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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 the UK, or elsewhere. Lorraine and I spent our Christmas and New Year here in Jávea with my mother. Having had a very enjoyable Christmas Day, both Lorraine and I were struck down with a very nasty cold on Boxing Day, which in my case led to bronchitis. We are only now just recovering from this nasty virus. I hope that you are all well and are now ready to get involved in the events we are planning and organising in 2014.

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, organised by Pat and Eric Johnson, was also a great success. Photos of these two events can be seen on our website. 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 Hotel meeting in November. First of all, two cheques totalling €2,600 were handed to representatives of Cáritas, our nominated charity for 2013. Then the popular Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir once again gave us an excellent concert, to whom we are extremely grateful. The U3A Association Anthem, written primarily by Sally Wells was sung by yours truly (I hope members still have their hearing!) accompanied by Ian MacKenzie from the Not Just Folk Music Group on guitar and was, dare I say, once again well received.

The next act, performed superbly by Piddley Pete (Paul Wessendorff) and the Piddle Spankers Morris Dancers from Piddletrendhide made up of a number of members, was very colourful, entertaining and very funny, with plenty of laughter from the audience numbering c.300. After all of this, the audience was definitely in the mood for sherry and Iceland mince pies! Huge thanks go to all the performers and all 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 €939.36 for the Bomberos Voluntarios, a voluntary non-profit making organisation that is Jávea's only fire fighting force. ISVH President, Erich Brenner, accepted the cheque on behalf of the Bomberos Voluntarios at a special ceremony in December at the fire station in Balcon Al Mar, saying he was most grateful for the donation. Photos of the Christmas Extravaganza and the presentation to the Bomberos Voluntarios can be seen on our website.

Looking ahead, we have our Annual General Meeting (AGM) which will be held at the Parador Hotel on Wednesday, 26 March 2014 at 11am. 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 2013. You will shortly receive details of how you are able to cast your votes on the main issues involved at the AGM.

The Nominations List for candidates standing for election at the AGM in March will close at 17:30 on Friday 7th February 2014 and each candidate's completed and signed Nomination Form (available either from myself or from our website), must be handed to me by that date. To date there are two candidates who wish to stand for election onto the Executive Committee named on the Nominations List. They are Stephen Burke who is standing for President and Francis McNeil who is standing Vice President. Also on the Nominations List are the following current Executive Committee members who wish to stand for re-election and who are also presently unchallenged:

Valerie Dromgoole for Secretary
Howard Parker for Membership Secretary
David Woodhall for Communications Officer

Mick Cox for Treasurer
David Grove for Groups Coordinator

The voting procedures detailing the process (easy) of how you can vote by e-mail will be sent out to all members by the middle of next month (hopefully 15 February) and you will be able to begin voting by e-mail from 1 March 2014 until 6 pm 25 March 2014. You will also be able to vote in person at the February Parador meeting on Wednesday 26 February 2014, as well as at the AGM on Wednesday 26 March 2014.

The AGM this year will be a very important AGM to attend and it is also very important that you exercise your right to vote. The reason for this is that not only will you be voting for the above mentioned candidates and the approval of the Audited Accounts as at 31 December 2013, but also for a change to the existing subscriptions and for important changes to our legal Statutes.

In the case of subscriptions, your **Executive Committee is recommending the introduction of a one-off joining fee of €10 for new members with effect from 1 April 2014.** Annual subscriptions will continue to remain at the same level as it is now i.e. €5 per person per annum. Therefore a new member who joins the Association will pay €15, made up of €10 one-off joining fee and €5 annual subscription. When that member renews his/her membership for the following year, only the annual membership subscription fee will need to be paid. **Existing members who have not renewed their annual subscription by the end of February each year will thereafter be considered as new members and therefore be subject to the one-off €10 joining fee, as well as having to pay the annual membership subscription.** The surplus we had continues to reduce significantly, clearly demonstrating that outgoings exceed the level of income (in the form of subscriptions). The introduction of the one-off joining fee will help to address this imbalance to some extent.

