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From Our President:

Summer has arrived at long last – well sort off. However one can't complain, as the days are generally sunny and very pleasant, especially when compared to the weather the UK is currently experiencing. Normally we would have had our first swim in the pool during the third or fourth week of May. Not so this year!! A few days ago I ventured into the pool for the first time this summer, which was showing a temperature of 26c and what a shock to the system I received! It looks like that I will have to wait a bit longer until the water reaches a comfortable temperature, for me at least anyway!!

As you have probably seen or heard, the Pla roundabout has at last opened, as well as the new Consum supermarket. The new road arrangement will definitely benefit those living south of the Arenal, whereas for those who live to the north, not so much. Lorraine and I visited Consum on the day it opened and we were very pleasantly surprised, particularly with the wide variety of items available for sale. There is also a cafeteria with an outdoor terrace (with a shady section) with views across the Saladar and the odd glimpse of the sea.

Some good news!! I am very pleased to announce that David Woodhall has very kindly agreed to step up to the position of Communications Officer and his appointment was recently formalised by the Executive Committee. So for the first time since the last AGM, we now have a full Executive Committee. Needless to say, I am absolutely delighted and I would like to wish David every success in his new position.

I mentioned in the last newsletter, that by the end of this month, a number of volunteers will have retired from the Committee or as a Group Leader. Apart from those previously mentioned i.e. Jean Miller - Meetings Assistant, David Mason - Deputy Membership Secretary and Angela Chantry - Cultural Arts Coordinator, I have another retirement to announce and that is Al Knight, Group Leader for the Mountain Walking Group and ex-member of the Costa Blanca Mountain Walkers, who is stepping down after 8 years of dedicated hard work running this group. Al has led the group on some fantastic walks over this period, showing members of the group parts of Marina Alta that they would otherwise never have experienced. They have seen many great sights and views, as well as getting a lot of exercise whilst making great friends in the process. Our huge thanks go to Al for all his hard, excellent work during his time as a Group Leader. A more detailed article regarding Al can be seen later in this newsletter.

Additionally, Theresa Pinfield, who recently took up the position of Deputy Secretary, has had to resign suddenly due to a close member of her family in the UK becoming seriously ill. Thanks go to Theresa for all she has done during her short time on the Committee.

I am sorry and very disappointed to have to yet again repeat this, but we still have three (now four) vacant positions on the Committee that need to be filled urgently. These are:

1. Deputy Membership Secretary
2. Deputy Secretary
3. Deputy Communications Officer
4. Meetings Assistant

In addition the Cultural Arts Coordinator position needs to be filled. Surely out of a membership of 1185, there must be 5 volunteers therein willing to fill these positions. I stress that these positions are not onerous, but nonetheless play a vital role in the successful running of the Association. If you really care about the future success of our Association, then please give serious thought to volunteering for these positions. Alternatively, if you know of anyone who might want to volunteer for any of the above mentioned positions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the committee. Job descriptions are available for all four committee positions.

I am pleased to report that following our successful 2013 May Ball, we raised the princely amount of €435.68 for our nominated charity for this year Cáritas, Jávea. Huge thanks go to Stephen Burke, our Events Organiser for all his hard work. He is now working on our next social event which will be the Summer Garden Party. This event will take place on Saturday, 31 August 2013. Ron and Pru Hughes have very kindly offered to host this event at their lovely home and there will be dancing and live entertainment. This event has had to be restricted to 80 members, with tickets

costing €15 per person. It seems that Stephen's new reservation system using the tickets@u3ajavea.org e-mail address has been working extremely well, as this event is now sold out and a waiting list is now in operation. Please check the website for further information.

The date for the Barn Dance has been set for 8 November 2013 and the venue will be the same as for last year, at Los Arcos near Pedregeur. The same band as for last year, Los Rancheros, have also been booked. Please also keep your eyes peeled on the website for more information regarding this event. Tickets can be reserved at the tickets@u3ajavea.org e-mail address.

Although not an official U3A event, U3A members Krystyna Stefanczyk and Robin Race very kindly hosted at their home a well organised and very successful cheese and wine party in aid of Cáritas, which was attended by many U3A members. Live entertainment was provided by the excellent Barry the Swingman. An incredible amount of €1,483 was raised for Cáritas and huge thanks go to Krystyna and Robin and their helpers for all their hard work in making this event such a success.

This month's Parador meeting will be a donation day for Cáritas, so please be generous and bring along as many food items as you can afford. I would ask that you please kindly ensure that all food items you bring are within their "sell-by date". Please also don't forget to bring your plastic tops for little Noa, which you can hand to Krystyna Stefanczyk, who will be standing by the book swap and DVD swap tables.

