

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

From Our President:

A Happy New Year to one and all! I trust that you all had an enjoyable Christmas and Festive Season either here, in UK, or elsewhere. Lorraine and I spent our Christmas and New Year in a rather wet, mild, but always very picturesque South Devon with Lorraine's family and a great time was had by all. I hope that you are now ready to get involved in the events we are planning and organising in 2013.

We had some very successful events at the end of last year, with our Christmas lunch organised once again by Mike Frost at Restaurante Masena which, as always, was excellent value and enjoyed by all attending. The annual Christmas Dinner and Dance held at The Dance Café (formerly Restaurante La Brioche), organised by Pat Johnson, was also a great success. A huge vote of thanks goes to all those who were involved in organising and running these events.

Last but not least was the Christmas Extravaganza held at the Parador meeting in November. The popular Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir once again gave us such an excellent concert, to whom we are extremely grateful. The U3A Association Song, written primarily by Sally Wells, with Ian MacKenzie and Tony Spike from the Not Just Folk Music Group on guitars and leading the singing, was once again well received. The next act, performed by Howard Parker, Roy Heaton and yours truly, was a rather amusing, risqué act performed to the tune of "Winter Wonderland" and this upped the temperature somewhat in the hall! It seemed to go down well however and I have to emphasise that no claims will be entertained for damaged eyesight!! I don't think this tune will ever be remembered for what it is really meant to represent!! Following this was a pantomime called "Aladdin" starring Sally Wells and Jackie Heaton which was very amusing, rounded off by an excellent performance by our dance troupe dancing to the tune of "Viva España". After all of this, the audience were definitely in need of sherry and mince pies! Huge thanks go to all the performers and those involved in organising the Extravaganza, in particular, Sally Wells who was responsible for the design, writing and choreography. The raffle raised the princely sum of €774.62 for the Cancer Care Charity.

Towards the end of last year, there were a number of significant changes to your committee. As you know, Peter Speer retired as Events Coordinator after many years of excellent service to the Association and our thanks go to him and his wife Pauline for everything they have done for us. I am pleased to announce that Stephen Burke has very kindly volunteered to take up the Events Coordinator role. Stephen has plenty of past experience in organising and managing events similar to those we have and we are pleased to welcome him to the Committee.

Last year, our Communications Officer, Carol Pilgram, had to stand down due to personal reasons. Carol worked hard and diligently during her time as Communications Officer, successfully setting up and implementing the Welcome Team for new members and producing, to a very high standard, the monthly newsletter of the Association. Her contributions as an Executive Committee member were always welcomed and very much appreciated.

Until a new Communications Officer is appointed, Sam Wells has very kindly volunteered, on a temporary basis, to handle the production of the monthly newsletter. Therefore, will you please forward any newsletter contributions to Sam Wells at web.update@u3ajavea.org It is most important that this address is used, as this is the central collating point for website updates and newsletter production.

It goes without saying that the Communications Officer vacancy needs to be filled urgently. If anyone wishes 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 Please note that I hold copies of the job description for this position for anyone who is interested.

Finally, Wendy Main, our Deputy Membership Secretary also decided to step down at the end of last year, so this position is also vacant and needs to be filled as soon as possible. Our thanks go to Wendy for all her diligent work for the Association.

On the subject of committee vacancies, please note that by the time of the next Annual General Meeting in March this year, the following committee positions will be vacant and will require to be filled. If no volunteers are forthcoming for these positions, then 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
6. Deputy Membership Secretary

As you can see there will be a significant number of vacant committee positions, so please let me know as soon as possible if you, or anyone else you know, wishes to volunteer for any of these important roles.

Looking ahead, the Committee are starting to plan the outline of activities for 2013. One firm date for your diaries is 17th May for our annual May Ball. **Please note that the venue has still to be decided.** 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.