Regarding the legal Statutes, a Statutes Review Sub-Committee was formed in August last year, comprising of four people namely Valerie Dromgoole (our current Secretary), Tom Stevenson (who was the previous Secretary of the Association), Ron Hughes (Vice President) and myself. **Apart from cosmetic definition changes, the most important change affects how long an Executive Committee member can serve on that Committee, currently no more than three years whatever position he or she holds on that Committee.** For example, I have served one year as Vice President and two years as President and now I am required to legally to step down having served a total of three years on the Executive Committee. In addition, I cannot stand for re-election to any position on the Executive Committee for another two years.

Given the difficulty in finding new candidates to fill Executive Committee positions, which has been clearly demonstrated recently and to provide a much greater degree of flexibility, **The Executive Committee is recommending that an Executive Committee member can serve as long as they wish, subject to re-election by the membership each year at the AGM.** It goes without saying that any member of the Association who wishes to stand for election to the Executive Committee at the AGM, is free to do so.

The draft detailing the proposed changes to the Statutes can be seen on our website, as well as on the Notice Board that will be located at the entrance to the Antesala (where the DVD/book swap tables are normally located) at the Open Day meeting at the Parador Hotel on Wednesday 29 January 2014, as well as the February Parador meeting and the AGM in March.

It must be noted that if the resultant vote is in favour of making the changes that the Executive Committee is recommending to our legal Statutes, it could take up to 2 years for these changes to take effect formally and legally, as the Statutes need first to be translated into the official Spanish language and then they have to be registered and approved by the Diputación in Alicante and then the Hacienda (Spanish Tax Office).

It is therefore very important that you take these matters very seriously and VOTE, either by e-mail (very easy) or in person at either the February Parador meeting or at the March AGM at the Parador Hotel.

The Committee are now starting to plan the outline of activities for 2014. One firm date for your diaries is Friday, 16 May for our annual May Ball, which will be held at Salones Carrasco in Jávea. Until 31 January 2014, tickets at a cost of €40 per person, are available only to members of Jávea U3A and their guests; thereafter any remaining tickets will be made available to members of other organisations. Tickets can be ordered now via tickets@u3ajavea.org Unfortunately, The Spanish Culture & Cuisine Group's four day trip to Tortosa, Monserrat and Vinaròs clashes with the May Ball, the Association's premier event and in future, the Committee will do its best to avoid such clashes occurring. Following the extremely successful event held last May, I am sure that this May Ball will again be an evening not to be missed and we have again managed to book Strikland as the live band for this event! Please 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 very interesting talk by Brenda Bates about her experiences with the Joy Adamson Foundation (Born Free) in Kenya, which must not be missed. Please check the website for the other speakers we have lined up for the rest of the year

I wish to clarify that the nominated charity the Association is supporting for 2014 is **Friends of the Children of EMAÚS**. Please also note that we will continue with the food collection days for Cáritas, and these will be held at the Parador Hotel meetings in March, June and November. Please note this in your diaries.

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

Peter Allin
president@u3ajavea.org

MAY BALL 2014

Tickets will be on sale at the Parador meeting on 29th January and those who have ordered tickets by email can pay for and collect them. The 2014 May Ball will again be held at Salones Carrasco in Javea and will take place on Friday May 16th the dress code will be Black Tie or Lounge Suits.

The great news is that we have managed to keep the price at 40€ which represents wonderful value as it includes musical entertainment, a reception with canapes and Cava (wine, beer etc is also available); a four course meal with coffee during which wine, beer, soft drinks and water are available on demand and free of additional charge **until the dessert course is served (at which point further drinks have to be paid for)**. Back by popular demand will be top local band Strikland who entertained us so impressively at last years event with DJ Eric Taylor rounding off the night.

Until 31st January 2014 tickets are available only to members of Javea U3A and their guests; thereafter any remaining tickets will be made available to members of other organisations.

