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From Our President:

What an amazingly mild winter we are having and I do hope that this continues until summer really gets into its stride, although I do wish that we would have more rain. This is one of the driest winters that I can remember during the last twelve years that I have been living here on a permanent basis. As I write, we are still having to endure that awful yellow pollen (now in lesser quantities), as well as the "rice crispies" that have begun to fall. They seem to get everywhere! Looking ahead, it is hard to believe that Easter will be upon us next month (albeit a bit later this year), thereby signalling officially, the start of the tourist season for Jávea. The Fallas celebrations have commenced in Valencia and our Travel Team led by Diane Ord has done us proud, once again, by arranging an excellent day return coach trip to see a part of this magnificent and world famous fiesta. On a different note, sadly, this will be my last article as President, as the AGM is nigh upon us and next week a new President will be voted into office. In addition, Ron Hughes our Vice President, to whom I am greatly indebted, will also be stepping down at the AGM this month.

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 would urge you to please vote if you haven't done so already** – 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 also the mandate to run the Association to the maximum benefit of all concerned.

Just as a reminder, 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 this month's Parador meeting.

Résumés of all the candidates standing for election to the Executive Committee can also be seen on a notice board in the Antesala.

Please remember that the March AGM will also be a **food donation day for Cáritas**, so please be generous and bring along as many food items as you can, ensuring that all items are within their "sell by date".

The Association's annual May Ball will be on Friday 16 May 2014 at Salones Carrasco, Jávea. Tickets cost €40 per person and will continue to be on sale or available for collection at the March Parador meeting and you can also pre-order your tickets by sending an e-mail to: tickets@u3ajavea.org. I am sure that this will again be an evening not to be missed. In my opinion, the price of €40 represents excellent value given that it includes a choice of 4 main courses (including a vegetarian dish) as well as beer, wine and water until coffee is served ie after dessert. The cost of the ticket also includes a reception, excellent live band Strikland and the fantastic DJ Eric Taylor. I would ask you to please give your full support to this, the Association's premier event of the year, for which a lot of work goes into its preparation.

Following the success of last year's Summer Hog Roast event, we hope to hold another Hog Roast event during summer this year. However, this can only take place if a member can be found who is both willing to host the event and who also has a sizeable garden at their home, sufficient to accommodate such an event. So, if you are willing to host the event, please let Stephen Burke, our Events Organiser, or anyone on the Committee know, as soon as possible.

Jenny Wessendorff, our Deputy Groups Coordinator, has announced that she will be stepping down from her role after 5 years of excellent and invaluable work for the Committee. Jenny will continue to work in her position supporting our Groups Coordinator, David Grove, until the end of May 2014. Meanwhile, if there is any member willing to come forward and take on the role of Deputy Groups coordinator, then do please contact any member of the Committee. I, or the new President, can provide you with a copy of the job description for that position.

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 Committee 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.

Please note that as the March Parador meeting will be the AGM, there will be no speaker, but please do check our website for information about 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

president@u3ajavea.org

MAY BALL 2014

Menu selection forms for the May Ball will be available at the AGM on 26th March, when those who have ordered tickets by email can pay for and collect them.

Ticket price includes

Cava Reception with Canapes

Four course gourmet meal

(with four choices of main course)

**Complimentary Wine, Water, Beer and Soft Drinks
served throughout the meal**

**Top class live entertainment provided by Strikland with
dancing until late with DJ Eric Taylor**



Tickets will be on sale at the AGM on 26th March at a cost of only €40 per person. The 2014 May Ball is being held at Salones Carrasco in Javea and will take place on Friday May 16th. Tickets can also be ordered via tickets@u3ajavea.org

The Menu is published at the end of this Newsletter.

The proceeds for the May Ball will be donated to the Friends of Emaús charity.

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 from milk cartons, juice, wine cartons, 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 Membership Desk for new members and renewals **will be open from 0930 until 1030hrs.** The door will be shut promptly at 1030 to allow for cashing up, so that the membership staff can attend the General Meeting commencing at 1100hrs.

