce our Publicity Officer, Tom Miller, to someone you know who can help in getting Jávea U3A articles into local publications. If so, Tom would like to hear from you. Please email him at publicity@u3ajavea.org. He would also like to hear from groups who would like to have publicity for any interesting events they are holding in the near future, such as anniversaries, trips etc.

GROUP NEWS

This month two new groups have been proposed and are looking for support from members. They are Social Tennis and Pilates. The groups that were formed recently continue to grow and are looking for additional members. If any member has any ideas for a new group that they would like to share please let me know.

John Bellinger-Smith Groups Co-Ordinator - groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org

FEATURED GROUP

Welcome to the Travellers' Tales Group!

The first meeting of the Travellers' Tales Group took place 6 years ago, in February 2006, so appropriate for us to be the "Group of the month" this February. We were a small group in those days, averaging around 20 persons, all getting together for social chat before the start of the talk, exchanging general news and travel gossip. The meetings used to take place in my villa in the winter, and during the summer months, we were able to have our refreshments on the terrace, before going back inside for the talk.



Since those early days, the number of names on the register has grown considerably, with an average monthly attendance of 40-50 members. In the "old days" a talk may have been delivered supported only with photographs, maps and leaflets. I will always remember the one given by Dennis Arthurs on a "*Wood carving holiday in Austria*" – with samples of his amazing creations (whilst wife, Linda, spent her time visiting the hotel's health spa and shopping!).

Now many of our speakers (all members of the group) give PowerPoint presentations with a detailed overview of the areas visited and spectacular photographs and video clips, often highlighting the culture and particular characteristics of the country. Not that such presentations are required! I am always interested in any of our members offering a talk, and this can be done without modern technology. We have a full and varied programme, as you will see if you visit the Travellers' Tales page on the website, and in June, September and December, our meetings are usually followed by a social lunch.

Our forthcoming presentation is to be given by John Reynolds who will be telling us about "***The Rocky Mountaineer and Northern California***". This will take place on Tuesday 20th March in the Javea Players' Studio, located in the road behind Bookworld España, Javea old town (easy parking at the nearby Mercadona); arrival time 11.30 a.m. for 12 p.m. start, with a charge of 1€ pp to cover the cost of room hire (includes coffee/tea and biscuits!). If you enjoy learning more about the world around us, or maybe you are an "arm-chair traveller", have questions on countries you may be thinking of visiting, or an intrepid traveller yourself and would like to offer a talk! Do come and join us – attendance every month is not required, just as and when you are interested in a particular topic. Forthcoming presentations include: "*Chile, Central America & Northern Mexico*", "*House swapping holidays*", and "*The Atlantic Provinces of Canada: Labrador, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and the Islands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence*". **New members are always welcome!**

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PROPOSED NEW GROUPS

SOCIAL TENNIS



Ross Ord is interested in starting up a 'social tennis' group (no leagues involved). If you are a 'covert' tennis player and would like to join such a group please express your interest by emailing Ross on rossandi@adslmail.es.

PILATES

Another proposed new group is Pilates. Classes will be held on a Thursday at a venue and time to be confirmed. Email crlpilgram8@gmail.com for more details if you are interested.

John Bellinger-Smith (Groups Co-ordinator)

MORE GROUP NEWS

Art Beginners

So many people registered for Beginners' Art that we now have a waiting list. However, one by one, we are still managing to invite new members to our group.

We plan to move to new premises in April (in Javea) and hopefully we will be able to accommodate those waiting.

We would like to thank John Mellars, U3A member, for his generous donation of art materials which belonged to our dear ex-teacher Judy. This gesture is much appreciated and all will be put to good use.

Maureen Stanley (Group Leader)

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Car Treasure Hunt

The 2012 Leap Year Car Treasure Hunt is taking place on Tuesday the 28th of February starting at 11.00 from the Mercadona car park in the old town.

