

## From Our President:

It is hard to believe that Easter will soon be upon us, thereby signalling officially, the start of the tourist season for Jávea. Together with Easter there are the Fallas celebrations and so there are going to be a number of public holidays or fiestas over the coming weeks. Let us hope that the weather will be kind to Jávea, so that the local traders, restaurants and bars all benefit from the hopefully large influx of visitors to the town. These are very difficult times for everyone and there is nothing worse than seeing good businesses having to close as a result of a lack of custom, consequently presenting a poor image for this upmarket resort.

Arrangements for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) itself are now well in place. You will have already received information on the main issues on which you will be asked to vote either by e-mail, or at the Parador Hotel itself just prior to the AGM meeting and I hope that the majority of members will have cast their votes by now. I urge you all to please vote – it is so easy to do and it takes less than five minutes of your time to do so. It is important that the committee get the feed-back of views from the membership and the mandate, in order that they can run the Association to the maximum benefit of all concerned.

Looking back over the past twelve months, I feel that we have had a successful year of activities within the Association and I believe that by and large, the membership are generally happy with what we are doing and how we have done it. I must emphasise that this is primarily due to the hard work and dedication of the team we have had on the Committee over the period. The commitment and constant support I have been so lucky to have had from all committee members, have made my task that much easier to perform. The executive members of the Committee have put in an immense amount of work over the period to keep things running smoothly, and this has been constantly backed-up by the same dedication and commitment from the non-executive members of the Committee. Without the support and assistance we have had from our non-executive members, we would have found it very difficult to run what is now a large, busy and flourishing Association. My grateful thanks and appreciation goes to all involved.

Significantly and most importantly, our functions revolve around our group activities and again the large effort put in by our group leaders has been paramount in our continued enjoyment of so many interesting and diverse activities. Again, thank you all so much for the continued support you have provided over a long period of time. Finally, the support we have all had from the membership has been equally amazing and thanks go to you all for helping to make the Association what it is today.

There has been another change in your committee. I am very pleased to announce that Clive White has very kindly volunteered to take up the position of Webmaster replacing Sam Wells, who has decided to step down after so many years of hard, diligent work, where he helped to set up and maintain the website,

amongst other jobs Sam has carried out so well. Huge thanks go to Sam for his significant contributions to the committee and the Association. I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to Clive and wish him every success in his new role on the committee.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, by the time of the AGM later this month, the following committee positions will be vacant and still require to be urgently filled. If no volunteers are forthcoming for these positions, then again, at the risk of again repeating myself, your committee will be placed in a very difficult position and it will not be able function properly and effectively.

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

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

I also have to make another important appeal and that is for a volunteer to take over the storage and manage the hire of the Association's crockery, cutlery and glassware. I am very sorry to say that until a volunteer is found, these items will continue to remain unavailable for hire.

Krystyna Stefanczyk, our Groups Assistant on the committee, has advised that she is collecting all sorts of hard plastic tops e.g. milk, fruit juice, wine cartons, spray tops, coffee, make up, biro, gas bottle tops etc to assist a little disabled girl named Noa. More details of this can be seen later in this newsletter, as well as how to get in touch with Krystyna with your donations. Needless to say, your help will be very much appreciated.

The date for the annual May Ball has been set for 17 May 2013 and the venue will be at Carrasco, Jávea. Tickets for the May Ball, at a cost of €40 per person, will continue to be on sale at the March Parador meeting and you can also pre-order your tickets by sending an e-mail to this address: [tickets@u3ajavea.org](mailto:tickets@u3ajavea.org). I am sure that this will again be an evening not to be missed.

Cáritas, our nominated charity for this year, is willing to collect any furniture that you wish to dispose of. More details of this can be seen later in this newsletter.

As the March Parador meeting will be the AGM, please note that there will be no speaker, but please do check our website for the other very interesting speakers we have lined up for the rest of the year.

Meanwhile, I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it to the AGM next week.