Please note that if approval of the proposed €10 joining fee from 1st April 2014 is passed at the AGM on 26th March, then all 2013 members who have not yet renewed for 2014 will incur the €10 joining fee after 1st April 2014, as well as the annual subscription of €5. **If you are intending to renew your membership for 2014 then it MUST be done by 10:30 on 26th March 2014 to avoid paying an extra €10** (or by Bank Transfer before 31st March).

The total membership currently stands in excess of **1,300** members.

Reminder: Renewals were due in January, the subscription for 2014 is 5€ per member (husband, wife, partner, etc. are each treated as individual members). **Renewals must be paid by the end of February otherwise details will be deleted from all databases and membership lapsed.**

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 next 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!!



DISCOUNTS LIST

Members are reminded that on the web site there are 20 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.

Every month we hope to publish a "Group of the Month" highlighting their recent and future activities in more depth.

CULTURAL ARTS. Please refer to the website cultural-arts for more detailed information or contact David Grove on 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.

GROUP OF THE MONTH

RUMMIKUBS GROUP TWO

Rummikubs is a game played with tiles numbered 1 to 13 in 4 colours x 2 + two jokers. There can be 2 – 4 players and you make melds of 3 or more tiles.

Confused? Intrigued?

Then come along to Café Cortado any Thursday just before 3:00pm and we will explain this very simple game to you. But, be warned, it can become addictive!

We are not a large group, usually around 20 people, but very friendly. We have a cup of coffee or something stronger; we have a few laughs a bit of a gossip between games and we don't take losing seriously. It's nice to win but, if we don't, we come back the following week with more determination.

We circulate the tables from week to week by picking a number from a bag, so we don't always play with the same people, this way we get to know each other better.

We do play all year round. In the summer we play outside, under the awning, and during the winter inside this cosy café. Our members come and go, either back to the UK or Germany or Andora, or simply having lunch with some other friends. But they always come back and are sure of a warm welcome when they return.

Below are a couple of photos of us taken on the 27th March 2014, courtesy of Sheila Giacomelli. The ones who are not smiling are involved in a complex move!!



At the back there are 4 people not playing Rummikubs at all; our Canadian contingent, Pamela, brought us a new game called 'Sticks' and we are trying to understand the intricacies of this very enjoyable card game. Watch out for a new group!! All enquiries to:

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

There is also another Rummikubs group which meets on Wednesday afternoons at Dance Cafe, Toscamar. This group is currently fully subscribed and has a waiting list.

NEW GROUPS

SECOND PETANQUE GROUP

A 2nd Petanque Group has been created. It will meet on Friday afternoons at 4.30 at the Terrains next to the Football pitch on Calle Verona, just off Avenida Augusta. The first meeting will take place on Friday 28th March. All interested please contact the group leader on **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.org** or Groups Coordinator on groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org.
Edward Story-Jones (Group Leader),

PADEL TENNIS

We have a new group! The group leader is Jill Knight. The Padel Tennis group will be meeting every Tuesday at 10:30am at Palau Municipal D'Esports (Sports Centre in the Puerto). All enquiries to:
Jill Knight (Group Leader)
padel.tennis@u3ajavea.org

MORE GROUP NEWS

ANDROID SUPPORT

Although less than a month old, Android Users already boasts 17 members and is growing rapidly. We have met three times, including a session with Lynne Perry, and have learnt much from her - and each other's - experiences. We meet informally at 3pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at Cafe Cortado. The next meeting is 25th March. Further information from:
Hilary Grove (Group Leader),
android.support@u3ajavea.org.

ART BEGINNERS

'There are places available in the Beginners' Art Class (watercolour) which is held Wednesdays at Toscamar 10.30 - 13.30. If you would like to try out your artistic hand or already have some experience please let me know and I will send more details. Further information from:
Maureen Stanley (Group Leader),
art.beginners@u3ajavea.org.

