

May Newsletter 2012

JAVEA U3A

University of the Third Age
Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Javea

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

What a strange month May is turning out to be. It seems to be the coolest May I have experienced since arriving here on a permanent basis nearly 10 years ago. There have been strong cool winds and hardly any rain – “se hace falta la lluvia – one needs the rain”, folk in Javea are saying. Thank goodness for the desalination plant, one of the best decisions made by the Javea Ayuntamiento.

Time has passed very quickly since the last newsletter. Tom Miller, our Publicity Officer, has for personal reasons, decided to retire from his position on the committee. Tom has worked very hard in successfully promoting the U3A Javea with the local media and as you have probably seen, the Association now has its own page in the widely read “Grapevine” magazine. We have not seen the last of Tom however, as he is still the official photographer for Javea U3A. We have been very fortunate in that Ian Rogerson has decided to step up and replace Tom. Ian was formally appointed as Publicity Officer at the recent executive committee meeting last week, in accordance with our statutes and policies. Ian has previous experience working as an editor for a newspaper in the UK and has good contacts with the press locally. We wish him well in his new role.

As announced at the Parador meeting in April, we have another appointment to the committee, Wendy Main, who will take over the Deputy Membership Secretary role from Karen White. Many of you will know Wendy from her involvement with the Petanque Group as well as for her work at the Cancer Care Charity. Wendy was formally appointed to her new role at the same executive committee meeting last week and again we wish well in her new role.

On the 18th May, some 351 members and guests attended a magnificent May Ball held at the El Canor restaurant in Teulada. The evening started with a cava reception, followed by an excellent meal, with music and entertainment provided by our DJ/Compere Eric Taylor, and the live band, The Back Beat 4 Beatles. There was a tombola and the proceeds from the ball will go to our nominated charity for the year, the Cancer Care Charity. We were very lucky with the

weather, although the rain did catch up with us when the Ball ended. It was evident that everyone enjoyed the evening, and our huge thanks are due to the excellent, detailed work undertaken by Peter and Pauline Speer, the latter of whom was responsible for the wonderful flower arrangements and the artistic wrapping of all the tombola prizes. Big thanks also go to their hard-working ball committee, in particular Valerie Dromgoole (ticket sales, and database management), Shirley and Richard King (printing of tickets, name places and table prizes), Len Bicheno (sale of tombola tickets) and Michael and Theresa Pinfield (helping in the organisation of the Ball on the day).

Peter is now working on the next social event which will be An Evening of Music and Dance in July. This 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. Please keep your eyes peeled on the newsletter and other advertising so that you will not miss what again I am sure, will be another excellent evening of entertainment.

With summer arriving, it is appropriate to mention that our association has a 90 piece set of cutlery and crockery available for hire by members (the full set or part thereof). Details of the terms and conditions of hire 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 30th May, where our guest speaker this month will be Peter Atkinson. Peter, who runs the History Group, has been a speaker at our monthly meetings on a couple of occasions in the past, and his talk is entitled “From Ancient Greece to London E15: The Olympic Story”. It is a story of rampant nationalism, political manipulation, boycotts, terrorism, conflict between amateurism and professionalism, commercialisation, corruption and cheating. Peter’s talks are always interesting and informative and with the London Olympic Games approaching in August, this talk will be one not to be missed.

Peter Allin

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PETER COOMBE - DIED FRIDAY 25 MAY 2012

It is with great sadness that I have to announce that Peter Coombe passed away peacefully on 25th May 2012 following a long battle with prostate cancer. During his earlier life, Peter was a member of the Newquay band, Coconut Grove, playing guitar. Later, he ran his own satellite installation company here in Javea. Peter was a popular member of the Association and was Group Leader of the petanque group. He particularly enjoyed playing bowls at Benitachell and painting. Peter at all times proved to be a real gentleman - kind and caring with a great sense of humour, and all who knew him will miss him. I know that we would all wish to send our deepest condolences and sympathy to his wife Pam and to the rest of his family as they come to terms with their tragic loss.

