

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

We are now well into the year 2013 and time seems to be racing by so quickly. So far, winter has been quite kind to us with rather mild temperatures, especially for this time of year. What has not been good however, are the persistently strong winds which have made our mild winter somewhat unpleasant. In the ten years that Lorraine and I have been living in Jávea on a permanent basis, I have never experienced such a windy winter.

Last month we held our January open meeting and from the feedback I have received (and from what I saw), it seems to have been very successful. Interestingly, we had 105 new members join our Association, which is tremendous! However, quite a lot of existing members have still to renew their membership. Please note that until you have renewed your membership and have received the new 2013 membership card, you will not be able to benefit from discounts very kindly offered to our Association by a large variety of companies. These companies have been advised that discounts should only be made available to members with a valid, current membership card. Our Discounts List can be seen on our website at <http://www.u3ajavea.org> (click Discounts in the left hand menu). Clive White does a considerable amount of work maintaining and updating our website, which contains a wealth of information and many photos, so please do look at it – it is very easy to navigate. Huge thanks go to Clive for doing such a fantastic job.

I am very pleased to announce that David Mason has very kindly volunteered to take up the position of Deputy Membership Secretary. David has also agreed to manage the Welcome Team for new members, a very important task. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to David and wish him every success in his new role.

This leaves only one vacant committee position that currently requires to be filled, this being the position of Communications Officer, part of the executive committee. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, Sam Wells, our Webmaster, has kindly volunteered, on a temporary basis, to handle the production of the monthly newsletter until such time a new Communications Officer can be found. However, Sam will not be able to continue doing this task for very much longer, so please, someone, volunteer for this vital position. If anyone does wish to volunteer for this position, or you know of anyone else interested in taking up this position, please do not hesitate to contact me at [president@u3ajavea.org](mailto:president@u3ajavea.org). Please note that I hold copies of the job description for this position for anyone who is interested.

Coming soon is our Annual General Meeting to be held at the Parador Hotel on Wednesday, 27 March 2013. 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 2012. 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, 15 March 2013.

By the time of the next Annual General Meeting, the following committee positions will be vacant and will require to be filled. If no volunteers are forthcoming for these positions, then, at the risk of repeating myself, your committee will be placed in a very difficult position and it will not be able function properly and effectively.

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

If you, or anyone else you know, wishes to volunteer for any of these important roles, please do let me know as soon as possible.

Please remember that the February Parador Hotel meeting will be a donation day 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.

As you know, the date for our 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 go on sale at the February Parador meeting. I consider this price to be excellent value, particularly given the recent significant increase in IVA and cost of things generally. In addition, as the venue is local to Jávea, there will be no need for buses, a further saving of €7 per person for those that would have availed of this facility, had the venue been outside Jávea. Following the extremely successful event held last May, I am sure that this will again be an evening not to be missed! Do keep an eye open for announcements in the newsletters and on the website over the coming months to get the details of any more events as and when they are confirmed.

Our speaker for the February Parador meeting will be Oscar Anton, Deputy Alcalde of Jávea, who is going to provide us with an update of various matters as they affect Jávea. This should prove to be a very interesting talk for us all. As you know Oscar speaks excellent English. Please check our website for the other speakers we have lined up for the rest of the year.

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

**PETER ALLIN**

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**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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**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 of voting arrangements have been sent to all members with email addresses.

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 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

PETER ALLIN

**President**

**Speaker for February**

As many of you will already be aware our guest speaker at the Parador on Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup> will be Oscar Anton the Deputy Mayor of Javea. I have asked him to come prepared to talk in general about the ongoing projects for 2013. How are they progressing both physically and financially to this years plan. Also about the future plan for Javea and in particular how this will work within the current and ongoing financial constraints. For instance what is likely to be the impact on local services over the next few years and what can be done to reduce any negative impact on the community?

With this in mind it would be helpful to get the most out of the meeting if members came prepared with questions which Oscar can answer within the above framework. If you would like to ask a specific question then Email to me in advance at the address below and I will prepare Oscar to put together the most effective answer. If this isn't possible then at least try to come prepared with questions on topics of specific interest to you. This is a great opportunity to bring yourselves up to date with all that is happening in your community so let's try to make the most of this meeting.