BACKGAMMON

We are a small group who meet every Monday from 3-5 p.m. at the Parador Hotel. There is no charge we only ask members to purchase a drink. We have all levels and would welcome new members, tuition is available if required. Boards are available so no need to bring a game. As with most groups we do not meet in July and August. All enquiries to:
Susan Vickers (Group Leader)
backgammon@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

The afternoon group meets at 3pm on the 3rd Monday of the month, 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

The group meets 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. **Note** that this group does not cater for absolute beginners, but, as long as you know the essentials, you are 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 meets at 'El Cortado' on Monday at 14:45 for prompt start at 15:00. 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 of a warm welcome, just come along or contact:

Val Norrie (Group Leader)
canasta@u3ajavea.org

COMPUTER SUPPORT GROUP

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.

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

CULTURAL ARTS

The June day trip to Gandia including a guided tour of the Palace and pueblo is almost full...a few seats remain...check out the Cultural Arts pages for full details...don't forget to pay Gwen at the March meeting...

Gwen Clark (Group Leader)
cultural.arts@u3ajavea.org.

CURRY CLUB

In January/February there were three hosted curry evenings exploring the diverse cuisine of the Punjab. Dishes included the popular Rogan Josh, Meat curry, Tikka and vegetable dishes accompanied by home-made breads and pickles. Some delicious desserts were served including date and apricot sweetmeats, halwa and a Punjabi cake made with soured cream. As always people put a lot of hard work and imagination into preparing their dishes.

Our next meetings will be in March/April when the theme will be the cuisine of Malaysia.

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.

DINE & DANCE GROUP

A friendly group who meet about 9 times a year to enjoy a meal with dancing at various venues. Members are notified by email. On March 8th we enjoyed the very Spanish atmosphere at Venta de Posa. The next event will be early April, venue and date to be announced. For details please contact the Group Leader:

Pat Johnson (Group Leader),
dine.dance@u3ajavea.org

DINING OUT GROUP

In February the group made 2 visits to Restaurant Pira Pera in Javea Port. A total of 73 members attended this new venue and were generally happy with the food and service.

Our March event is due to be held at La Masena restaurant where 80 members have booked to attend. We expect to experience the usual high quality food and service.

Please note the membership list for this group is **FULL** and therefore future applicants will be put on a waiting list.

For details please contact the Group Leader:

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

DISCUSSION GROUP

The group meets every first Friday of the month, the next meeting is 4th April, 4 - 6 pm at the Social Centre next to the Centro Salud in the Pueblo, 1st floor, at the end of the corridor. No need to 'phone everyone welcome, just turn up. The subject for April is: "What can be done to counter inequality?"

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

GARDEN GROUP

Thursday 24th April, Sierra Mariola, near Bocairent... A fully guided trip in English and Spanish. We will be finding out how reforestation of fire damaged land is being accelerated by advanced beekeeping. We will then be going to a part of the Sierra that has been dedicated to sustainable farming.

Monday 19th May, L'Ahuir Beach, near Gandia... An opportunity to learn about dune ecology. This area is under threat from development. We will learn of the risks to the environment. Afterwards we will be going to the Monduver region to see the spring flora. Again it will be a fully guided trip in English and Spanish.

The cost of each trip is €20 per person, the pick up points are Teulada, Gata and Oliva. They are full day trips, lunch is not included (a packed lunch is advised). For more information contact:

Paul Pruden (Group Leader),
gardening@u3ajavea.org.

HISTORY GROUP

At our February meeting Dee Craig gave us an excellent biography of the 16th century French queen and queen mother, Catherine de Medici. At our next meeting (11.30 on Tuesday, 8 April in the Casa de Cultura), Mike Rendell will give a talk entitled "Slavery and the Abolition Movement".

Mike will look at the abolition movement in Britain - not from a 21st century viewpoint, but from what it was like in the 18th century, using contemporary paintings and literature. There will be a passing reference (or two!) to the man we tend to think single-handedly brought about abolition - William Wilberforce - but Mike will argue that history has been too kind to Wilberforce, and too harsh on other campaigners.

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 next meeting will be on Monday 31st March at 15:00 at the Inn on the Green. 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

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.

LIVE MODEL ART

The Group has room for more members. We meet once a month at the Javea Art Centre for 2/3 hours working in any medium. This is a self-help group without a tutor and very informal. For more information or if you are willing to be a model (fully clothed!). All enquiries to:

Mike Frost (Group Leader)
live.model.art@u3ajavea.org

MAY BALL 2014

Ticket sales for the 2014 May Ball are moving along apace and the opportunity to buy tickets is now being offered outside the Javea U3A to local U3A branches and other organisations.

