

### FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Well, at long last summer appears to have arrived in Javea, but still there is no sign of that much needed rain. Nonetheless, the weather is just perfect and not too hot as that coolish breeze continues to linger and keep temperatures down a bit compared to last year. This weather is great entertaining weather and any friends or relatives visiting Javea will very much appreciate it, given the ghastly weather in the UK and elsewhere in northern Europe.

This is the last newsletter prior to the summer break over July and August and there will not be another newsletter now until September. In order to keep up to date with matters U3A, **please do look at our website**, as this will continue to be updated regularly during July and August.

The Committee have been working hard to clear several administrative but essential issues prior to the summer break. We are in the process of obtaining approval from the Diputacion de Alicante to our Committee changes following the AGM in March, and are also in the process of updating the registered details of the Association with the Ayuntamiento in Javea, as well as our bankers.

In addition, the Committee have been busy examining ways of improving the processes involved in maintaining and updating our website. I believe that our website is one of the best tools we have as a means of communicating all that goes on within the Association to members. I would urge you to please have a good look at our website – it contains a wealth of information about group activities, events in Javea, information about our nominated charity for this year, the Cancer Care Charity, and loads of photos of our events including the May Ball. A lot of effort by our web team (all on a voluntary basis) goes into maintaining and keeping our website as up to date as possible. A lot really does go on behind the scenes!

As you know, June has been an important month for the British Royal Family, this year being the Queen's Diamond Jubilee following 60 years of fantastic, selfless duty to the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. As you all know, there have been many celebrations throughout the UK and the Commonwealth, and in other parts of the world (wherever there are British people) including Javea. Although not an official U3A event, a beach party was

held between the Port and the Arenal, which was attended by a large group of people (c.75) nearly all of whom were U3A Javea members and their guests. Huge thanks go to Tom and Jean Miller for organising the Jubilee Beach Party, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The whole Jubilee event has been delightful to watch and it leaves no doubt in my mind that the British are masters of pomp and ceremony. No one else can organise pageantry as well as the British.

The next social event will be An Evening of Music and Dance on the 14th July and this will be in aid of the Cancer Care Charity. The event will be hosted at the home of John Bellinger-Smith and Carol Pilgram and will include a hog roast and a live 2-piece band, The Brink. So far 100 tickets have been sold and there is now a waiting list. Our Events Organiser, Peter Speer, is currently assessing whether or not the event can accommodate more people and hopefully an announcement about this can be made at the Parador meeting later this month.

Please note that at the next Parador meeting, in addition to the book and DVD swaps, there will also be a table for CD swaps, run by Sue Neil. Please remember to bring along any unwanted CD's, DVD's and books.

I would like to draw your attention to an announcement on the Home page of our website regarding the restoration of the landmark Fisherman's Church (Nuestra Senora de Loreto) in the Port. These vital repairs cost €150,000 which still has to be paid for. In order to raise this money, a number of events have/are being arranged by the Church, details of which can be seen on our website.

Finally, I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it to our monthly meeting at the Parador on 27<sup>th</sup> June, where our guest speaker this month will be Alan Blake. Alan's talk is entitled "Budget Airlines" and Alan, who is a retired pilot and airline director, will be giving us an insight into what goes on behind the scenes of a budget airline. It should be very enlightening!

Finally, may I wish everyone all the very best for the summer, and I look forward to meeting up again in September following the break.  
Peter Allin

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### DONATION DAY

Please remember that the next Donation Day for our designated Charity, Cancer Care Javea, is at the Parador meeting on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Please carry on donating clothes, household goods and any other suitable items which are saleable. However, we would ask that **large and heavy items are taken straight to the shop** as they will be difficult to transport from the Parador on the actual day.

## Notice to Members re Newsletter and Web Site



With immediate effect, all items that committee members, group leaders and other members wish to submit to be put on the web site and in the newsletter must be sent to the following email address:

[web.update@u3ajavea.org](mailto:web.update@u3ajavea.org)

Items will now only be accepted for inclusion in the newsletter or on the web through this email address. There is now no need to copy in the communications officer, web master, or web team when submitting items as they will receive a copy automatically.