Ron Hughes

Vice President

[vice.president@u3ajavea.org](mailto:vice.president@u3ajavea.org)

**OBITUARY**

**DANA POLANSKA - DIED SATURDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2013**

It is with great sadness that I have to announce that Dana Polanska passed away in Dénia Hospital on 16 February 2013 following a brain haemorrhage. She was 57 years old. Dana and her husband, Albert, had recently joined the U3A Jávea and had joined the walking Group. Dana was an enthusiastic walker and participated in both the Health Walks and the Intermediate Walks. Due to her friendly nature, Dana had fitted easily into the group and all who knew her will miss her. I know that we would all wish to send our deepest condolences and sympathy to her husband Albert and to the rest of her family as they come to terms with their tragic loss.

Peter Allin

**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 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.

You can make bookings in person during the February and March Jávea U3A Meetings. You can also book via the email address [tickets@u3ajavea.org](mailto:tickets@u3ajavea.org). Tickets can be collected and menu choices made during the March and April Jávea U3A Meetings.

Stephen Burke  
Events Organiser

## MEMBERSHIP

Set out below is information for renewing for 2013.

The current Membership fee for both renewals and new members is €5 per member. **For those who did not renew in January, payment is due in February at the Parador meeting on the Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**PLEASE TRY TO BRING THE CORRECT AMOUNT TO ASSIST IN DEALING WITH PAYMENTS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.**

To assist in the annual renewal of Membership fees, there are now TWO options for you to select the method of payment which best suits you.

**BY CASH** Payable at the **February** Parador Meeting.

**BY BANK TRANSFER** Details as follows:  
(New Membership Card will be available for collection at Parador Meeting)

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

	<u>Country</u>	<u>Entidad</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>DC</u>	<u>Account No</u>
CCC		0065	0049	80	0001058101
IBAN	ES04	0065	0049	8000	01058101
BIC (Swift)	BARCESMM				

CCC details required if transfer is from within Spain

Check with your bank if this will incur a charge

**IMPORTANT NOTE if using Bank Transfer**

**In the Reference field you must state your Membership Number along with your full name.**

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

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If you have changed your email address, please notify me in order that the database can be kept up to date. If you have suddenly stopped receiving the monthly Newsletter, perhaps this may be the reason. As usual, please remember to Check-In before entering the main hall.

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

# GROUP NEWS

The Vocal Harmony Group has received a number of enquiries from members to join but they are still looking for more members to swell their ranks. Please let me know if you are interested.

Mike Frost would like to form a new Art group (the SOFA Group, see below) aimed at drawing a live model (clothed!) Please let me, or Mike, know if you are interested.

The new iPad Support Group is already doing well. If you are interested in joining this group contact Anne Muir (see below).

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).

## FEATURED GROUPS

### NEW IPAD SUPPORT GROUP

The iPad Self help Group, led by Anne Muir, had a good first meeting in January at the Inn on the Green, with 20 people attending. A follow-up meeting was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> February, also at the Inn on the Green. Any member wishing to join the group, please email Anne at [ipad.support@u3ajavea.org](mailto:ipad.support@u3ajavea.org).

### PROPOSED SOFA ART GROUP

Mike Frost is interested in starting a 3rd Art Group and would like to see if there is any interest in starting a new group aimed at painting/sketching a live model (clothed!)

Mike sees it as a once-a-month event, which would be arranged to suit those expressing an interest. The group would be open to beginners and experienced people, but there would not be a tutor. You could use your preferred medium and the sessions would last 2-3 hours and be very informal, and would probably involve some small cost of either model and/or room hire.

It is difficult to outline more without first determining the level of interest, so if this is for you send an email Ref Sofa Group to [live.model.art@u3ajavea.org](mailto:live.model.art@u3ajavea.org) or call 966 460 962.

## MORE GROUP NEWS

### COMPUTER SUPPORT GROUP

The Next meeting will be a presentation and discussion on uploading/downloading pictures and structuring their organisation plus creating slide shows using various tools that can be viewed on standard DVD's or via memory sticks etc. The meeting will be at the Group Leaders house on Wednesday 6th March 2013. As this has been requested by some group members, priority will go to existing members but if anyone is interested in attending please contact the group leader.

Malcolm Neill.

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

### NEW CURRY CLUB



We have now started the programme of curry evenings at members homes. In March the theme will be Bengal. New members are welcome. Please contact us through the website or at the Open meeting at the Parador.

Dodie and James Hodgkinson (Group Leaders).

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

### DISCUSSION GROUP

We had a very interesting and informative discussion, in February, on 'The European Union', ably inspired by our Guest Speaker, Mr George Stevenson, an ex M.P. and an ex M.E.P. Our thanks go to him.