We have had a number of members enquire as to whether a specific activity group such as Walkers, Petanque, Badminton, Pilates etc have organised a table for the May Ball as obviously many members would like to be in the company of like minded individuals or just other people they know. To date only The Solos on Sunday group have requested a table for their members but I am aware of one or two others that are getting a table together. If members of any group wish to attend the May Ball together, or want to sit with members of a particular group, all you have to do is notify us of this when you book the tickets either on the ticketline tickets@u3ajavea.org or in person at the AGM on 26th March. Tables are available in any size to a maximum of twelve and for groups greater than twelve we can locate tables together so you will all be in the same vicinity.

The proceeds for the May Ball will be donated to the Friends of Emaús charity.

Stephen Burke (Events Organiser)
events@u3ajavea.org

NOT JUST FOLK MUSIC GROUP

We are now into the third month of the New Year, however, our last two evenings were not as well attended as had been hoped for. Guess a lot of members were away. Undeterred, we have an evening scheduled as usual on the last Monday of the month which is the 31st. We have guests coming from Moraira and Calpe to perform. We shall of course have the usual suspects coming along to entertain. Our venue is The Inn on The Green Bowls Club Javea. We start at 7.30pm and finish around 10.45pm. Hope to see you all there joining in the sing-a-longs.

All enquiries to:

Ian Mackenzie (Group Leader)

folk.music@u3ajavea.org

PETANQUE

We play at the much improved courts at Café L'Echalote, Costa Nova, Thursday at 14:45 for 15:00 start. The charge for hire of the courts is €3 each, which includes a drink, beer, wine, water, coffee or soft drink.

The group is now **FULL** and at present I am unable to accept any more new members, however, if there is anyone who wants to start up a second group please contact me.

Pam Coombe (Group Leader).

petanque@u3ajavea.org

PRACTICAL COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE

All enquiries to:

Tom Stevenson (Group Leader)

pck@u3ajavea.org.

PRACTICAL IPAD GROUP

The next meeting will be on Monday 14 April, 3.00 p.m. at the Inn on the Green, Javea. **Please let me have your questions in advance by Monday 7 April.**

Any Javea U3A member wishing to join the group must first register with the Group Leader, email address below.

Lorraine Allin (Group Leader)

ipad.support@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. For more details contact the group leaders. Stan and Jeni will be away for the next quiz which will be run by Tony and Morag Lawton (tonylawton107@gmail.com), please direct all quiz enquiries and reservations to them, including menu choices. Details can be found on the website <http://www.u3ajavea.org/Activity-Groups/Quiz-Night/quiz-night.html>.

Jeni and Stan Oldfield (Group Leaders)

quiz.night@u3ajavea.org.

RAILWAY ENTHUSIASTS

Once again an excellently attended meeting on 10th March with 13 of us, including 2 new members. Our group now comprises of a wide range of railway experience from designing, modelling and running small gauges "OO" etc., firing/driving mainline steam, rapid transit engineering, building and driving on miniature railways, engineering and those members who have worked for or been closely associated with railways over the years. I think this is excellent in such a short time since the group was formed (last October).

As always our meeting's discussions took the form of a round table chat, each of us having an input. For our DVD offering David Grove provided his own compilation DVD, of railway interest. All the video clips came from David's archive. For more information contact:

Peter Sparks (Group Leader)

railways@u3ajavea.org.

RUMMIKUBS GROUP TWO

See Group of the Month.

All enquiries to:

Val Dromgoole (Group Leader),

rummikubs.two@u3ajavea.org

SOLO ON SUNDAY

It has been decided to go to El Rancho on the 30th March for our lunch. We always get looked after very well there. The price will be 15€ including tip and the time 1:15 for 1:30. Please try to have the correct money, it makes life so much easier! For more information contact either of the group leaders.

Marion Monsell and Pat Ainsley (Group Leaders),

solo.on.sunday@u3ajavea.org.

