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**CHRISTMAS FOOD  
COLLECTION**

**Please remember to bring food items in aid of our Charity, Caritas, to this month's meeting in the Parador. Will members please ensure that the food items are not past their sell by date.**

**A raffle will also be held with proceeds also going to Caritas. Tickets are €5 per strip so please give generously.**

**FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

Christmas is nigh upon us, and already thoughts are turning to Christmas shopping and the possibility of returning to join the family in UK! It seems no time at all since we were getting back into the swing of U3A matters following the summer break, and now we have several seasonal events planned to take us up to Christmas and the New Year.

We have already had several very enjoyable events over the autumn period. The Hog Roast in September followed by the very successful Barn Dance earlier this month, were both well attended and extremely enjoyable events. Our thanks must go to Peter and Pauline Speer and their excellent team of hard-working assistants who all did so much to make those events the success they undoubtedly were.

The new web site is now operating well, and I have had many complimentary comments on the new look of the site, and the ease with which one can navigate around the various pages and sections to obtain all the information on U3A activities and events. Additionally, the site displays a miscellany of other details and information concerning what is going on both within the U3A and Jávea itself. Please do take time to explore the site, and use it to gain information on local events and U3A activities.

The new E Mail facilities that are now available to us when using our new domain on the web mean that Committee members and Group Leaders can use our generic U3A addresses for future communications via E Mail. This will afford more protection to the security of the individual and once adopted and in place, should ease the use of such means for communication with our members. You may well be asked to amend your E Mail address book to record the new E Mail addresses now being taken into use.

Our Parador meeting at the end of November will once again be a rather more informal affair, with some musical and theatrical performances from various Committee members and others, for your entertainment. We have also arranged for the Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir to give a short concert of anthems from their extensive repertoire, together with an opportunity for us to join with them in singing some seasonal Christmas carols. Indeed, it will be an extravaganza not to be missed! I hope that we will see as many as can make it to the Parador this coming Wednesday.

We will also be taking a collection of food items and clothing at the Parador November meeting, in support of Caritas, our chosen charity for this year. Please do bring and give generously for this very worthy cause, which will be of tremendous help to those supported by Caritas in the lead up to Christmas. However, when donating foodstuffs, could I ask that you do check that the food being offered is in good condition and in date. We have had a number of occasions when food so generously donated cannot be distributed to those requiring such support, due to the items being past their use-by date. Your help in this as always, will be much appreciated.

Already the Committee are turning their attention to 2012 and to what events and activities we will be running next year. Please keep a close eye on the website and in the various newsletters over the coming months, to keep abreast of what is being planned and what is going on. We will also be running some charity fund-raising events for our supported charity next year which is Cancer Care, Jávea. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions as to what these events could or should be, we would be pleased to receive whatever thoughts and suggestions you may have.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank all committee members and group leaders for their help and support over the past year, and for all the hard work they have so willingly given to organise and run our events and activities. It is through all their work and effort that we achieve such enjoyable group activities, which in turn makes Jávea U3A the friendly and successful society it is today. May I wish you all, a very Merry Christmas, with all good wishes for the New Year and beyond.

Paul Wessendorff

# MAY BALL

Reminder to put the date of the May Ball - 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012 - in your diaries. This will be held at the same venue as last year - El Canor. Further details on the web site and the newsletter in January.

## PRINTED COPIES OF NEWSLETTER

**A reminder to members that if you do not have the facilities to retrieve a copy of the newsletter from the web site, you can get a printed copy at the monthly Parador meetings. If you cannot get to the Parador meetings maybe you have a friend who could collect one for you. Printed copies are only for those members who do not have computer or email facilities.**

## PUBLICITY

The Javea U3A has had some good representation in the local press over the last few months and, hopefully, we will be getting some more following our very successful Barn Dance organised by Peter Speer and his committee.

However, telling people about what we do isn't just about getting articles in the papers, its even more important to communicate within our community to show all of the members what is happening in the various groups. To this end, and with thanks to the contributions from Clive white and Sam Wells, the recent changes to the way the web site is set out, with more graphics and simpler access to the various sections, has made it much easier to appreciate what is happening and of the future events that are planned. Having achieved this, we need to keep the information up to date.

