

From Our President:

Similar to last year, this May is turning out to be a cool one, in fact even cooler than May last year. There have been strong cool winds accompanied this year with plenty of much needed rain in the form of short heavy showers. Hopefully, by the time we enter June, things should have warmed up and dried up somewhat, in time to really kick start Jávea's busy tourist season.

It is pleasing to see that the work on the Pla roundabout has restarted with some vigour and the structure and parking area for the new Consum supermarket (they will be relocating from their current location opposite the Moli Blanc Discotheque) is almost complete. Once the new roundabout becomes operative, it will save having to skirt around Barclays Bank to get to either the Benitachell Road or Cami Cabanes and reduce significantly the risk of accidents arising.

Time has passed very quickly since the last newsletter. Jean Miller, our Meetings Assistant, has for personal reasons, decided to retire from her position on the committee. For many years, Jean diligently oversaw and supervised the CD, DVD and Book Swap Organisers, managed the collection and delivery of used postage stamps to the Royal British Legion and managed the members' notice boards at the Parador meetings. Her work is very much appreciated and huge thanks go to Jean for all her hard work. In addition, David Mason, who was recently appointed as the Deputy Membership Secretary on the committee, has had to step down due to unforeseen personal commitments in the UK. Our thanks go to David also, for all his work during his short time on the committee.

These events leave us with three vacant positions on the committee that need to be filled urgently. In summary, the vacant positions are as follows:

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

If you wish to volunteer or know of anyone wishing 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 three positions.

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. Her contribution to the Association has been invaluable and very much appreciated by all. Our profound thanks go to Angela for all that she has done for the Association. We now need a volunteer urgently to step into Angela's shoes, preferably while she is still performing her role, to ensure there is a seamless transition. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the committee should you, or anyone else you know, be interested in filling this vacancy.

On the 17th May, some 176 members and guests attended a magnificent May Ball held at the Salones Carrasco in Javea. Unfortunately, the weather was not kind to us with strong cold winds, so the evening started with a cava reception inside the function rooms rather than on the terrace outside. However, this did not seem to dampen the spirits of all the attendees as they enjoyed their cava or wine. The reception was followed by an excellent meal, with music and entertainment provided by DJ/mix-master Eric Taylor, now very well known and popular in U3A Javea circles and the excellent live band, Strikland, who delighted us with well known songs from the 60's to the 80's to dance to. There was a short raffle and the proceeds from the ball will go to our nominated charity for the year, Caritas, who are doing a very important job in assisting the homeless and unemployed in Javea. It was clearly evident that everyone enjoyed the evening, and our heartfelt thanks go to Stephen and Jo Burke for all their hard work in arranging a successful May Ball in such a short space of time. Huge thanks also go to Peter and Carole Burke for managing the ticket sales and database, as well as to Yvonne Smith and Sam Hunt for wrapping all the raffle prizes and Tom Stevenson for printing the tickets and posters. Big thanks also go to Tom Miller, our official photographer, who took loads of excellent photos and these can now be viewed on our website.

Stephen is now working on the next social event which will be the Hog Roast and although the date is yet to be confirmed, it is likely to be the weekend of 29/30/31 August. Ron and Pru Hughes have very kindly offered to host this event at their lovely home and it is planned to also have live entertainment. Please keep your eyes peeled on the newsletter and website so that you will not miss what again I am sure, will be another excellent evening of entertainment. Tickets for this event are planned to be available for sale at the June Parador meeting and can also be pre-ordered at tickets@u3ajavea.org.

With summer arriving, it is appropriate to mention that our Association has a 100 piece set of cutlery, crockery and glassware 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 29th May**, where our guest speaker this month will be Brett Hanson of Blevins Franks. Brett, will be talking about the implications for individuals on the new laws designed to combat tax fraud in Spain. This will specifically cover the new worldwide asset declarations and other important changes that have occurred in the last year. This talk will definitely be one not to be missed.

Peter Allin

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Forthcoming Events

The following events are planned for later in the year.

29/30/31 August - a **Summer Garden Party**, with live entertainment, at the home of Ron and Pru Hughes.

08 November - a **Barn Dance** at Los Arcos restaurant, with dancing to Los Rancheros.

31 December – a **New Year's Eve Party**. This is a possible, but would depend on the number of members that are interested. We are looking for a suitable venue at a reasonable cost, either for this year or perhaps next year. It would be of significant help to the organiser to know if members would be interested and if some have already booked for this year, whether next year would be of interest.