Finally, I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it to our monthly meeting at the **Parador on 26th June**, where our guest speaker this month will be the very amusing **Graciela Kaplan**, who will be talking about "My Life As a Ballerina". Like the previous talks we have had this year, Graciela's talk will definitely be one not to be missed.

Please note that this will be the last Parador meeting before the summer break, when the Association more or less closes down for the months of July and August. However, the website will continue to be actively updated by our excellent webmaster Clive White, so please do continue to look at our website to check on any developments that are sure to arise over these two months. May I wish everyone all the very best for the summer, and I look forward to meeting up again in September following the summer break.

Peter Allin

president@u3ajavea.org

Forthcoming Events

The following events are planned for later in the year.

31st August – there will be a **Summer Garden Party**, with dancing and live entertainment, at the home of Ron and Pru Hughes. This event has had to be restricted to 80 members and is already **sold out**, with a waiting list now in operation. Please check the website for further information.

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to run the bar at the summer garden party. Anyone wishing to offer their services please contact Stephen Burke at the Events email address below.

8th November – there will be a **Barn Dance** at Los Arcos restaurant, with dancing to Los Rancheros. Again, please check the website for latest information. Tickets can be reserved at the tickets@u3ajavea.org e-mail address. This will be a popular event so don't delay!

Events Organiser,
Stephen Burke,
events@u3ajavea.org.

TEA DANCE

There will be another Tea-Dance on Friday **26th July** at the Baptist Church Centre in Jávea old town. We will again be dancing to Eric Taylor. There will be piles of sandwiches and cakes, plus lashings of tea and coffee. Other drinks are available at a small cost from the bar.

We had such a good time in April; why not join us in July. Tickets are only €10. For more information, please contact –

Val Dromgoole,
tea.dance@u3ajavea.org.

The poster for this event can be viewed on our website, at:- www.u3ajavea.org/Activity-Groups/Tea-Dance/tea-dance.htm.



CÁRITAS

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. Many thanks for your cooperation.

FOOD COLLECTIONS

Please remember that the Parador Hotel meetings in **JUNE**, **SEPTEMBER** and **NOVEMBER** will be donation days 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. Be generous!

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, I will be standing by the book swap and DVD swap tables. So please, save all your tops, it just takes a little thought. Many thanks.
Krystyna Stefanczyk.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

If you have already paid your membership, and are not in possession of your new 2013 Membership Card, these can be collected from the New Members desk. These un-collected cards will be available for collection at each Parador meeting.

If you have not yet renewed for 2013, your name will have been removed from the Membership List. You can, however, re-join (retaining your original membership number) at the New Members desk at any Parador meeting. You can also pay your subscription by Bank Transfer, please see the details on the [How to Join](#) webpage.

However, there have been a few instances recently of people attending group activities having not yet renewed their membership for the current year. There may be a perfectly understandable reason such as being unavailable on Wednesday mornings for the Parador meetings or even forgetfulness (surely not!). If this applies to you (the non-payment, not necessarily the forgetfulness), please bring €5 to the New Members desk at the meeting on June 26th, or contact me at the address below.

If you have changed your contact details, e.g. telephone number or email address, please let me know.

The total membership now stands at 1,185 members.

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.

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. Angela Chantry, our Cultural Arts Coordinator, has decided it is time to step down on 1 July 2013 after 7 years of dedicated hard work and our heartfelt thanks go to Angela for her invaluable efforts. We now need a volunteer to take over this task, so if you are interested please contact David Grove at the Parador, on 96 647 0534, or email to the address below.

MOUNTAIN WALK GROUP. This group has been going since the early days of Jávea U3A and has been run throughout this time by Al Knight.

Al has led the group on some fantastic walks over this period, showing us parts of Marina Alta that might otherwise have never been known about. We have seen many great sights and views as well as getting exercise and making great friends. Al is an ex-member of the Costa Blanca Mountain Walkers and we all benefitted from his experience and knowledge of the multitude of walks in this part of Spain.

Unfortunately, Al has now decided that it is time for him to step down as Mountain Walk Group Leader. As a result, the Mountain Walk Group is now disbanded and any walks that might be done in its place will be less regular (perhaps), shorter, more local and will come under the banner of the Intermediate Walks Group. Various members have already offered to help provide suitable walks.

Those in the group today and those that walked with Al in the past, appreciate Al's efforts and all have a greater understanding of the land we live in as a result of all the great walks Al has taken us on. **Many thanks, Al.**

Ten Pin Bowling, Canasta, Flower Arranging, Tai Chi

Interest has been declared in these 4 activities but we do not have a volunteer to lead any of these groups. If anyone would be willing to take responsibility for any of them, please contact David Grove at the Parador, on 96 647 0534, or email to the address below.