If any of you group leaders are arranging any activities that you would like published, or photographed, let us know. You can contact the Publicity Officer, Tom Miller at **[javeau3apublicity@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:javeau3apublicity@yahoo.co.uk)**

## Membership and Renewal Information

Your 2011 Membership card expires at the end of next month. However, you may use these in January to obtain discount until you receive your new 2012 card at the Parador Meeting.

### **Renewal Information:**

If you wish to continue with your Membership, you MUST attend the Parador on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January to renew your Membership.

As usual, at this meeting, there will be no General Meeting but the session will take the form of an "Open Meeting". Members can attend any time between 10.00am to 12.30pm to pay your subscriptions/collect your new Membership Cards, and to meet various Group Leaders. There will be **six** tables set up as follows:

Table 1	Table 2	Table 3	Table 4	Table 5	Table 6
<b>Enrolment of New Members only</b>	Renewal for Members with surname beginning <b>A - C</b>	Renewal for Members with surname beginning <b>D - G</b>	Renewal for Members with surname beginning <b>H - L</b>	Renewal for Members with surname beginning <b>M - R</b>	Renewal for Members with surname beginning <b>S - Z</b>

It would be of help if you could have the **exact cash** ready in order to reduce waiting time. If you are unable to attend in January, it is important that a friend attend to pay on your behalf. No reminders will be sent to those who do not pay and in due course your name will be deleted from our database.

Should you have any questions on the above, or should there be any unforeseen circumstances why you can't renew in January, please contact me on the **new Membership Secretary email address:**  
[membership.secretary@u3ajavea.org](mailto:membership.secretary@u3ajavea.org).

Our Membership currently stands at 1123. Any changes to details should be notified to me at the above email address.

Wilma Stevenson  
[Javeau3amembership@gmail.com](mailto:Javeau3amembership@gmail.com)

# GROUP NEWS

As I am away for the November meeting I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

I am happy to report that the Beginners art class has restarted any one wishing to join the class please contact Sandy at [sandy@costablancapropertysearch.com](mailto:sandy@costablancapropertysearch.com) for more details. A Badminton group is up and running if you would like to join please contact Philip at [phil.gauron@googlemail.com](mailto:phil.gauron@googlemail.com). The Car Treasure Hunt event for February has had a good response, anyone else wishing to join us for a morning drive in the country please let me know at [car.treasure.hunt@u3ajavea.org](mailto:car.treasure.hunt@u3ajavea.org) especially those friends who are members who wanted to come on the last one and forgot to let me know. The Play reading group is planning a meeting in January any one wishing to join please let Penny Know at [grantpenelope@gmail.com](mailto:grantpenelope@gmail.com). The Scrabble group is looking for new members who would like a friendly game played for fun – contact Helga at [helga@aperfectcv.co.uk](mailto:helga@aperfectcv.co.uk)

January - the month of the diet, apparently! is also the January open meeting, an opportunity for our members to meet the Group Leaders - please come along to meet them and join a group.

I would like to thank Jenny, Krystyna and Jean for all their help, and all the Group Leaders for their hard work and dedication during the past year, thank you.

John Bellinger-Smith – [groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org](mailto:groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org)

## **FEATURED GROUP**

### **TRAVEL GROUP**

The travel team has changed in recent weeks as some of the members who have served so well for many years take a well-earned rest, although I hope we can still bring them back for some trips in the future. The new team is planning for 2012 and hope to fill the year with some interesting trips which we hope will appeal to our "U3A Travellers" and maintain the great work that the Travel Team has been doing every year.

As the year closes I thought it would be interesting to look back at the trips made in 2011 and those planned so far for 2012.

#### **2011**

The year began in January with a shopping trip to Ikea and Primark organised by Diane which is always popular. In March Pat took a group to the lively Aguilas Carnival. In April Angela took a group to the Hotel Mariposa, in Murcia, later that month Mike took a coach to the Naval city of Cartagena. In September Diane led a group of 51 members who went to Madrid by coach. In October Angela lead a weeklong trip in Dubrovnik. In November Joni took two coaches to the Traditional Fair in Cocentaina. We conclude the year with a Christmas lunch organised by Mike at the restaurant La Masena and I have heard on the grape vine that this is likely to be an annual event!