*Peter Allin*

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**LA ASOCIACIÓN SOCIAL DE LA TERCERA EDAD DE JÁVEA**

**(KNOW AS JÁVEA U3A)**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on

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

**commencing at 11.00 am at the Parador Hotel, Jávea.**

**All members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Association**

As last year, arrangements are being made for all members to be able to vote on the issues raised on the agenda at the AGM either in person, or by E Mail. Details of voting arrangements have been sent to all members with email addresses.

Any members wishing to raise issues concerning the Association are asked to submit these to the President or to any other member of the Committee, to be with the Committee by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

Peter Allin

**President**

**THE MAY BALL**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 19.00**

Once again, the Jávea U3A will be pulling out all the stops for another fantastic May Ball. There will be loads of fun, music, food, a little drink and great company. This year we will be enjoying ourselves at **Salones Carrasco in Jávea**.

The evening will start with a Cava reception at 19:00, followed at 19:30 by a three course dinner. This year we have been fortunate enough to secure the services of Strikland, one of the most popular local bands, who, along with Mixmaster Eric Taylor, will provide music for dancing from 22:00 until 01:00.

Pre-ordering your tickets via [u3atickets@u3ajavea.org](mailto:u3atickets@u3ajavea.org) is a good idea. All you then have to do is visit the ticket collection desk at the Parador meeting on 27 March or 24 April, to pay for and to collect your tickets. There will also be a desk where you order and pay for tickets. However, using the online process saves time and queuing, so please give it a go.

Stephen Burke  
Events Organiser  
[events@u3ajavea.org](mailto:events@u3ajavea.org)

**TEA DANCE**

There will be another Tea-Dance on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at the Baptist Church Centre in Jávea old town. We will (hopefully) be dancing to Eric Taylor again. There will be piles of sandwiches and lashings of tea and coffee, other drinks are available at a small cost from the bar.

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

Val Dromgoole.  
[tea.dance@u3ajavea.org](mailto:tea.dance@u3ajavea.org).

## OBITUARY

### WENDY TURNER - DIED SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2013

It is with great sadness that I have to announce that Wendy Turner passed away suddenly on 16th March 2013 at her home in the UK. Wendy was a bubbly, happy person, who touched a lot of our lives. She was a good friend to a lot of people and will be missed by so many of us. She loved her bridge playing several times a week and she was indeed very passionate about it. Her other wonderful flair was going to the quiz nights, for the U3A and also other venues. She was also part of our Care and Share Team. Wendy was a trained teacher and a very intelligent lady who embraced life to the full and all who knew her will miss her. I know that we would all wish to send our deepest condolences and sympathy to her family as they come to terms with their tragic loss.

Peter Allin

## 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, we will no longer be in a position to hire out the crockery, cutlery and glassware until such time a volunteer is found.**