Ron Hughes, our Vice President, has already arranged an interesting programme of speakers for our monthly meetings. In February, we start with a talk by Oscar Anton, Deputy Alcalde of Jávea, providing us with an update of matters as they affect Jávea, which should prove to be very interesting for us all. As you know Oscar speaks excellent English. Please check the website for the other speakers we have lined up for the rest of the year.

Finally, I am looking forward to meeting and seeing members at these and other U3A activities during the year ahead.

Peter Allin

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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. Follow this link to the discounts page:

www.u3ajavea.org/Group-Independent/PDFs/Discounts.pdf

MEMBERSHIP

Set out below is information for renewing for 2013.

The current Membership fee for both renewals and new members is €5 per member. Payment is due in January or February each year at the Parador meeting on the last Wednesday of the Month.

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 **January or February** Parador Meeting
or payable beforehand if not in Jávea during January/February.
New Membership Card will be issued upon receipt of payment

BY BANK TRANSFER

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

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!!

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

GROUP NEWS

The January Parador meeting is our annual 'Open Day' when many of our group leaders will attend to give members the opportunity to meet them and to find out more details of their respective groups. By 10:30, a number of Group Leaders will have set up their desks ready to talk about their groups and, where appropriate, to display examples of the sort of things that their groups produce.

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.

John Bellinger-Smith
groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org

FEATORED GROUPS

NEW TEA DANCE GROUP



The new Tea Dance Group will have its inaugural dance on the 1st February at the Baptist Church Centre in Javea Old Town. It will start at 15:00 and finishes at 18:00. Music is being provided by Eric Taylor, who gave us a good time at the Tea Dance organized by Shirley King. Tickets (€12 each) are being sold at tea.dance@u3ajavea.org, or at the General Meeting on the 30th January.
Val Dromgoole (Group Leader).

NEW IPAD SUPPORT GROUP

Anne Muir has started a new iPad Support group for those members who own, or plan to purchase, an iPad and want to get the most out of it. The first group meeting was on the 21st January at The Inn on The Green (Jávea Bowls Club).

Any member wishing to join the group, please email 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 or call 966 460 962.

MORE GROOP NEWS

BEGINNERS ART GROUP

Up till now we have not been able to re-start our classes due to Mary's absence. As soon as I hear from her I will let you know and give you a date when we shall begin. Premises will be Toscomar and time will be the same, i.e. Wednesday mornings, 11:00 – 14:00. We will be having a table for the Open Meeting on 30 January and we would like to have samples of our work on display on that occasion. With this in mind please offer one of your masterpieces, either an original or a photocopy. I would like to know in advance if you have something suitable so please let me know. Thank you and a Happy New Year. Maureen Stanley (Group Leader)

art.beginners@u3ajavea.org

NEW CURRY CLUB



We have now started the programme of curry evenings at members homes. This month focuses on dishes from Kashmir. 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

DINING OUT

This month 60 members of the group will be dining at restaurant Chez Angel at Javea Park. Please note that the membership list for this group is full and therefore future applicants will be put on a waiting list.

Peter Speer (Group Leader)

dining.out@u3ajavea.org

DISCUSSION GROUP

The next meeting will be held on Friday 8th February. The subject for discussion is "So whom do we think benefits from belonging to the EU and does Great Britain benefit from belonging to the EU." Our guest speaker is the ex MEP George Stephenson.

Gill Birch (Group Leader)

depgroupcoord@u3ajavea.org

FOODIES GROUP

The January meeting was held on the 24th January, and took the form of a French Cheese tasting, at Le Gourmand Restaurant, our new venue for 2013. The cheeses were supplied by Benjamin, the French owner and he brought the cheeses back from his home in the French Alps. By the number of Foodies who booked into the occasion - it proved very popular! The February meeting (on 21st February) is going to be another tasting - this time exclusive olive oils. More details of this can be obtained by contacting Foodies Group leader.

There is to be a table at the January U3A Parador meeting, which will be laden with Foodies members' samples of some of their produce. Unfortunately, as the Foodies group now has 70 members, no new names can be added.