#### **2012**

January	A day trip to Ikea and surrounding shops in Murcia
February	We are proposing a day trip to Xativa,
March	Still to be arranged
April	Still to be arranged
May	Diane is taking a trip to Tarragona for 2 days
June	Still to be arranged
September or October	Barbara is proposing to run a multi-day trip to the Rio Douro
November	Mike's Christmas Lunch at Restaurant La Masena.

We would be delighted to hear from any member who has an idea for a trip that they think we all would enjoy.

John Bellinger-Smith (Group Leader)

## **NEW GROUPS**

### **BADMINTON**

Paul Gauron is starting a new group for Badminton players. The Group is intended for members of all levels, including those who want to learn how to play, to improve and practice the sport and to learn while having fun.

Meetings will be held on Thursdays from 10.00 – 12 noon from the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Equipment needed – badminton racket (a few spare rackets are available so please let Paul know if you require one), track suit or loose fitting clothing and trainers.

There will be a €2 charge per session to cover the cost of replacing shuttles.

There are 4 courts available where mixed doubles, and men's and ladies doubles could be played.

If you are interested in joining the group please contact Paul - email - [phil.gauron@googlemail.com](mailto:phil.gauron@googlemail.com) or telephone 680476731

## WINE APPRECIATION

The Wine Appreciation Group has now re-formed under the leadership of Geoffrey Woodward. The first meeting was held at La Cocina on the 16<sup>th</sup> November.

The next meeting will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at La Cocina.

## SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS

Heidi Hancock the Group Leader for Beginners Spanish has asked if those members who want to join the Spanish for Beginners Group starting in January could please re-apply as she has had computer problems and lost her email addresses. Please email Heidi on – [thancock57@hotmail.com](mailto:thancock57@hotmail.com)

## MORE GROUP NEWS

### Curry Club

The Curry Club have now held three very enjoyable suppers at member's houses. The first at Peter and Lorraine Allin's on 23rd September, the second at Tom and Jean Miller's on 14th October and the latest one at Malcolm and Sue Neil's on 19th November at which 21 group members enjoyed a very tasty banquet with the main courses being a combination of chicken and vegetarian curries with a variety of accompaniments including starters and deserts.

The group continues to be very popular and enquiries are still being received for membership. All new applications are going on to reserve list but we are trying to give everyone the opportunity to take part in the enjoyment and are hoping to arrange a group visit to an Indian restaurant in the New Year.

For information regarding the Curry Club Group contact –

Jean and Tom Miller (Group Leaders)  
[thevindaloos@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thevindaloos@yahoo.co.uk).

### Foodies Group

The Foodies Group December meeting will be an informal occasion, meeting at El Canari on Thursday 15th December at 11.30 a.m. The theme will be a Christmas style, with mince pies and other seasonal tastings. There will be no guest speaker, although there is a possibility of a professional cake decorator being with us, who will show us how we would like our Christmas Cakes to look! Because we now have 52 names on our membership list, I am afraid it will not be possible to take any new members.

Gillian Breen (Group Leader)

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

### Friends of Avinenca

There are 3 upcoming Field Trips being run by the Friends of Avinenca:-

**Monday 28th November** The Albufera Dunes. An activity day including a visit to the Fire Station, birdwatching etc.

**Tuesday 13th December**, Agullent . . . Short walk in the Sierra, lunch and a guided visit of the town.

**Wednesday 18th January** Chera . . A fascinating geological day out.

More details on the Friends of Avinenca U3A web page"

Paul Pruden (Group Leader)

[xabia.forall@yahoo.es](mailto:xabia.forall@yahoo.es)

### Gentle Aerobics

A session will be held as normal in the Grand Café on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. There will **not be a session on the 7<sup>th</sup> December** but there will be a session as normal on the 14<sup>th</sup> December at the Grand Café.