Full details of these events will be published later, but it would be a great help if those interested could make this known as soon as possible to the Events Organiser.

Events Organiser,
Stephen Burke,
Email events@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, 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. 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.

OBITUARIES

It is with great sadness that I have to announce that U3A Javea members Bob Mather and Ken Vickers recently passed away. I know that we would all wish to send our deepest condolences and sympathy to their families as they come to terms with their tragic loss.

Peter Allin

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, rejoin (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 May 29th, 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 1,158 members.

Howard Parker

Membership Secretary

membership.secretary@u3ajavea.org



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.

Follow this link to the discounts page:

www.u3ajavea.org/Group-Independent/PDFs/Discounts.pdf

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.

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. **Please see the item in the President's Address on page 1.** 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.

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**.

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.

RAILWAYS. If there is anybody interested in railways, particularly steam, heritage traction or modelling, who would like to discuss creating a U3A group, please contact David Grove at the Parador, on 96 647 0534, or email to the address below. This group has a volunteer leader.

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 Javea 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.

Practical Computer Knowledge



Five years not out! The Practical Computer Knowledge group of U3A Jávea first met (as the Computer Self-help group) in May 2008. I'm delighted to say that some of the original members are still present, despite my worst efforts!

Membership is limited to twenty at any one time, as much of our two hours is occupied by discussing what each member has been up to (in a computing sense only!) and this tends to be quite intense. Sadly, I operate a waiting list to keep numbers at our meetings manageable.

As can be seen from the photos it's not all hard work. I hope that over the years we have raised the general computer knowledge of attendees; indeed one long time member John Rowe remarked that he hoped I'd agree that "*nowadays we ask a lot better questions than we used to*". I concur, and often I don't have the answer as the questions can be quite difficult - but other group members do, which is the benefit of the self-help approach.

Dodie Hodgkinson said "*Most of us when we were working had technical support backup for our computer systems. When you retire you are suddenly on your own. Groups like the Computer Self Help Group are invaluable in providing on-going support and help when things go wrong. Many thanks to Tom for his support at a group and personal level*".

In the early days the questions were very much focused on desktop PC running Windows; now we can find ourselves discussing the merits of different tablets, Smartphones, the best way to connect a TV to the web, the quality of local service providers and even satellite broadband suppliers, amongst others. Thank you to all the members who support me each month, and I look forward to our next session.
Tom Stevenson (Group Leader).

pck@u3ajavea.org.

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 note - The 27th Of June 2013 will be the last session of Badminton before the summer, restarting on the 16th September 2013, 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 Curry Club is about to have a third round of suppers, this time celebrating Thai food.

We would welcome further members in time for the next round of suppers in September.

Please contact us for more information.

Dodie and James Hodgkinson (Group Leaders).

curry.club@u3ajavea.org.

DINE AND DANCE GROUP

There will not be a dine and dance event in May, to avoid clashing with the U3a ball and the APASA ball. The next event will be on **Sunday 16th June at Javea Golf Club**, hopefully outside on the terrace. There are still a few places, so please let me know if you would like to come, and your choice of main course and dessert (tapas are served to everyone). Full details of the menu and of the event are on our [webpage](#). Pay on the night, and please bring the correct money.

Pat Johnson (group Leader).

dine.dance@u3ajavea.org

DISCUSSION GROUP

Unfortunately, the meeting on Friday, May 3rd had to be cancelled because of the public holiday. The next meeting will be on **Friday June 7th**, discussing the subject that had been chosen for May, 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 Foodies Group had a break from the normal monthly venue at Le Gourmand . A day trip to the Market in Alicante was the occasion and some 40 people enjoyed the whole day. The market itself was a revelation in its size and many of us spent a long time soaking in the atmosphere (and the smells in the Fish Hall!) of this magnificent market. Three of us found the famous restaurant Nou Manolin and enjoyed an extravagant tapas lunch and some excellent wine. A most agreeable experience! Everyone enjoyed the day and the sun shone for us, too!