There is now a new page on the web site – [u3ajavea.org](http://u3ajavea.org) – entitled

### **“DID YOU KNOW”**

On this page you will find information which the Committee feel would be of use to members or which should be brought to their attention. For eg, cheaper Wills, The Samaritans Project, Airport Bus etc.

Log on to the web site and have a look.

# GROUP NEWS

I would like to wish all our members an enjoyable summer break and to thank all the group leaders for all their work so far this year. I look forward to all the groups being well supported when we return in September.

John Bellinger-Smith Groups Co-Ordinator

[groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org](mailto:groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org)

## Art Appreciation

ART APPRECIATION' is the new name for 'Tuesday Talks'.

Over the past three years, 'Tuesday Lectures' or lately 'Tuesday Talks', was originally formed so that interesting topics of a scientific nature could be aired. At times these were interspersed with topics in Art and History. Unfortunately, since the original group leader Alan Oliver now spends less and less time in Javea, finding speakers on scientific subjects was proving difficult of late.

As Javea U3A has an established and successful History group I have made the obvious decision to steer Tuesday Talks toward purely ART themed subjects as from September 2012, thus the name change.

To see a full new programme for next season I refer you to the Javea U3A website.

'Art Appreciation' Group will meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the auditorium of Casa De Cultura in Javea Old Town commencing at 10.30 am.

In order to find Casa De Cultura, go down the steps by the tourist office (opposite the main Church) and turn left. Casa De Cultura is the modern building in front of you.

- All U3A Javea members are welcome to these FREE talks.
- No booking is necessary and there is no formal group membership so just turn up and take a seat.

Have a great summer.

Cheda Panajotovic (Group Leader)

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## Badminton Group

Please note that there will not be any Badminton sessions during July and August. Sessions will start again in September.

Philip Guaron (Group Leader)

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

## Beginners' Art Group



We are pleased to say that the Beginners' Art Classes under Mary Atkinson have now taken firm hold after our initial problems following the unfortunate death of our first teacher, Judy. We are now firmly installed in the studio above the Casa Indigo in Javea Port where the classes are held from 2.00-5.00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Most, if not all, of those who had expressed a wish to join have now done so, the few exceptions being those who, for one reason or another, did not respond to Maureen's emails. We may still have a few vacancies starting in September. There will be classes through to end of July, closed for whole of August. Present students wishing to attend in July should please contact Mary direct on 637 747 230 as Maureen may be away some of that time and the class will be held depending on numbers attending. Painting is great fun, we all enjoy a pleasant atmosphere and fantastic views from the studio. We have all progressed and produced our small 'masterpieces' which will hopefully lead to big ones in the future! Get out your brushes, your paper and your inspiration, and keep at it!

Maureen Stanley (Group Leader)

[art.beginners@u3ajavea.org](mailto:art.beginners@u3ajavea.org)

## Computer Support Group

The Computer Support Group will meet as usual through the summer on the first Wednesday of each month at 10.30. Venue is normally at Nostro on the arenal, but please check with the group leader, Malcolm Neill, as special subjects meetings are held elsewhere depending on the facilities needed for the presentation. Any non members wishing to attend should contact Malcolm for more details.

Malcolm Neill (Group Leader)

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

## Curry Club

Having been going for a while now it was time for some housekeeping in the Curry Club. Members were asked if they wished to continue. Sadly, some were not able to do so, but, gladly, most were and the membership now stands at 61. We decided to split the Club into two groups. Those who wished to attend home suppers and restaurant visits and those who wished to attend restaurant visits only. The response was 41 for both occasions and 20 for restaurant visits only. Tom and Jean, and a few of the Curry Club members have made trial visits to the Taj Mahal, Indian buffet restaurant in Javea, the Himalaya in Moraira and the Gurkha Palace in Javea. All of the venues were excellent and we will be issuing invitations for outings to each of them in the near future. Before then, a home supper is arranged for Tuesday 17th July, for which invitations have been sent out. If you would like further information, contact the group leaders.