SPANISH CULTURE AND CUISINE

Thursday 27th March: A reminder for those on the trip to Novelda that the coach will depart at 08.30 hrs from Interiors, Javea port. Please be on board!

Tuesday 13th to Friday 16th May: 4-day trip to Tortosa/Monserrat/Vinaros. Price: €210 p.p. Final balance/full payment at the March meeting. Singles rooms all booked, twin/double rooms still available. Highlights include a guided walking tour of Tortosa; guided tour of Cavas Freixenet at Sant Sadurni d'Anoia, with tasting of different cavas; "Montserrat All Day" ticket, which includes entry to museums, Basilica, tasting typical liquors, singing of the Boys' Choir and lunch in Restaurant Montserrat; free time in Vinaros; 1 night at the 3* Hotel Berenguer (b&b) and 2 nights at the 3* Hotel Abat Cisneros (½ board).

Wednesday 11th June/Tuesday 24th June/Tuesday 1st July: Summer Social Evenings. An opportunity to spend a summer's evening with friends in a unique setting – a natural cave which is 150 million years old – enjoying tapas with a glass of wine. Venue: Casa Calleja, Benidoleig, situated beside the Cuevas de las Calaveras. The evening will commence with a glass of wine or orange juice at 7.30 p.m. and at 8 p.m. Angela will give a short talk on the Cuevas de las Calaveras and the artist, sculptor and poet, Eladio Calleja (born in Javea), who created Casa Calleja, followed by a choice of tapas. Pay bar for further drinks, at reasonable prices. Bookings being taken for Wednesday 11th June; names for reserve list for 24th June and 1st July. 10€ pp (includes 1 drink + tapas) and is restricted to 30 guests. Payment at the March meeting.

Our "get-togethers" will take place every 7/8 weeks, and will include visits to places of special cultural and historical interest, lunches/dinners at selected Spanish restaurants offering typical regional dishes, bodegas, guitar and flamenco music – everything that we enjoy about living in Spain!

Full details of all events can be found on the Spanish Culture & Cuisine webpage

<http://www.u3ajavea.org/Activity-Groups/Spanish-Culture-Cuisine/spanish-culture-cuisine.html>

or contact either of the group leaders:

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

The group meets every Wednesday between 11:00 and 13:00. All enquiries to:

Ingeborg Taylor (Group Leader)

table.tennis@u3ajavea.org.

TRAVELLERS TALES GROUP

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th March when Tony & Cherry Cabban will be giving a presentation entitled "Ethiopia and the Ark of the Covenant". 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! Please note there will be NO meeting in April, details of all meetings can be found on the website.

Angela Chantry and Tony Dearie (Group Leaders)

travellers.tales@u3ajavea.org.

WINE APPRECIATION GROUP

At our special meeting on Thursday March 20th, we welcomed Paco and José Vicente from the Bodega Mustiguillo <http://www.bodegamustiguillo.com> who introduced five quality wines for us to taste, as listed below. Su from La Casa del Vino gave up her time to be the translator for those members who didn't understand Spanish.

Mestizaje Blanco @ €10.25	Peñin rating 93 (excellent)
Finca Calvestra Blanco @ € 14.95	Peñin rating 94 (excellent)
Mestizaje Tinto @ €10.25	Peñin rating 92 (excellent)
Finca Terrerazo @ €22.95	(2011 vintage not listed in 2014 Peñin)
Quincha Coral @ € 55.00	Peñin rating 96 (exceptional)

The total purchase price of the wines for this meeting amounted to €794.00 and we were very fortunate that Bodegas Mustiguillo donated wines amounting to €350.00.

José Vicente talked to us about the background of the bodega and the reasons for the special denomination 'Vino de Pago DOP El Terrerazo'.

The Bodega Mustiguillo is situated in Utiel, and our planned visit in September has been confirmed. We will be able to experience the processing of the grapes from receipt, to sorting, maceration, and storage. It's very unusual for a large group to be invited at this very busy time for any bodega and will certainly add to our members' knowledge and understanding.

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**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:

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DON'T FORGET

There will be a food collection for **CÁRITAS** at the MARCH AGM (see Charities and Appeals, p4)

All contributions will be gratefully received.



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

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.

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

or

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.