Gillian Breen (Group Leader)

foodies@u3ajavea.org

HISTORY GROUP

At our January meeting, Fabio Bezoari gave us an excellent presentation entitled "Sicilian Pilgrimage", a history of his homeland. Our next meeting will be at the **Casa de Cultura at 12:30 on Monday, 11 February** when Larry Sherrington will give a talk on British India, originally scheduled for December: "A Brief History of the British Empire in India and the Part the East India Company Played in It":

"From pirates to privateers, traders to slavers, by robbing the Spanish, copying the Dutch, beating the French and plundering India, the British Empire was established. The British East India Company became an anomaly without comparison in history. They were serial plunderers of India and imperial imitators. They transformed a trading and diplomatic presence into an overseas government. For better or worse the world as we know it today is, in large measure, the product of Britain's age of empire."

By definition, everyone in the Jávea U3A is a member of the History Group so come along on the 10th; 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

NOT JUST FOLK MUSIC GROUP

Happy New year to all our members. Well 2013 is going to be a different approach to our musical evenings. We are commencing this year's festivities with a music evening on the 28th January at our usual venue, The Inn on The Green Bowls Club. I am going to have theme nights. This first one will be the Swinging Sixties. Yes we all remember those heady days and the music of that decade is still with us today. It is hoped that all will enter into the spirit of the occasion and dig out those flower power garments. (The charity shops will have a field day). I shall cover the decades from the sixties up to the nineties throughout the year. Wait until we hit the "Glam Rock" era can't wait.

Anyone who is interested in coming along please drop me a line and let me know if you wish to attend we would all welcome you to the fold. I am expecting a few guests this year to enhance the entertainment. So wrap up warm and come along and have a good old sing song. See you soon.

Ian Mackenzie (Group Leader)

folk.music@u3ajavea.org

QUIZ NIGHT

Our first Quiz of the year will be on Thursday February 21st at our usual venue of El Salaito in the old town, behind the Casa de Cultura. Menu: A repeat of some of our favourite food from last year - Variety of tapas, followed by: boneless chicken curry OR salmon cake with caramelised red onion followed by home-made cheese cake OR ice cream. Includes bread & alioli & half bottle wine or equivalent. Price is still 16€. Start time 8pm so come any time from 7.30pm. You can pay at the Open Meeting in the Parador on Jan. 30th or on the night if you can't make the meeting (when we all have to pay our subs!). Look forward to receiving your emails giving your menu choices plus your wine/drinks. See you there.

Jeni and Stan Oldfield (Group Leaders).

quiz.night@u3ajavea.org

RUMMIKUBS TWO GROUP

Happy New Year to our Rummikubbers and to the other group. Welcome to our new members.

We still have room for more players at the Café Cortado, Carrer Joan Fuster, Xabia Port. We play on Thursday afternoons from 3 until 5 pm. We are very happy to teach the game or help you to adapt to our 'U3A' rules.

Rummikubs is good for your brain; so come along.

Val Dromgoole (Group Leader) rummikubs.two@u3ajavea.org

TRAVELLERS TALES GROUP

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 29th January, when Marion & Keith Kimblin will be giving a presentation on **"Singapore to Sydney - and iconic places in between!"**. Our February meeting will be earlier than usual, on Tuesday 5th February, when Malcolm & Sue Neill will be giving a presentation on **"Canada - East to West"**. 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 (Group Leader)

travellers.tales@u3ajavea.org

Please visit our website at 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



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

caresharepat@u3ajavea.org

BRITISH CONSULATE

The latest copy of the Partner's Newsletter from the British Consular Network is now available on the website, at this link –

<http://www.u3ajavea.org/Group-Independent/Javea-Related/javea-local-info.html>.

The Newsletter contains various items of interest to British ex-pats and is worth reading.

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

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

Ian Rogerson
Publicity Officer
publicity@u3ajavea.org

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

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 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 28 January.

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.