The June meeting, at Le Gourmand on 20th June at 11.30 is going to be interesting as we are having a demonstration and talk by a Herbalist, who is going to tell us all about their uses both for culinary and medicinal purposes. This will be our last meeting before the summer break and I hope as many of you as possible will be there. Expect announcements about the coming year of The Foodies!

Gillian Breen (Group Leader).

foodies@u3ajavea.org

HISTORY GROUP

Many thanks to Dee Craig for her excellent presentation on the lives of Queen Victoria's nine children at our May meeting. Our next meeting, the last before the summer break, will be at the Casa de Cultura at **12.30 on Monday, 10 June** when **Angela Chantry** will give the second part of a two-part series, "**Who Killed the Princes in the Tower?**" Part 2 is a stand-alone talk and is sub-titled "**The Red Queen, Margaret Beaufort**":

"Heiress to the red rose of Lancaster, Margaret Beaufort fervently believed that her house was the true ruler of England. Married at the age of 12 and endangered by childbirth, she vowed to put her son on the throne. She has been portrayed by many historians as bloodless and cold as the stone of a statue of the Virgin Mary. She sent her son Henry into exile and pledged him in marriage to Elizabeth of York, the daughter of her sworn enemy, Elizabeth Woodville. Margaret Beaufort charted her own way through loveless marriages, treacherous alliances and secret plots, to finally see her son crowned as King Henry VII, ending the centuries-long rule of the Plantagenets with the ascension of the House of Tudor. Henry would have found it difficult to claim the throne if the princes had still been held captive in the Tower, so was he, or his mother, Margaret Beaufort, responsible for their murder?"

By definition, everyone in the Jávea U3A is a member of the History Group so come along on the 13th; there's no need to book. To learn more or to have your name added to our e-mailing list please contact the group leader.

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

A way of meeting new people over lunch and a jolly good chinwag and we hope to meet every month (day to be decided) depending on other activities. There has been a fantastic response to our new group! An amazing 61 members have registered with the group and at least 35 will be attending the first outing to La Bodeguilla on 30th May. There will also be a lunch in June and details of this will be sent to registered members when the date and venue have been arranged. Numbers attending will be limited to 40 on a "first come" basis.

If you are interested in joining our group, please contact the Group Leaders at the address below.

Sally Wells and Katrina Frost. (Group Leaders).

ladies.that.lunch@u3ajavea.org

NOT JUST FOLK MUSIC GROUP

Well hello again all. The NJFM has its usual meeting on the last Monday of the month. We are well subscribed and have had some really good nights recently. We now attract a varied amount of artistes. 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. Numbers may be limited due to space.

Hope to see as many of you as possible. Keep singing!

Ian Mackenzie. (Group Leader)

folk.music@u3ajavea.org

QUIZ NIGHT

The next quiz will be held on **Thursday 13th June** (at the **earlier time** of 7.00 for a 7.30 start) at our usual venue of El Salaito in the old town, behind the Casa de Cultura. Menu - Variety of tapas, followed by Chicken stuffed with spinach with a Moscatel reduction **OR** cod stew with quail's eggs, then water melon sorbet **OR** cheesecake. The price of €16 includes bread & alioli **plus** half a bottle of wine per person (red, white or rosado) **OR** beer/soft drink.

You can book at the email below and pay at the May Parador meeting. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Jeni and Stan Oldfield (Group Leaders).

quiz.night@u3ajavea.org.

SOLO ON SUNDAY

For our May lunch, we had a very successful day at the restaurant El Elefante, Nadia made all 32 of us very welcome. Our next lunch will be on **Sunday 9 June** and we will be going to **Plaza 6 restaurant** in Jávea. As usual meet at 1pm for a 1.30pm lunch. Stefan will be preparing us a special menu, as this may well be the last lunch until September. So hope to see as many of you there as possible, where I am sure we will have an enjoyable afternoon.

Marion Monsell and Pat Ainsley. (Group Leaders)

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. (Group Leader)

spanish.beginners@u3ajavea.org.

TABLE TENNIS

The 25th of June 2013 will be the last session of Table Tennis before the summer, restarting on the 17th of September 2013, 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 Javea Players' Studio (located in the road behind Book World España, Javea 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! 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. (Group Leader)

travellers.tales@u3ajavea.org

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

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



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 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 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. Due to a lack of interest, it has been decided to discontinue the CD Swap table with immediate effect. The stock of CD's will be donated to a local Charity Shop.

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.