Peter Allin

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

## COLLECTION OF PLASTIC TOPS FOR "NOA"

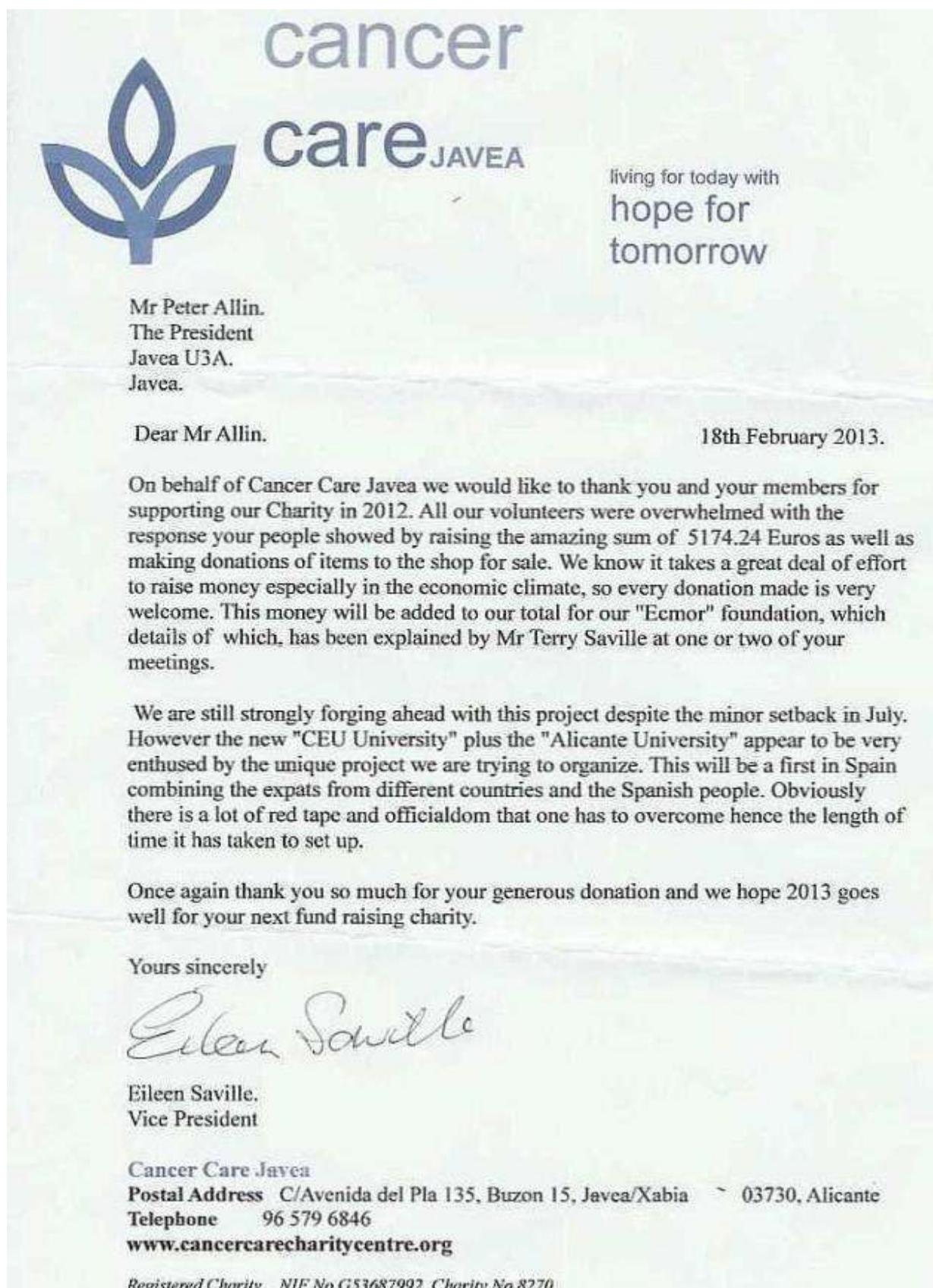
Noa is a 7 year old severely disabled girl. She had meningitis when she was 4 years old, but the medical profession misdiagnosed her, hence her condition. There have been severe cuts in Social Services in Spain, especially to the disabled. People like Noa have special needs, which her parents can no 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. We will have a box with Noa's picture on it, in the foyer where Sue Neill has her CD table, at each U3A Parador meeting. So please, save all your tops, it just takes a little thought. Many thanks. Krystyna Stefanczyk.

## CANCER CARE

Please see below a letter received from Cancer Care thanking the Association and its members for their support during 2012.

Peter Allin.



## MEMBERSHIP

Set out below is information for renewing for 2013.

The current Membership fee for both renewals and new members is €5 per member. **For those who did not renew in January or February, payment is due in March at the Parador meeting on Wednesday 27th, or you will be deleted from the membership database.**

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

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The committee has agreed that there will be no pro-rata subs this year for the months September to December. New members and deleted members joining between now and the end of August will pay €5 for the remainder of 2013, and then renew in January 2014 as usual. New members and deleted members joining between September and December 2013 will pay €5 for the remainder of 2013, and €5 for the year 2014. A total of £10.