Peter Allin

PUBLICITY



The news this month is that, having completed two years in the post, I will be standing down. The even better news is that Ian Rogerson, who was a newspaper editor, has kindly agreed to take over the position of Publicity Officer. I will, subject to approval by the committee, continue with photographing our events and functions. I would like to extend my thanks to everyone, especially Carol Pilgram and Clive White who have helped so much with getting our publicity operations up and running, both within the U3A and outside to the Javea community. Please keep it going by giving Ian all your support in keeping him up to date with all of your group activities, so that he has something to write about.

Tom Miller

MAY BALL REPORT

A TOTAL of 351 members and guests danced the night away to the sounds of the Beatles at the popular annual May Ball at the El Canor function rooms on Friday (May 18).

Alicante-based tribute band Back Beat 4 Beatles provided the musical nostalgia - but the get-together was also a big hit for charity, with €1071.98 being raised for CANCER CARE JAVEA.

After a cava reception in the beautiful grounds of El Canor, guests enjoyed a sumptuous meal before being entertained by the Beatles soundalikes and a disco provided by DJ and music journalist Eric Taylor.

And, judging by the applause at the end - and plenty of hearty singing on the coach back home - a jolly good time was had by all!

During the evening there was a special toast to organisers Peter Speer and his wife Pauline for all their hard work in ensuring that everything ran so smoothly and made for such a successful occasion. It left many members asking: "Great stuff - when is the next one?"

Ian Rogerson
Publicity Officer

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Total membership now stands at 1142 members.

If you have already paid your membership, and are not in possession of your new 2012 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 changed your contact details, eg, telephone number, email address, please let me know.

Howard Parker
Membership Secretary

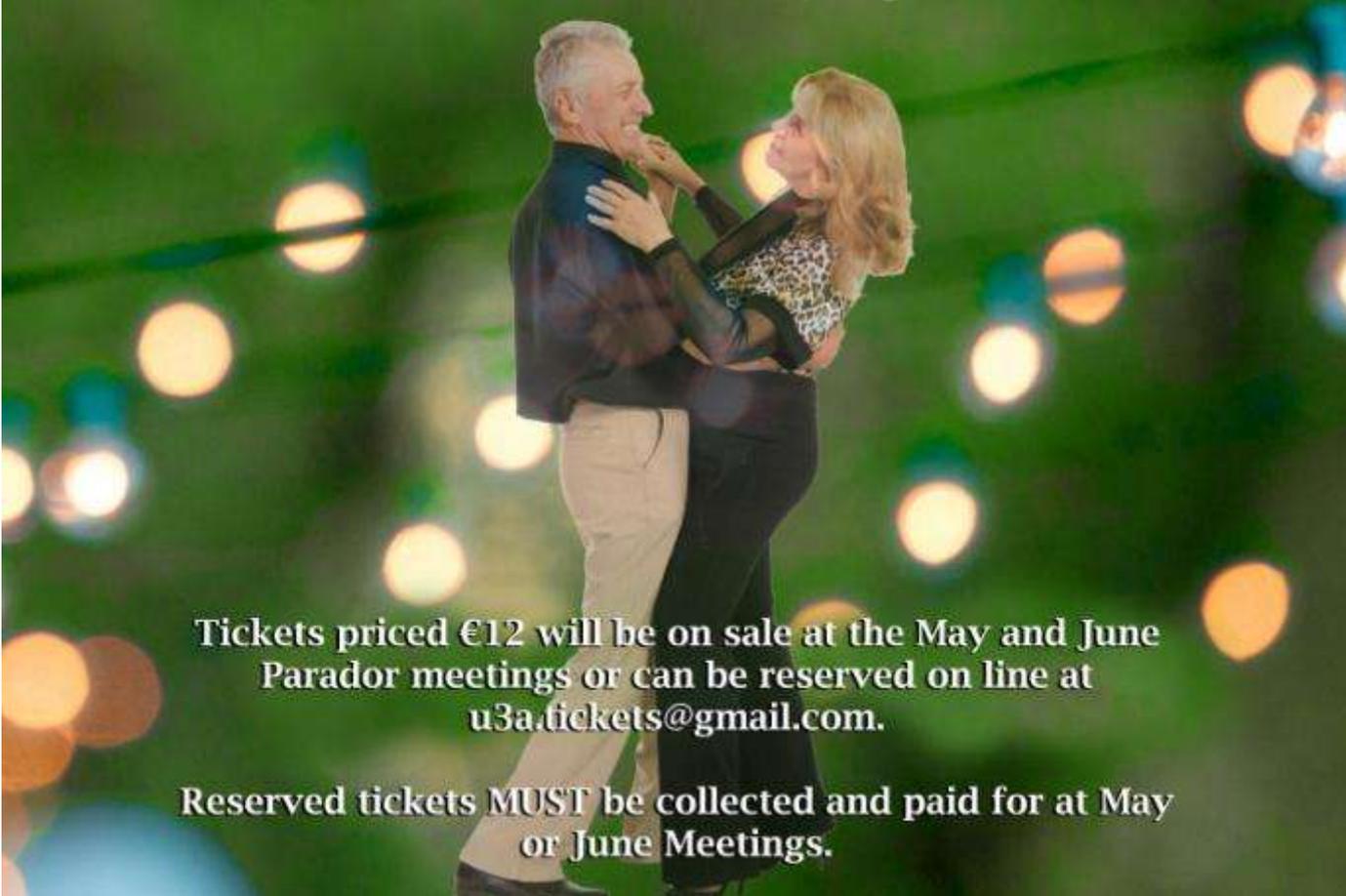
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AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND DANCING (in aid of Cancer Care Javea)