The next meeting is on March 1st, usual time 4pm at the Social Centre and the chosen subject will be, 'The Leveson Enquiry, does it go far enough? And will it be acted upon?'

Gill Birch (Group Leader).

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

## FOODIES GROUP

The monthly meetings are getting more and more popular! The March meeting, on the 3rd Thursday (21st) is going to be a demonstration of bread making, given by Anne Muir, one of our members, who used to be a professional baker and patissier. The meeting will be held at Le Gourmand, starting at 11.30a.m.

The May meeting is to take the form of a day trip to Alicante - to the market, principally, but there will be time to find a recommended restaurant for us to indulge ourselves in a hopefully authentic Spanish lunch. Make sure those of you who want to go have given your names to me, as the trip will be open to all U3A members, after us, as we need a full coach.

Gillian Breen (Group Leader).

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

## FRIENDS OF AVINENÇA

The next two Friends of Avinenca Field Trips will be - **March 25th** we will be visiting the Santa Pola area to learn about the Flora Micro Reserves. On the **19th April** we will be visiting the Vulture Reintroduction Centre near Alcoi and then visiting the old town afterwards. As usual we will be travelling by coach and have excellent guides. More information, registration and payment details are to be found by clicking on our website [www.avinenca.es](http://www.avinenca.es).

Paul Pruden.

## HISTORY GROUP

Many thanks to Larry Sherrington for his excellent presentation on the history of British India at our February meeting. Our next meeting will be at the Casa de Cultura at 12.30 on Monday, 11 March when Cheda Panajotovic will give a talk on "**The Causes of the First World War**". Here is Cheda's introduction to his presentation:

"**THE SIMPLE VERSION:** Archduke Franz Ferdinand, on an official visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina is in Sarajevo, the capital. For no apparent reason, a Serb assassin kills the archduke and starts World War 1. **IN REALITY:** the guns were already primed, the plans had been drawn up, the war machinery motors were running and the generals were waiting for the off! The Sarajevo killing was just the spark which sent waiting armies into motion! The question is: What were the real causes of World War I?"

By definition, everyone in the Jávea U3A is a member of the History Group so come along on the 11th; there's no need to book. The full programme, through to June, is on the History Group webpage. To learn more or to have your name added to our e-mailing list please contact the group leader.

Peter Atkinson (Group Leader).

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

## Mahjong Group



On Tuesday 12th February, 28 members from the Jávea and Moraira Mahjong groups met at El Jardin Chinese restaurant in Jávea to play together and in the evening to celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Snake with a dinner for 30 people. After dinner, there was a testing quiz about China which was won by a Jávea team. Small gifts were given to the winners.

Kay Thomas.

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

## NOT JUST FOLK MUSIC GROUP

Well here we go again. Our gathering for the month of February will be on Monday 25th at the usual venue The Inn On the Green Bowls Club Jávea/Xàbia Commencing at 7.30pm. There is no theme this month so our Artistes will have a vast amount of songs to choose from. Could you let me know if you are attending, and Artistes if you wish to perform. As usual if you wish to bring a guest could you please run it past me first as numbers are limited due to the venue.

I had good feedback from Brian at the bowls club who was pleased with the amount purchased over the bar. So keep it up folks. I believe we will have a guest Artist from the UK this month but I shall confirm that nearer the date.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Ian Mackenzie (Group Leader).

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

Website: [www.u3ajavea.org](http://www.u3ajavea.org)

## **PILATES**

The dates for the next session of Pilates for both Beginners and Improvers will be as follows:

26th February  
5th March  
12th March  
19th March.

Members should pay the €20 tuition fee and the €6 accommodation fee for the 4 weeks on the 26th February. There will then be a 2 week break for Easter. The customary 6 weekly sessions will resumes on 9th April.  
Carol Pilgram.

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

## **PRACTICAL COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE**

### **Introduction to Windows 8**

Bought a new PC with Windows 8? Or upgraded your existing one? A bit confused by the new Start screen? And where has such and such a feature gone? Tom Stevenson intends to repeat the 2 hour session he presented in January, at The Inn on the Green Jávea on Tuesday 5th March. This is very much aimed at the less experienced computer user.

If you are interested please contact Tom on [pck@u3ajavea.org](mailto:pck@u3ajavea.org).

## **QUIZ NIGHT**

The first Quiz of the year February 21st was fully booked with a waiting list! If you want to come to the next one, probably the 3rd Thursday in April (depending on fiestas etc.) then I suggest you look at the web page and book early. I don't like to turn people away!

Jeni and Stan Oldfield (Group Leaders).