**PLEASE NOTE NEW OPENING TIMES OF THE MEMBERSHIP DESK – 09.30 to 10.30 hrs.**

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 **March** Parador Meeting.

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

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

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

CCC details required if transfer is from within Spain

Check with your bank if this will incur a charge

**IMPORTANT NOTE if using Bank Transfer**

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

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

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

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

# GROUP NEWS

As we still have not got a new Groups Coordinator, **Jenny Wessendorff** as Deputy Groups Coordinator, is holding the fort. If you have any queries please contact me at [depgroupcoord@u3ajavea.org](mailto:depgroupcoord@u3ajavea.org). Currently we have 46 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.

The **Pilates** groups Beginners and Intermediate have proved very popular and are full. If there are any members who are interested then a new beginners could be started but with a minimum of 8 people. If you are interested please contact the group leader, Carol Pilgrim.

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

Jenny Wessendorff  
Deputy Groups Coordinator  
[depgroupcoord@u3ajavea.org](mailto:depgroupcoord@u3ajavea.org).

## FEATORED GROOPS

### \*PROPOSED SOFA ART GROUP

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

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

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

## MORE GROOP NEWS

### BADMINTON

Just to remind you that we have now two sessions for Badminton.

Monday 10.00 - 12.00 noon.

10.00 - 10.15 warm up

10.15 - 11.00 training for people who have never played or would like to improve their Badminton.

11.00 - 12.00 games.

Thursday 10.00- 12.00 noon.

Please also note that there will be no Badminton on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Philip Gauron.

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

### Dining Out Group

At the beginning of this month 88 members attended an event at Restaurant Masena.

We all experienced great service and the usual high quality food. Our next event will be on Thursday 25th April at restaurant El Caserio which is situated between Benitachell and Moraira.

Membership of the group is full with a waiting list in operation.

Peter Speer.

[dining.out@u3ajavea.org](mailto:dining.out@u3ajavea.org).

### DISCUSSION GROUP

The next meeting is on April 5th, usual time 4pm at the Social Centre and the chosen subject will be, 'Should we change the competitiveness of education?'

Gill Birch (Group Leader).

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

### FOODIES GROUP

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

Gillian Breen (Group Leader).

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

## **FRIENDS OF AVINENÇA**

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

## **HISTORY GROUP**

Many thanks to Cheda Panajotovic for very ably taking us through a complex topic, 'The Causes of World War I', at our March meeting. Our next meeting will be at the Casa de Cultura at 1.00 on Monday, 15 April. (Note that this is a week later than originally advertised and at a slightly later time.) **Angela Chantry** will give the first part of a two-part series, "**Who Killed the Princes in the Tower?**". Part 1 is sub-titled "**The White Queen, Elizabeth Woodville**":

"Elizabeth Woodville has been alternatively championed and vilified by her contemporaries and five centuries of historians, but was she a sorceress who bewitched Edward IV and the malign influence many of her critics held her to be? Why did Richard III mount a campaign of vilification against her and what did she, of all people, believe was the fate of her two sons, the princes in the Tower? Ultimately, she would conspire with Margaret Beaufort ("the Red Queen") in plotting the marriage of her daughter, Elizabeth of York, to Margaret's son, the future King Henry VII. By uniting the houses of York and Lancaster, their marriage would finally bring the Wars of the Roses to an end."

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

Peter Atkinson.

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

## **IPAD SUPPORT GROUP**

The next two monthly meetings of the I Pad Group are:-  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3.00pm at Inn on The Green.  
May the 20th. Same place and time.

I hope to have Simon to come and talk to us on one of these meetings, and one meeting for questions and answers. Any member wishing to join the group, please email Anne at the address below.

Anne Muir.

[ipad.support@u3ajavea.org](mailto:ipad.support@u3ajavea.org).

## **NOT JUST FOLK MUSIC GROUP**

A big hello to all our members. Well our group is going from strength to strength. We had a big turnout for our last meeting at the Inn On The Green. We have had some really good feedback from the way our evenings are going. The enthusiasm of our members and our performers is commendable.