With Hog Roast and
Music by The Brink

Will be held on
Saturday 14th July
5.30-10.30 pm
At Calle Huesca, 4 Javea



Tickets priced €12 will be on sale at the May and June
Parador meetings or can be reserved on line at
u3a.tickets@gmail.com.

Reserved tickets **MUST** be collected and paid for at May
or June Meetings.

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CD SWOP



It has been suggested that we should have a CD swap table as well as DVDs, Books etc. at the monthly Parador meetings but we need someone to run it. If you are willing to give some of your time to do this on the last Wednesday of every month please contact Jean Miller who will give further details.

GROUP NEWS

All of our groups continue to flourish. We now have a second Pilates group and Philip Gauron is proposing to start a Cycling for Pleasure Group. The Car Treasure Hunt is proposing to hold a second hunt this year in November due to popular demand. The Committee are reviewing how they are able to support the groups more.
John Bellinger-Smith Groups Co-Ordinator - groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org

PROPOSED NEW GROUP



Philip Guaron would like to start up a Cycling Group. Any member interested please email Philip on cycling@u3ajavea.org to show your interest.

MORE GROUP NEWS

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

Curry Club

The Curry Club held another very enjoyable "home supper" at the beginning of May, kindly hosted by David and Hillary Grove. Having now reached the grand sum of sixty five members, the places available for the evening were somewhat over subscribed. In the pursuit of fair play, the places were numbered and drawn, in public, by an independent, non Curry Club, U3A "Grandee" If you would like to see some pictures of the evening, go to the Curry Club section under "activity groups" where Clive White has kindly published them. The one way to be sure of a seat at a Curry Club supper is to host an evening, particularly as the warmer nights are here and we can eat outside with more space, all offers are welcome. Following the success of our group gathering at The Rani Palace we are planning to have at least one evening a month at a local Indian restaurant where everyone who wants to, can come along.