This year we have a choice of three main courses and as with last year there will be a vegetarian option (see last page of this newsletter). As the vegetarian meal will be based on seasonally availability details will not available until nearer the event.

Stephen Burke (Events Organiser)
events@u3ajavea.org



CÁRITAS

There will be food collection days at the **MARCH, 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, 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 e.g. milk tops, juice, wine cartoons, coffee jar tops, cosmetic, hairsprays, cleaning products, gas bottle tops etc.

We need a lot of tops to make a little difference to Noa's life. 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 total membership now stands at **1,303** members.

Reminder: Renewals are due in January when the subscription will be 5€ per member (husband, wife, partner, etc. are each treated as individual 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 January 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
CCC		0065	0049	8000	01058101
IBAN	ES04	0065	0049	8000	01058101
BIC	BARCESMM				

Currently, CCC details required if transfer is from within Spain.
 From 1st February, CCC will be replaced by BIC.
 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 contact details, e.g. telephone number or email address, please let the Membership Secretary know.

Howard Parker (Membership Secretary)
membership.secretary@u3ajavea.org



DISCOUNTS LIST

Members are reminded that on the web site there are 18 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.

Follow this link to the discounts page:
www.u3ajavea.org/Group-Independent/PDFs/Discounts.pdf.

Please visit our website at 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.

CULTURAL ARTS. Please refer to the website <http://www.u3ajavea.org/Activity-Groups/Cultural-Arts/cultural-arts.html> for more detailed information or contact David Grove on 96 647 0534, or email to the 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.

MORE GROUP NEWS

ART BEGINNERS

Classes are held at Toscamar on Wednesday at 10.30 a.m. and go on until 13.30. We would have places for a few more aspiring artists (watercolour). Further information from:
Maureen Stanley (Group Leader),
art.beginners@u3ajavea.org.

BADMINTON

The group caters for all levels (incl. beginners) whilst having FUN. All enquiries to:
Philip Gauron. (Group Leader)
badminton@u3ajavea.org.

BOOK CLUB

We meet at 3pm on the 3rd Monday of the month and the morning group at 10.30am on the 1st Tuesday, both at the Parador. If you are interested in joining either group, please contact:-
Kay Thomas (morning group),
bookgroup@u3ajavea.org.
Or, Pru Hughes (afternoon group),
bookgroup.two@u3ajavea.org.

BRIDGE GROUP

There are vacancies for Bridge on Monday afternoons at 2.30pm in the Parador. Please check the group link on the website or contact the Group Leader if you are interested. Please note that this group does not cater for absolute beginners, but, as long as you know the essentials, you are very welcome to join us for an afternoon of informal bridge, which some people prefer to the more specialist bridge clubs.
Sybille Ross (Group Leader),
bridge@u3ajavea.org.

CANASTA GROUP

The group now has 23 members and is still growing, also thanks go to the Denia U3A members who have joined us and are happy to play our set of rules!! We now have a permanent reservation at our local Javea Port venue 'El Cortado' which is a friendly well run bar by Dave and Elaine. If you would like to join us and make some new friends, learn, improve or just enjoy the game of Canasta or cards in general or even show us a few tactics, with or without a partner be assured you will be made more than welcome, just come along or contact:
Val Norrie (Group Leader)
canasta@u3ajavea.org

COMPUTER SUPPORT GROUP

Website: www.u3ajavea.org

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

CRAFTS (CARDMAKING)

We have a couple of vacancies and if you are interested in joining please contact the Group Leader. Alternatively come and see us at our demonstration table at the January open meeting.

Shirley King (Group Leader)
crafts@u3ajavea.org.

CURRY CLUB

Our next meetings will be in the New Year when the theme will be the cuisine of The Punjab. Why not join the curry club and have fun having a go at preparing food with a difference. For more information, contact:

Dodie and James Hodgkinson (Group Leaders),
curry.club@javeau3a.org.