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

## **SOLO ON SUNDAYS**

33 of us enjoyed an exceptionally nice meal in La Boheme on January 20th. The new decor was appreciated by all.

Marion and Pat have arranged a meal at Atalaya for the 3rd March 1pm for 1.30pm. This restaurant has stunning views and always guaranteed good food and good service. Hopefully many of you will wish to join us, if so, please contact Pat Ainsley or Marion Monsell for menu choices. The price will be €21 all inclusive. Please remember, that due to the works being carried out on the Arenal, you will have to enter the back way near Mas y Mas.

If you have been before, please come along and you will be most welcome.

Marion Monsell and Pat Aisley.

[solo.on.sunday@u3ajavea.org](mailto:solo.on.sunday@u3ajavea.org).

## **TRAVELLERS TALES GROUP**

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 26th March, when John & Ann Boot will be giving a presentation on "More tales of the South Pacific". Venue: the Jávea Players' Studio (located in the road behind Book World España, Jávea 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 (Group Leader)

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

## **WATERCOLOUR PAINTING**

The group reports that is doing well with 12 members. Please note the group is currently full, but if you are interested please contact the group leader, Alice Davies, for information.

[watercolour.intermediate@u3ajavea.org](mailto:watercolour.intermediate@u3ajavea.org)

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

## REQUEST FOR HELP

John Bellinger-Smith and Carol Pilgram, who have custody of and manage the hire of the U3A crockery, cutlery and glassware, have advised that as from the end of January this year, they will no longer be able to undertake this responsibility. In view of this, a volunteer is sought urgently to take over this job, which entails doing the following:

- Storing the crockery, cutlery and glassware.
- Managing the hire of these items i.e. preparing for collection the requested quantity required by the person who is hiring the items and checking that all items have been returned clean and in good condition.
- Account to the Treasurer for all monies received for the hire of these items.

If you are willing to volunteer for this job please contact any member of the Committee as soon as possible, who can explain in more detail what is involved. Please note that if no-one is willing to volunteer for this job by the end of January, we will no longer be in a position to hire out the crockery, cutlery and glassware until such time a volunteer is found.

Peter Allin  
[president@u3ajavea.org](mailto:president@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)

## CÁRITAS FOOD COLLECTION

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## INFORMATION

### CARE AND SHARE TEAM

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

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

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

### Blue Ribbon Walk

A Casual Walk in aid of Cancer Care Jávea is taking place on Sunday 17th March at 11:00 starting in the Arenal. This will be a fun event in a good cause. For more details please see the item and poster for this event on our website at this link – <http://www.u3ajavea.org/>. [Scroll down to the Announcements section].

### GRAPEVINE MAGAZINE

From January 2013, Javea Grapevine is being published online – and will no longer available in print form from local outlets.

The good news is that the monthly Javea U3A column – which has recently expanded to a double-page spread with photos – will still be a regular feature and well worth looking out for!

Will Javea U3A members take note that Grapevine can be accessed on [www.grapevinespain.com](http://www.grapevinespain.com)

Members should also be aware that, for a limited period only, advertisements in Grapevine will be FREE, which could be a useful bonus.

Any group leaders who would like news items considered for inclusion in Grapevine should contact me at [publicity@u3ajavea.org](mailto:publicity@u3ajavea.org)

Ian Rogerson  
Publicity Officer  
[publicity@u3ajavea.org](mailto:publicity@u3ajavea.org)

### For Sale, Recycle or Wanted Board

At the Parador meeting we will have a board for you to advertise items you wish to **SELL, RECYCLE (give away) or WANTED**. To advertise your item please contact Jean at [urecyclesale@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:urecyclesale@yahoo.co.uk) (email subject- U3A Javea notice board).

Please make sure you put all the details about the item, and your contact number or email address. We will presume you have sold, recycled or found the item before the next meeting, if you wish the same advert to be 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 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.

### LOS JUBILADOS

THREE MEMBERS OF THE JAVEA U3A HAVE FORMED A GUITAR PLAYING TRIO, CALLED 'LOS JUBILADOS', AND ARE OFFERING TO PLAY 'LIVE' MUSIC AT ANY MEMBER'S CHARITY FUND RAISING EVENT, (Garden Party, BBQ, etc).

THEY PLAY POPULAR SONGS FROM THE 60'S AND 70'S AND NO FEE IS ASKED.

For more information contact **HOWARD PARKER** at [los.jubilados@u3ajavea.org](mailto:los.jubilados@u3ajavea.org)