Due to the numbers taking part we are able to reduce the entrance fee is 1€ per person to cover prizes etc.

We will be finishing at a restaurant which can cater for all of us without booking and so lunch will be of your choice of food and drink and you pay for whatever you choose allowing us to cater for all.

Insurance - Please make sure you are covered.

Everyone welcome - the more the merrier.

John Bellinger-Smith (Group Leader)

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Dining Out Group

This month the group visited Restaurant Plaza 6 at Javea Park on two occasions. The original event was full with 47 members attending.

We then arranged a second event which was attended by 34 members. On both occasions we were served with excellent food accompanied by good wines and the service could not be faulted. Well done the management and staff of Plaza 6

There will be no Dining Out Event in March.

Peter Speer |(Group Leader)

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Discussion Group

5 new members have joined the group which has made our discussions more interesting because of the diversity of opinion and we look forward to meeting more new members in the future.

We continue to hold our meetings on the first Friday of the month between 4.00 and 6.00 pm. The next topic for the forthcoming meeting on 2nd March will be "What Do We Think of Britain in Europe"

Gill Birch (Group Leader)

Foodies Group

The Group met on Thursday 16th February to enjoy the topic of Foods of Love. An interesting tale came from Tom regarding a certain type of fish in the Bahamas involving its supposed aphrodisiac qualities! Barbara spoiled us all with delicious cake containing ingredients conducive to San Valentin and I produced some biscuits, not with any particular special ingredient, but they were heart shaped. Thank you to all of you who attended and joined in the discussions, to make the morning informative as well as entertaining.

The next meeting of the Foodies will take place on March 15th when there will be a cookery demonstration. More details later. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible to join our lively group.

Gillian Breen (Group Leader)

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Garden Group

The meeting originally planned for 23rd February had to be postponed and instead will now be held on Thursday 1st March at the Arts Centre.

For those new members who require details of how to get there let me know and I will send them to you.

Many apologies for the confusion that may have been caused.

Paul Pruden (Group Leader)

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History

The next meeting will be on **Monday, March 12 at 1.15** in the **Casa de Cultura** in the pueblo where Fabio Bezoari will give a talk entitled "**From Bushman Land to ... Namibia**".

Namibia was a German colony until the end of World War I, after which it was effectively part of South Africa until gaining independence in 1990, the last former colony in Africa to do so. Fabio's presentation will cover the region's indigenous people, the Bushmen, primitive hunter-gatherers, and take us through to the present. A highly accomplished videographer, Fabio will also present a 20-minute video introducing us to the unique and spectacular geography and wildlife of this arid country.

By definition, all Jávea U3A members are members of the History Group so come along on the 12th; there's no need to book. To learn more about the group or to have your name added to our e-mailing list please contact the group leader.

Peter Atkinson (Group Leader)

history@u3ajavea.org

Not Just Folk Music Group

The next meeting of the group will be held on Monday 27th February 2012, gathering at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start, and the session will conclude at around 10.30 pm. **Again we will be meeting at the Javea Bowls Club, The Inn on the Green, which is situated on the Cami de Cansalades between Javea and Benitachell on the road to Cansalades Park.**

I am pleased to say that **Pam Dentith** will be with us on the night. Pam is an experienced folk artist of many years standing, and has regularly attended and performed at Folk festivals and concerts predominantly around the West Country, and also elsewhere in the UK. She gave us some superb and memorable renditions last time she joined us, and I have no hesitation in saying that her attendance and performance at our next meeting is one **NOT** to be missed!

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

For more information on the Group and its schedule of meetings for 2012, visit the Not Just Folk Music Group page on the Javea U3A web site.

Paul Wessendorff

Play Reading Group

The next meeting of the Play Reading Group will be at the home of Dennis & Jackie Jefferies on Wednesday 22nd February at 7.30. Please contact Penny Grant for directions of how to get there. (96 647 1455 or by email)

The play will be "A Voyage Around my Father" by John Mortimer. There are a lot of parts for both male and female readers so everyone will have a good chance of a read.