DINING OUT GROUP

Due to group leaders holidays the next event will not be held until the second half of February.

Peter Speer (Group Leader),
dining.out@u3ajavea.org

DISCUSSION GROUP

Meetings are held on the first Friday of the month. For details please contact the Group Leader.

Gill Birch (Group Leader),
depgroupcoord@u3ajavea.org

FRIENDS OF AVINENÇA

If you would like to take part in any of our trips and are already a member, or if you would like to join, (membership is free), please go to www.avinenca.es for further details.

Full details of all trips can be found on our website at www.u3ajavea.org/activity-groups.html (click **Friends of Avinença** in the Activity Groups table) or by contacting the Group Leader.

Paul Pruden (Group Leader),
friends.of.avinenca@u3ajavea.org.

HISTORY GROUP

Many thanks to Angela Chantry for her excellent talk at our January meeting, a fascinating and thoroughly researched biography of a remarkable woman: the American aviation pioneer, Amelia Earhart.

Our next meeting, in the Casa de Cultura at 11.30 on Tuesday, 11 February, will also have an American focus. David Thoms will give a talk entitled "The American Wild West, 1865-1890: Myth and Reality".

Here is David's synopsis: "The Western United States changed dramatically in the three decades following the conclusion of the Civil War in 1865. This was the period of the 'Wild West', defined traditionally by its violence, criminality and hard drinking. But where did reality end and the myths begin? Was the 'Wild West' a place of humour and romance as represented by Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (Newman and Redford style)? Were Jesse James, Wyatt Earp and Crazy Horse the good or bad guys? Mosey on down to the OK Corral (sorry, the Casa de Cultura) for some answers and lots of illustrations."

The full programme up to June 2014 is now on the group's webpage.

Peter Atkinson (Group Leader),
history@u3ajavea.org.

IPAD SUPPORT GROUP

The I Pad Group now meets at the Inn on the Green on the **last Monday of the month**. Any Javea U3A member wishing to join the group, please email Lorraine at the address below.

Lorraine Allin (Group Leader),
ipad.support@u3ajavea.org.

LADIES THAT LUNCH

48 of us enjoyed a Tapas lunch at La Boheme on Friday, 24th January.

We now have 90 ladies in our group and try to arrange a lunch once a month. In view of the size of the group and the obvious capacity restrictions at various venues, there are instances when we have to disappoint some ladies who wish to go. The system is that when the email announcing a forthcoming lunch goes out, we work on a "first come, first served" principle. However, those who are disappointed will be given preference for the next lunch.

Sally Wells and Katrina Frost (Group Leaders),
ladies.that.lunch@u3ajavea.org.

NOT JUST FOLK MUSIC GROUP

The Group continues to grow in both size and performance. Although we originally called ourselves a folk group, we have never restricted ourselves to purely traditional or contemporary folk music. Blues, Country, amusing

musical ditties, and even 60s/70s pop may be heard. Indeed, any acoustic music is most welcome at any of our sessions.

The first meeting of 2014 will be on Monday 27th January at the Inn on the Green. Unfortunately, due to illness, Ian cannot attend, but we wish him a speedy recovery. In his place, Paul Wessendorff and Tony Spike will be running the evening. All enquiries to:

Ian Mackenzie. (Group Leader)

folk.music@u3ajavea.org

PETANQUE

All enquiries to:

Pam Coombe (Group Leader).

petanque@u3ajavea.org

PRACTICAL COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE

All enquiries to:

Tom Stevenson (Group Leader),

pck@u3ajavea.org.

QUIZ NIGHT

Quiz Nights are held approximately every two months. They are held in the Tapas Bar/Restaurant El Salaito in Calle Roques, in the old quarter of Jávea just behind the Casa de Cultura. 19:00 for 19:30 start.

Tables of six will constitute quiz teams. You will draw your table number on arrival - couples sit together.