Jean and Tom Miller (Group Leaders)

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



## Dining Out Group

This month the group visited restaurant La Cumbre at Cumbre del Sol. 91 members and 4 guests dined and the atmosphere food and service was excellent.

Our next event will be in September and all members will receive details by email

We wish all members a good and healthy summer.

Peter Speer (Group Leader) [dining.out@u3ajavea.org](mailto:dining.out@u3ajavea.org)

## Friends of Aveninca

There are no field trips during July and August because of the summer break.

The following trips will take place in September:

### September 7<sup>th</sup> Fiesta at Algemesi and 26/30<sup>th</sup> Field Trip to the High Pyrenees

A guided visit to the *Algemesi Fiesta*. This is the fiesta famed for the way that the participants build 'human towers'. It is very spectacular and now is in its 402nd year. Recognised by UNESCO as being of world cultural interest, we will have a special guided tour of the Fiesta Museum when the procession will be explained by the local historian.

There will then be time to look around the town before having something to eat and drink prior to watching the parade. The coach will leave Teulada at 14:00 and also pick up at Gata and Oliva. It will leave Algemesi for the return trip at around 11:45 (Valencian Time).

Cost per place is €20 and should be paid through the Aveninca web site.

### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 5 day, 4 night Field Trip to the Pyrenees to see the livestock being brought down to the valleys and much more. Details below . . . .

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September ... Travel to Llavorsi by coach, stopping en route to visit the Interpretation Centre at the Ebre Delta, then on to our hotels at Llavorsi Evening meal and optional walk to see the village, and visit the local bar.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September ... Go to the Natural Forest of the Mata de Valencia. Here we will be able to visit many of the important parts of the forest, the wildlife observation hides, the interpretation centre, the Eco- museum, and the beautiful Romanesque church. Packed picnic lunch will be taken at the Gerdar Refuge.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September ... Visit to the High Pyrenees National Park, special visit to a land restoration project associated with the local ski slopes. We then will go to the Gripija Project, which is the unique Shepherds School. Here will be seen a flock of very rare sheep of the breed that were originally raised in the Pyrenees. We will also see the various products that are based on products from the sheep. In the evening we will have our meal at Sort, this will be on the evening prior to the transhumance activities on the following morning. There will probably be quite a festive atmosphere!

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September ... We will make an early start to witness the beginning of the drive of the animals down to the beautiful Val d'Assua. We will then go on to Casa Mateu in Llessui to sample their cheeses and yoghurts. Then we will go to the butterfly museum to see examples of all the butterflies that are to be found in the Catalunya Region. Finally we will see an example of a biomass energy unit that provides heat for the museum and provides energy for nearby properties.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September ... We will return to our destinations, breaking our journey at the Medieval Village of Miravet where we will have our lunch.

Please note the following facts . . . .

1] The cost of this Field Trip is based on taking 50 people. If we do not achieve this figure then we will have to cancel the trip or offer it with a surcharge to cover the shortfall. A proportion of the surcharge will be refunded according to the number of additional late comers taking part.

2] As usual, we will allocate the places on the coach by lot. We will do this three times during the trip, once on the way up to the Pyrenees, once to cover the 3 days in the mountains and once for the return journey.

3] Deposits must be paid through the website by 30<sup>th</sup> June. There will be an additional events item on the events webpage to cater for payment of deposits. We will allow a further 4 weeks to elapse before making the 'Go/no go decision' to enable late comers to sign up. At this time we will know the final costing.

4] If we do not achieve at least 40 sign ups by 30<sup>th</sup> June we will cancel all the arrangements and refund the €10 per person, or if they have paid their deposit then that also will be repaid.

5] Please be aware that until we have a positive count of those joining us we will not be able to establish whether or not we will have to apply a surcharge to the base price of €299. The maximum surcharge if we travel with just 40 members will be €18 per head.