GUITAR. Phil Shepherd would like to find out if there is any interest in starting up a group to learn Basic/Intermediate guitar from September for 8 to 10 weeks. Tuition would be song-based with no heavy theory, good fun and an excellent workout for brain and fingers. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact David Grove at the Parador, on 96 647 0534, or email to the address below, OR contact Phil Shepherd direct on guitar.courses@u3ajavea.org.

Phil has also had a couple of practice sessions with a couple of other Jávea U3A members with a view to forming a 'band' to play Country, Folk, Rock and Standards and needs a Bass guitarist. If you would like to be involved in this, please contact Phil Shepherd on guitar.courses@u3ajavea.org.

Please support our group leaders and join the groups as they are doing an excellent job.

David Grove
Groups Coordinator
groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org.

New Groups

***RAILWAY ENTHUSIASTS GROUP**

This group has now been formed and will become active in September. Initially, the Groups Coordinator David Grove will lead the group, but if anyone would like to volunteer as Group Leader, please contact David (see below).

If there is anybody interested in railways, particularly steam, heritage traction or modelling, who would like to join this group, please contact David Grove at the Parador or by email to the address below.

David Grove (Groups Coordinator),
groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org.

Please visit our website at www.u3ajavea.org for latest news group news and group leader contact details.

ART BEGINNERS

The group had a very successful year and we are all pleased with the progress we made under *Mary's* tuition. The last class for this session will be **Wednesday 26 June** when we will break for the summer. Classes will resume early September (date to be announced) and any newcomers wishing to join at that time may give their names and details to:-

Maureen Stanley (Group Leader),
art.beginners@u3ajavea.org.

BADMINTON

Please note - The **27 June** will be the last session of Badminton before the summer, restarting on the **16 September**, at the same times.

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.

COMPUTER SUPPORT GROUP

Please note a change of venue for group meetings. The group now meets at GJ's on the Arenal. Date and time are unchanged, 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

CURRY CLUB



The May Curry evenings provided the opportunity to try out some Thai dishes and produced some interesting combinations of flavours. For July a special event at the home of one of our members will take the form of a demonstration and tasting of traditional Indian curry.

There is still chance to join the Curry Club - no previous experience necessary - just a willingness to experiment with new ingredients and recipes. For More information, contact:-

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

DISCUSSION GROUP

The next meeting will be on **Friday 6th September** discussing the subject that had been chosen for May/June, namely '**What are the benefits of multiculturalism, does it change the character of a country?**'

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

FOODIES GROUP

The June meeting, was at Le Gourmand on 20th June. This will be our last meeting before the summer break.

Gillian Breen (Group Leader),
foodies@u3ajavea.org

FRIENDS OF AVINENÇA

Thursday 4th July. Our last Field Trip before the summer break will be to **Benilloba** to visit 'The Salt' an old watermill that was converted to be the first power station in the area. This old watermill is set in a beautiful valley with an adjacent waterfall. We will then be going to the village of Benilloba, a Muslim centre until the expulsion of the Moors in 1609.

Tuesday 24th September. The first Field Trip of the Autumn Season is a visit to the association of famers in the village of **Ayora**. On the farms of this area are raised different breads of local, traditional, cattle sheep and other livestock. Most of the livestock is raised using organically grown produce.

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

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

HISTORY GROUP

At our June meeting, the final one before the summer break, Angela Chantry made a superb presentation, the second in her two-part series on "Who Killed the Princes in The Tower?" Our 2013-14 programme will open on **October 8** when Peter Atkinson will give a talk on the American Revolution. We shall then have Mary Connatty on The Spanish Armada on November 12, followed by Cheda Panajotovic who will present Yugoslavia - the Country that Almost Was! on December 10. The full programme from October 2013 to June 2014 is now on the group's webpage. **We shall continue to meet at the Casa de Cultura in the Pueblo; however, please note that meetings will now be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 11.30.**

By definition, everyone in the Jávea U3A is a member of the History Group. To learn more or to have your name added to our e-mailing list please contact:-

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

IPAD SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the I Pad Group will be on **24th June** at The Inn on The Green. Any member wishing to join the group, please email Anne at the address below.

Anne Muir (Group Leader),
ipad.support@u3ajavea.org.

LADIES THAT LUNCH

For June, we thought of doing something different, so 36 of us went to the Parador for "The Mad Hatter's Tea Party". We all had a great time, apart from the calories consumed, and the Parador's "English High Tea" was excellent. We are sure it will be repeated in the future. There will be no Ladies Lunches during July & August, so the next one will be in September. Watch this space!

If you are interested in joining our group, please contact the Group Leaders at the address below. Numbers attending a lunch will be limited to 40, on a "first come" basis.

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

NOT JUST FOLK MUSIC GROUP

Well hello again all. We are all looking forward to our summer BBQ which takes place on TUESDAY 25th JUNE at the Inn on the Green. This will be our last event as we break for three months during the summer. **PLEASE NOTE -THE BBQ IS FULLY BOOKED!**

Hope to see as many of you as possible after the summer break. Keep singing!