Penelope Grant (Group Leader)

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Quiz Night

February's quiz was a great success with yummy food, enjoyed by all. The next will be on **Thursday 19th April** same venue and time. Menu details will appear in March Newsletter when it's been discussed with the owner/chef. You can book your place now and confirm your menu choices next month.

Jeni and Stan Oldfield (Group Leaders)

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Solos on Sunday

Hello everyone, hoping you are keeping warm in this rather chilly weather - to say the least.

Update on the past two months of venues for our Solos.

In January, 29 of us went to La Cocina, where we were looked after so well with wonderful food and wine etc. We welcomed two new members, Pauline and Brian. Claire won the cava- well done Claire!

February 19th, 18 of us went to Atalaya and were able to enjoy the panoramic views due to a nice sunny day. Sylvia and Sheila joined us for the first time. Food and wine was very good. Pety won the pink cava. Congratulations Pety!

The next Lunch will be held at Riu Rou mid March. By then Graham will again be organising the Solo on Sundays and confirming the exact date and sending out the menus.

Don't forget, if you have not joined us yet, come along where you will be made most welcome.

Contact Marion by email marionapril@hotmail.com or telephone 96 646 3389

Marion Monsell (Group Leader)

Travellers Tales

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st February, when Tony & Cherry Cabban will be giving a presentation about their trip to the "**South Pacific Islands**". Venue: the Javea Players' Studio (located in the road behind Book World España, Javea old town). Please arrive at 11.30 a.m. for a 12 p.m. start. Same venue and time for the March meeting which will be on Tuesday 20th March, when John Reynolds will give a presentation on "**The Rocky Mountaineer and Northern California**". New members always welcome!

Angela Chantry (Group Leader)

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



INFORMATION

New or amended discounts for Javea U3A Members can now be found on the web site following this link: <http://www.u3ajavea.org/Group-Independent/PDFs/Discounts.pdf>.

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:

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caresharepat@u3ajavea.org
Ineke Butcher - Team Leader

BOOK SWAP & AUDIO BOOK SWAP. Brenda will be pleased to see you at the Parador meeting. Remember to bring along your books or audio books, there is a small charge of 50c if you have no book to swap, this money will go towards the U3A chosen charity.

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

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

For Sale, Recycle or Wanted Board: 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. If you wish the same advert to go on the board again make sure you contact Jean and ask for the advert to be resubmitted. Your items **will not** appear on the notice board if received after 6pm on Monday 27 February. You can also bring your notice and picture to the meeting and Jean will make sure it is pinned on the board. Please no larger than A5.

CHARITIES



FASHION SHOW AND CANCER CARE STALL

Sunday 11th MARCH

Our chosen charity for 2012 – Cancer Care Javea - are holding a Fashion Show and a stall at the Women in Business Club's event at the Parador Hotel on Sunday 11th March and would love to see U3A members at the event. For further details email Lesley Webster - lesleywebster_7@hotmail.com



COLLECTIONS

We intend to have collections for Cancer Care three times a year – at the Parador meetings in April, June and October. However, we also intend to have one at the Parador Meeting on 29th February So, if you have any items of clothes, jewellery or items of household goods which are of no further use, please bring them along to the February meeting. A Cancer Care representative will collect the donations and take them to the Charity Shop.

Cancer Care are also having a BLUE RIBBON WALK on Sunday 18th March 2012 – 11am start - Mas y Mas Car Park, Arenal – see the web site for full details.

MABS

MABS are having a Bookstall at Iceland on Saturday 10th March between 10.00am – 4.00 pm; a Race for Life in Moraira on 25th March and a Spring Ball on 27th April. For full details of these events use this link to the charities page on the U3A web site - <http://www.u3ajavea.org/Group-Independent/Charities/charities.html>.