The next quiz is on Thursday 20th February at the usual place and time (see above).

A three course menu of tapas plus bread & alioli for everyone; followed by either toscalla de lomo con crema de championes OR merluza a la vasca; finally postre: Helados OR Pudim de Almendras. ½ bottle of wine per person (red, white or rosado) OR beer/soft drink. The price is €16 to include tip and prizes. All food is home made.

Please email if you would like to reserve a place together with your choice of menu, including choice of wine to the address shown below or contact the group leaders.

Jeni and Stan Oldfield (Group Leaders),

quiz.night@u3ajavea.org.

RAILWAY ENTHUSIASTS

We had our largest group meeting to date with 12 attendees on Monday, 13th for our chat, refreshments and video, in the Javea Players Studio. Well done!

I would like to welcome our 3 new members. One of our new members worked on the London North Eastern Railway and latterly the East African Railways. He was able to give us insight in to both companies and was especially interested in the later video of various African Railways.

At the January U3A meeting at the Parador Hotel we will have a railways group table, to spread the word. One of our members has kindly agreed to loan a 17" laptop so that we can show one or two videos, also we agreed to bring magazines and maybe a loco and track to fill the table, I will also bring some books and DVD's to sell for the Asociacion Tren Alcoy-Gandia, some proceeds of which will go to the railway group funds.

It was suggested that, as a group, we, in the near future, take a trip on the Denia/Alicante line, as a day out, once the ongoing repairs have been completed. This would be a great chance to enjoy ourselves, take videos and photographs and involve our partners and other U3A members.

After refreshments we all enjoyed a DVD about the various African Railways, this featured lines from East Africa, Rhodesia, South Africa, Malawi, Angola and Ethiopia especially the large Beyer-Garratt locomotives (see 'photos on the U3A website) that worked virtually all over the system throughout the African continent.

For our next meeting 10th February the featured DVD will be "The Joy of Sets" (The Model Railway Story). This is a very interesting and informative video and is well worth watching!

Peter Sparks (Group Leader)

railways@u3ajavea.org.

RUMMIKUBS GROUP TWO

All enquiries to:

Val Dromgoole (Group Leader),

rummikubs.two@u3ajavea.org

SOLO ON SUNDAY

El Rancho made all of us extremely welcome on New Year's Eve where 36 spent the evening together. A marquee was erected for us all to enjoy dancing. The food, drinks and ambience was of a premium....and cannot wait to go again!

Pat and I have decided to visit La Boheme for our next Solos Lunch on the 2nd February, 1 for 1.30pm. The menu has not yet been decided, but as soon as we hear we will advise accordingly. We think the price will be about 22/23€, but if you remember this time last year when we went, it was very nice indeed.

If you have not joined this Group before, please come along as you will be made to feel very welcome.

Hope to see many of you on the 2nd February!

Marion Monsell and Pat Ainsley (Group Leaders),

solo.on.sunday@u3ajavea.org.

SPANISH CULTURE AND CUISINE

Full details of all events can be found on the Spanish Culture & Cuisine page on the website, or please come and talk to us at our table in the Parador on Wednesday, 29th January.

Thursday 30th January – inaugural lunch. We are delighted with the response which we have had to our inaugural lunch at Restaurante Trencall, Javea, and as much as we don't want to turn anyone away for our first get-together, we very much regret that we cannot accept any further bookings. Names can only now be taken for a reserve list in case of last minute cancellations; (NB cancellations should be received before Sunday 26th January).