Ian Mackenzie. (Group Leader)
folk.music@u3ajavea.org

PETANQUE



On 9th May, Jávea U3A played host to the Dénia U3A Petanque group for a return match. Nine couples from each side played 3 games to 13 points and the overall score was a win to Jávea 273, Dénia 244. One couple from each side gained the maximum points of 39; congratulations go to Wendy Main and Sue Board from Jávea. It was agreed by everyone that they had all enjoyed a good afternoon of friendly rivalry. Well done to everyone who played.

Pam Coombe (Group Leader).
petanque@u3ajavea.org

PRACTICAL COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE

Please note that for the first time we will be taking a summer recess, with no meetings in July and August. Look forward to seeing you all fully refreshed in September!

Tom Stevenson (Group Leader),
pck@u3ajavea.org.

QUIZ NIGHT

Our last quiz night was a great success, with a range of challenging questions & delicious food. Our next will probably be the third Thursday in October & will be run by Peter & Gill Atkinson, as Jeni & Stan hope to be in Canada then. Watch the website for details nearer the date.

Have a good summer but don't let those little grey cells go dormant.

Jeni and Stan Oldfield (Group Leaders),
quiz.night@u3ajavea.org.

RUMMIKUBS GROUP TWO

Our group will be playing throughout the summer as usual, Cafe Cortado on Thursdays from 3:00. We would be happy to welcome any Rummikubs Group One members who would get withdrawal symptoms if they didn't play Rummikubs in July and August!!

Cafe Cortado is in the Jávea Port area, around the corner from Interiors in c/Joan Fuster.

Val Dromgoole (Group Leader),

rummikubs.two@u3ajavea.org

SOLO ON SUNDAY

Hello everyone and hope you are enjoying this wonderful weather! Our last Sunday Lunch was held at La Plaza 6, where Stefan and his friendly staff provided an extremely nice meal for us. Varied, beautifully cooked and nicely presented, which was appreciated by all. That will be the last Sunday Lunch for now, as it will be too hot to enjoy eating out, so wishing you all an enjoyable summer and we shall see you all again in September!

Marion Monsell and Pat Ainsley (Group Leaders),

solo.on.sunday@u3ajavea.org.

SPANISH GROUPS

There won't be any lessons from **17 June** (this being the last session) until the middle of October. We normally don't have any lessons from July till mid-September, as many people are too busy with visitors or will go away on holiday. This year I shall be away from September till mid-October so this will be an extra-long break!!

I intend to continue with the classes in the autumn, watch this space (and the Website) for dates and times. In October the Beginners class will become **Pre-Intermediate**, and there will also be an Intermediate class.

Have a great summer everybody.

Heidi Hancock (Group Leader),

spanish.beginners@u3ajavea.org.

TABLE TENNIS

The **25 June** will be the last session of Table Tennis before the summer, restarting on the **17 September**, at the same times.

Philip Gauron. (Group Leader)

badminton@u3ajavea.org.

TRAVELLERS TALES GROUP

Our next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 25th June** when Diane Ord will be giving a presentation on "**South Africa**". Venue: the Jávea Players' Studio (located in the road behind Book World España, Jávea old town). As this is our last meeting before the summer break, there will be Buck's Fizz, cava, wine and nibbles for you to enjoy prior to the talk! After the summer break, Vivienne & Tony Sullivan will be telling us all about "**House swapping holidays**", and this presentation will take place on **Tuesday 10th September**. 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 (and refreshments as above). New members always welcome!

Angela Chantry and Tony Dearie (Group Leaders),

travellers.tales@u3ajavea.org.

WINE APPRECIATION GROUP

On Thursday June 20th, fifty-one members and guests visited the Unión Vinícula Del Este bodega in Requena to learn about the production of Cava. The bodega produces eight different types of Cava under the trademark of Vega Meriden and the group was shown the working bottling production line and given explanations of the whole process. This was followed by a tasting of the various Cavas, with further explanations about the different qualities of each. A fascinating and instructional visit.

The group then went into Requena town to have lunch at the restaurant Fortaleza, which is situated just behind the castle and at the edge of the 'casco antiguo' old part of the town. A convivial and excellent Menú del Día was enjoyed before the group re-joined the coach for the homeward journey to Jávea. All in all, a memorable day out.

Geoff Woodward (Group Leader),

wine@u3ajavea.org.

CARE AND SHARE TEAM

The team 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

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 urecyclesale@yahoo.co.uk (email subject-U3A Jávea 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 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.

Krystyna Stefanczyk will be standing by the book swap and DVD swap tables to collect the bottle tops in aid of Noa,

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.