Jean and Tom Miller (Group Leaders)

thevindaloos@yahoo.co.uk

Dine and Dance Group

Following our most enjoyable "take over" of Javea Golf Club in March when 54 of us had a great meal and danced to music by Tony Rivers, the next event will be on 31st May at Los Arcos, Pedreguer, where we spent several delightful evenings last summer. This evening has been specially arranged for us, and hopefully the weather will allow us to eat and dance under the stars in their lovely gardens, but if not we'll be indoors. Price is 20 euros for 3 course meal plus wine and live music. For more information contact group leader.

Pat Johnson (group Leader)

dine.dance@u3ajavea.org

Discussion Group

The Discussion Group chose "Looking at Comparative Religions" for their May topic. About 12 people attended and a good discussion ensued. Members did not realise just how many religions are practiced throughout the world. Discussions centred on a Single God and other religions in the East. The group also celebrated Gillian's 90th birthday.

The next meeting on the 3rd June will discuss "Is the world population a good thing and if not how should we deal with it." The meeting will be held at the Social Centre from 1600.18.00 hours.

New members are always welcome.

Gillian Birch (Group Leader)

depgroupcoord@u3ajavea.org

Foodies Group

The Foodies group met on May 17th at the Lancashire Bruja - yet another venue! However it was a very successful gathering with a marvellous talk by Jean Miller, about spices and their qualities and uses. We also tasted some delicious nibbles, using various spices, made by Jean.

The next meeting, the last before we start again in September, will be on Thursday 21st June at 11.30. The venue will be in my garden, where members are invited to bring a small (edible!) contribution which will complement the weather, company and beverages, served by me. I will be sending directions with my group email on how to get to my home.

Gillian Breen (Group Leader)

foodies@u3ajavea.org

Garden Group

The last indoor meeting of the Spring/Summer series will be held at the Arts Centre on Thursday May 31st. The theme of the meeting will be '5 of a kind'. The idea is to produce a series of lists that can be posted on our U3a website detailing members thoughts on a series of subjects. For example . . .

- Five fruit trees not to try to grow in this area
- Five 'must have' tools for the garden
- Five easy grow plants
- Five easy grow shrubs
- Five easy grow trees
- Five poisonous plants/shrubs
- Five watering tips

. etc . . . etc

It is hoped that some of the subjects will provoke lively and informative discussion that will be of benefit to us and to the wider membership. Please let me know if you will be able to take part in this project.

Paul Pruden (Group Leader)

gardening@u3ajavea.org

History Group

Many thanks to Mike Granville for his excellent presentation at our May meeting, dealing with the many important characters, events and issues associated with the decline of the Spanish Empire.

For our final meeting before the summer break, we welcome back one of our regular speakers, Clive Hedge, who will present a biography of a little-loved figure of twentieth-century British history, but an interesting one: **Mrs Wallis Simpson, the Duchess of Windsor**. The meeting will be on **Monday, June 11 at 1.15** in the Casa de Cultura in the pueblo.

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. To learn more about the group or to have your name added to our e-mailing list please contact the group leader.

Peter Atkinson (Group Leader)

history@u3ajavea.org

Not Just Folk Music Group

The next meeting of the group will be held on **Monday 28th May 2012**, gathering at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start, and the session will conclude at around 10.30 pm. Again we will be meeting at the Jávea Bowls Club, The Inn on the Green, which is situated on the Cami de Cansalades between Jávea and Benitachell on the road to Cansalades Park.

Please let me know if you are able and would like to come to this session of the Group as soon as possible, either on my new telephone number which is 96-646-3955 or by E Mail to 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 the date for our meeting in June has been changed from the last Monday to the last Tuesday of the month, Tuesday 26th June 2012. This meeting which is the final meeting before we close for our summer break, will include a BBQ, details of which will be published shortly.

For more information on the Group and its schedule of meetings for 2012, visit the Not Just Folk Music Group page on the Jávea U3A web site.