Thursday 27th March – Day trip to Novelda Departure will be from outside of Interiors, Javea port, at 0.830 a.m. We will have a guided walking tour of Novelda, including a visit to the Casa-Museo Modernista – one of the best examples of Spanish art nouveau architecture, interior design and furniture. Lunch will follow at Restaurante La Herradura, which has been converted from an old traditional Spanish farmhouse, in a beautiful setting, renowned for its excellent Spanish cuisine. Our 5 course menu includes 1 drink (a glass of wine, beer or soft drink) and water. ETA back in Javea will be 18:15 hrs. Price: 30€ p.p. (includes coach, guided walking tour, entry fee to the Casa-Museo Modernista, lunch as specified & gratuities). Payment will be collected at the Parador on Wednesday 29th January. PLEASE bring the correct change

Tuesday 13th to Friday 16th May: 4-day Trip to Tortosa/Monserrat/ Vinaròs. Price: €210 p.p., total single supplement €30 p.p. (limited number of single rooms available). A deposit of 100€ p.p. will be collected at the Parador on Wednesday 29th January. Departure from Interiors, Javea Port, at 08.30 hrs on Tuesday 13th May; comfort stop en route to Tortosa and check in to our 3* hotel. Free time for lunch before a 2½ hours guided walking tour of Tortosa. On Wednesday 14th May we will depart after breakfast for Cavas Freixenet at Sant Sadurni d'Anoia where we will have an audio-visual presentation, visit to the cellars, a miniature train tour and tasting of different cavas. We will then travel on to Montserrat for a 2 night stay at the 3* Hotel Abat Cisneros (½ board). On Thursday 15th May, everyone will receive a ticket "Montserrat All Day" which includes entrance to the Audio-visual Museum, Museum of Montserrat, tasting of typical liquors, visit to the Basilica, singing of the Boys' Choir, and a set menu in Restaurant Montserrat. On Friday 16th May, we will depart after breakfast for our return journey to Javea, stopping at Vinaròs, famous for its king prawns, seafood and paella, where there will be free time to enjoy refreshments in one of the restaurants on the seafront. **ETA back in Javea at 17.00 hrs, for those of us who will be attending the Javea U3A May Ball !!**

Angela Chantry/Tony Dearie (Group Leaders)

spanish.culture.cuisine@u3ajavea.org.

SPANISH GROUPS

All enquiries to:

Heidi Hancock (Group Leader),

spanish.beginners@u3ajavea.org.

TABLE TENNIS

All enquiries to:

Ingeborg Taylor (Group Leader)

table.tennis@u3ajavea.org.

TRAVELLERS TALES GROUP

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 28th January when John Chun will be giving us a talk and picture presentation on "Switzerland". The following month, Tuesday 25th February, Angela Chantry will be giving a presentation entitled "Cruising around Britain with a stopover in Edinburgh". Venue: the Javea Players' Studio (located near Mercadona, Javea old town – email for directions). 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 and Tony Dearie (Group Leaders)

travellers.tales@u3ajavea.org.

WINE APPRECIATION GROUP

The first meeting of 2014 of the group will be on February 19th at La Cocina (details on our web page). Wines from La Báscula will be presented by two of our members, Tony Myerscough and Jane Reynolds.

La Báscula has two meanings in Spanish: either it's an old fashioned weighing scales or a large weighbridge for lorries. When deciding what to call their new Spanish wine range, Englishman Ed Adams (Master of Wine) and South African winemaker Bruce Jack chose the first definition on the basis that a weighbridge would not look so good on a wine label.

So, the scales represent balance, and hopefully not in too clichéd a fashion. The wines in the range have intrinsic balance; there is a balance between indigenous Spanish varieties and modern winemaking and with the label design there is a balance between New World dynamism and a more traditional gentility represented by the Alhambra motifs found on the label and capsule. We also have the Spanish umbrella brand *La Báscula* matched by sub-brands in English for each of the wines in the range. Taking the analogy further, there is also the balance between the 2 partners in the project, Ed Adams and Bruce Jack. Ed speaks Spanish and has the winery contacts whilst Bruce has all the winemaking savvy and market feel.

Geoff Woodward (Group Leader)

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:

careshareineke@u3ajavea.org

caresharepat@u3ajavea.org



OTHER INFORMATION

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

There will be **NO** "tables" available at the January meeting owing to lack of space because of Renewals/Registration.

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

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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.