If you would like to join us on this Field Trip to the Pyrenees, simply go to our website [www.avinenca.es](http://www.avinenca.es), become a member (free membership), go to the events page and sign up, or email [friends.of.aveninca@u3ajavea.org](mailto:friends.of.aveninca@u3ajavea.org)

Paul Pruden (Group Leader)

### History Group

Our June meeting was our last before the summer break. In what turned out to be his farewell talk before returning to the UK later this year, Clive Hedge, one of our regulars, spoke interestingly and entertainingly, before a record audience of 110, about the life and times of Wallis Simpson, the Duchess of Windsor.

The programme for October 2012 to June 2013 is on the group's webpage. Meanwhile, if you would like to learn more about the group or have your name added to our mailing list, please contact the group leader.

Peter Atkinson (Group Leader)

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

### Not Just Folk Music Group

The next meeting of the group will be held on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012, gathering at 6.00 pm**. The evening will start with a BBQ at 6.30 pm, followed at around 8.00 pm with our usual musical session, which 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.**

All places at the BBQ have now been filled, so I regret that we cannot take any more bids for the BBQ itself. However, anyone wishing to join us for the musical session commencing at around 8.00 pm should let me know as soon as possible, either on my new telephone number which is 96-646-3955 or by E Mail to [folk.music@u3ajavea.org](mailto: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.

Please note that this meeting will be the final meeting before we close for our summer break. Our next meeting will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> September, details of which will be published nearer the time.

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 (Group Leader)

### Play Reading Group

Keith and I apologise for not being able to get the Play Reading Group going in the last couple of months. We intend to start again in September and will send out details in due course.

Penelope Grant (Group Leader)

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

### Pilates

A reminder that the last Pilates sessions will be **on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June starting at 9.00 am and 10.00 am** respectively. These will be the last sessions before the summer break. If you would like to join the classes in September email the group leader.

Carol Pilgram (Group Leader)

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

### Solos on Sunday Group

On 17th June we held our monthly luncheon date at the 'Amarre 152'. It was a beautiful day and all the ladies looked lovely too. Even the Maitre D stood back and surveying you all said 'Senoras muy guapa' a fitting complement to you all!

The food was superb and the ambience excellent. I am fairly sure everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

I am planning the next date for Sunday 23rd September. I know this is a bit late in the month but as I am not sure when I will back in Spain I am choosing this date to be on the safe side. If I am very late back I might even take us to 'Amarre' again. I hope this meets with the approval of one and all.

Thank you for your letters of appreciation, it makes the job worthwhile. I hope you all have a lovely summer wherever you are going to be.

Graham Castleton (Group Leader)  
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### **Table Tennis**

Please note that there will not be any Table Tennis sessions during July and August. Sessions will start again in September.

Philip Guaron (Group Leader)  
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### **Travellers Tales Group**

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, and as Elke & Manfred Lell have had to postpone their talk scheduled for this month, Angela Chantry will be giving a presentation on ***“Venice and a Greek Islands cruise”***. Venue: the Javea Players’ Studio (located in the road behind Book World Espana, Javea old town). Please arrive at 11.30 a.m. for a 12 p.m. start. As this will be our last meeting before the summer break, there will be cold refreshments (wine/orange juice/water) and nibbles instead of the usual tea/coffee and biscuits!

New members always welcome!

Angela Chantry (Group Leader)  
[travellers.tales@u3ajavea.org](mailto:travellers.tales@u3ajavea.org)

**\*\*\*\*\* Please visit your website at [www.u3ajavea.org](http://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:](#)

### 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](mailto:caresharepat@u3ajavea.org)  
Ineke Butcher - Team Leader

**BOOK SWAP & AUDIO BOOK SWAP.** Barbara will be pleased to see you at the Parador meeting, 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.



**NEW 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 DVD and Book swap table and by the notice boards. These stamps will be given to the Royal British Legion for their support fund.

So please remember to bring **BOOK's, DVD's, CD's and POSTAGE STAMPS** 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](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 June.

You can also bring your advert and picture to the meeting and Jean will make sure it's pinned on the board. Please no advert larger than A5.