Paul Wessendorff (Group Leader)

Pilates Group

The first 6 sessions of Pilates have now ended and 2 groups will be starting the next 6 sessions on Tuesday 22nd May. The first session from 10.00-11.00 am is for the original starters and a new beginners group will be from 11.00 am-12.00 noon. There are still a few spaces left on the second session for beginners so if anyone would like to join please email the group leader for details.

Carol Pilgram (Group Leader)

pilates@u3ajavea.org

Quiz Night

Next one is June 21st at El Salaito, 7.30 for 8pm start. There is already a nearly full list of requests for places so you'll need to be quick now! Those of you who have already put your names down please choose your menu, including drink, and send it via email to: quiznight@u3ajavea.org You can pay Alan Oliver at the Parador meeting on 30th May or on the night. If the list is full when you ask for a place you'll be able to put your name on a waiting list - someone always has to drop out at the last minute.

Jeni and Stan Oldfield (Group Leaders)

Solos on Sunday Group

Hello everybody,

I am afraid I missed the lunch last Sunday due to a stupid mistake I made at the airport in the UK which resulted in me not being on the plane. Anyway I gather that it was a very good lunch for all the lucky people who attended. Many thanks to all who supported this event.

I propose that we have the June event on the 17th providing it does not clash with any other event. It seems the proximity of the May Ball may have had an effect on the attendance on Sunday. As usual I will let everyone know the venue nearer the time.

Kindest regards to all

Graham Castleton (Group Leader)

solo.on.sunday@u3ajavea.org

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)

table.tennis@u3ajavea.org

Travellers Tales Group

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 29th May, when Angela Chantry will give a talk on "**A tour of Sumatra, Java & Bali**". 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. New members always welcome!

Angela Chantry (Group Leader)

travellers.tales@u3ajavea.org

Tuesday Talks

Tuesday Lectures' or 'Tuesday Talks' as of late, were originally started to cover interesting topics in the Sciences, some aspects of History and some of Art which would otherwise not get an airing in the History group. The originator of Tuesday Lectures, Alan Oliver is now spending less time in Spain and due to a shortage of speakers on the sciences it has been deemed necessary to change the group's general outlook and aim. For that reason, as from September, the group will concentrate on the ARTS and will be renamed ART APPRECIATION.

In our series of TUESDAY TALKS, the May presentation was by Dee Craig who gave a comprehensive insight into the history of Ferdinand and Isabella, The Catholic Monarchs (Reyes Católicos). The title of "Catholic King and Queen" was bestowed on them by the Pope Alexander VI (a Borgia) in 1496, for defending Catholic dogmas within their realms.

Next month's talk (5th June) is "Your Manetor Your Monet" where we shall examine the reasons and causes behind the movement now known as Impressionism. For more information see the website.

'Tuesday Talks' are given in the splendid comfort of the main auditorium on the lower floor of Casa De Cultura in Javea Old Town.

Go down the steps by the tourist office (opposite the main Church) and turn left. The 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 – just turn up and take a seat.

Cheda Panajotovic (Group Leader)

tuesday.lectures@u3ajavea

***** Please visit your website at 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:](#)

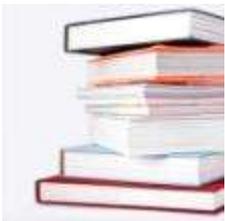
CARE AND SHARE TEAM

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:

careshareineke@u3ajavea.org

caresharepat@u3ajavea.org

Ineke Butcher - Team Leader



BOOK SWAP & AUDIO BOOK SWAP. We 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.

A collection box for used **Postage Stamps** will be by the DVD and Book swap table. These stamps will be given to the Royal British Legion for their support fund, so please remember to bring Books, DVDs and now stamps as well 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 (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 go 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 28th May.

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.

Javea U3A would like to run a CD swap at the Parador meeting. We are looking for someone willing to bring the CD's to and from the Parador and manage the table before the meeting starts. If you are interested please see me on the 30th at the Parador or email on urecyclesale@yahoo.co.uk Jean Miller.