We have our next music night on the 25th of March at The Inn On The Green where this month the theme is Country and Western. We are anticipating a good turnout with our boys and girls getting in the swing of things by getting togged up in jeans and the old check shirt and a big Yee ha and Yipee kye yay.

Anyone who wishes to join please contact me and we would love to see you there.

Keep singing.

Ian Mackenzie.

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

## **PILATES GROUPS**

There will be a 2 week break for Easter. The customary 6 weekly sessions will resumes on 9th April.

Carol Pilgram.

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

## **QUIZ NIGHT**

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

Jeni and Stan Oldfield (Group Leaders).

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

### **SOLO ON SUNDAYS**

Hello Everyone,

Restaurante Atalaya was our last venue where 24 people attended and enjoyed a very nice meal, with various dishes that we had not experienced before. Although the Arenal tiling work was not finished, everyone managed to find the rear entrance easily.

We will meet up again on Sunday 21st April 1.00pm for 1.30pm....the venue to be decided, but you will all be contacted in good time. If you know of anyone that would like to join us perhaps for the first time, please bring them along.

Marion Monsell and Pat Ainsley.

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

### **SPANISH GROUPS**

Please note new times:-

Spanish for Beginners: Mondays 9.30 - 10.30

Spanish Intermediate: Mondays 10.45 - 11.45

As before both classes will take place in the Social Centre, Javea, but I have stopped the Pre-Intermediate class.

Heidi Hancock.

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

### **TABLE TENNIS**

Please note that there will be no Table Tennis on 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

Philip Gauron.

[table.tennis@u3ajavea.org](mailto:table.tennis@u3ajavea.org).

### **TRAVELLERS TALES GROUP**

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, when John & Ann Boot will be telling us "**More tales of the South Pacific**". Our April meeting will be on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, when John Reynolds will be giving a presentation entitled "**In the wake of Captain Cook**". 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.

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

### **WINE APPRECIATION**

Thirty-four members attended the meeting at La Cocina on 20th March for a prize competition. This took the form of judging the individual price of four wines and then finding the average. For full details of this meeting and the wines tasted, go to the Group's web page here - [WINE](#).

Geoff Woodward.

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

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



## INFORMATION

### CARE AND SHARE TEAM

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

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

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

### 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](mailto: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!

### DISCOUNTS LIST

Members are reminded that on the web site there are 16 pages of details of businesses who will give a discount on goods and services for Javea U3A members. Just hand in your current membership card and you will receive the discount.

If you know of any company/business that would like to take part in the scheme please email: [vice.president@u3ajavea.org](mailto:vice.president@u3ajavea.org). Follow this link to the discounts page:

[www.u3ajavea.org/Group-Independent/PDFs/Discounts.pdf](http://www.u3ajavea.org/Group-Independent/PDFs/Discounts.pdf)

### For Sale, Recycle or Wanted Board

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

Please make sure you put all the details about the item, and your contact number or email address. We will presume you have sold, recycled or found the item before the next meeting, if you wish the same advert to be on the board again make sure you contact Jean and ask for the advert to be resubmitted. Your items **will not** appear on the notice board if received after 6pm on Monday 25 February.

You can also bring your advert and picture to the meeting. Please pin on the For Sale board. No advert larger than A5.

**BOOK SWAP & AUDIO BOOK SWAP.** Please remember to bring along your books or audio books, there is a small charge of 50c if you have no book to swap, and this money will go towards the U3A chosen charity.

**DVD SWAP** at the Parador meeting. Pat reminds you this only works if you remember to bring your DVD's along, so don't forget. The more DVD's you bring the better variety of films she will have on the table.

**CD SWAP.** Many of you have CD's you don't listen to anymore so why not bring them along to the Parador and swap them for music you may not know or wish to have in your music library.

A collection box for used Postage Stamps will be by the notice boards. These stamps will be given to the Royal British Legion for their support fund.

### LOS JUBILADOS

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

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

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