Classes will begin again on the **4<sup>th</sup> January with a change of venue and time. From this date sessions will be held at L'Ancora Studio from 10.00 am-11.00am.**

Bobby Ogden (Group Leader)

### History

Many thanks to Mike Frost for his interesting and entertaining talk on "Peter the Great and St Petersburg" at our November meeting. The next presentation will be on Monday, December 5 at 1.15 in the Jávea Players' Studio behind Bookworld España when David Thoms will give a talk entitled "Gotcha! Law and Order in Victorian England". David's synopsis poses a number of questions which he will set out to answer: "*From pickpockets to serial killers, crime was widely regarded as a social evil which struck at the very heart of Victorian society. Was this fact or fiction? Who made up the 'criminal classes' and what steps were taken to discipline them?*"

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

Peter Atkinson (Group Leader)

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

### Let's Talk Javea

The Group met on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November and debated amongst other things the Puerto Promenade issue, pedestrian crossings along the coast pavement between the Puerto and the Parador and the bicycle lane. For details about the next meeting contact the Group Leader.

Tim Ladd (Group Leader)

[timdladd@gmail.com](mailto:timdladd@gmail.com)

### **Not Just Folk Music Group**

The next meeting of the group will be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2011 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 Javea Bowls Club, The Inn on the Green, which is situated on the Cami de Cansalades between Javea 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 96-649-3959 or by E Mail to [folk.music@u3ajavea.org](mailto: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. For more information on the Group and its schedule of meetings for 2011, visit the Not Just Folk Music Group page on the Javea U3A web site.

Paul Wessendorff (Group Leader)

### **Petanque Group**

As so many people are very busy in December the Petanque Group will be having a New Year lunch on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. I will e-mail everyone nearer the time with venue and menu! Hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. There will be no break if anyone wants to come and play every Thursday Pam Coombe (Group Leader)

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

### **Play Reading Group**

The first meeting of the Play Reading Group will be on January 11<sup>th</sup> 2012 at The Javea Players Studio Theatre at 7.30. For those who do not know where this is located it is in the road behind Bookworld Espana, two units along from Fuentes Restaurant. Do telephone us if you are not sure where this is.

Initially the cost will be 5 euros a head. This will cover the hire of the Studio and cost of scripts. We have not decided on a play as yet as I am still reading some plays so that I can offer a choice for the future.

We would be grateful if you could let us know that you are coming so that I can have some idea of how to distribute the parts – email or telephone 96 647 1455,

We look forward to meeting you all.  
Penny & Keith Grant (Group Leaders)  
[grantpenelope@gmail.com](mailto:grantpenelope@gmail.com)

### **Solos on Sunday**

Marion and I are arranging a Xmas Day lunch at El Andaluz, Moraira. We have now got about 14 definites so we will be going. If we can reach a figure of 25 the cost will only be €25 per person including wine, music and dancing.

Please let me know if you wish to come a.s.a.p. so that we can make the reservation before they are full.

Graham Castleton (Group Leader)  
[gcassy2000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gcassy2000@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Travel Team**

Your Travel Team has undergone some changes recently. A change of team leader and additional Travel Advisors make up the new team (details on the web)

Having just taken over, I am still getting to grips with the task in hand, I must express my thanks to Mike Frost and Diane Ord for their support and the dedication and hard work they have put in running numerous trips in the past. Diane continues with the team and Mike is taking a well-earned rest.

Our newer Travel Advisors, Gwen, Joni, Jan and Barbara are taking up the reins – and going full steam ahead to continue the service the travel team offer our members. Thanks to you all, perhaps our members don't realise the work involved in planning, organising and running a trip – it has certainly opened my eyes since I joined the team.

We are looking for more travel advisors to help the team – the level of commitment can be as small or as large as you would want it to be. If you are interested and would like to understand what you could do to help please contact us.

John Bellinger-Smith (Group Leader)  
[travel@u3ajavea.org](mailto:travel@u3ajavea.org)

### **Travellers Tales**

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, when John Chun will be giving a presentation on **"Singapore and Australia, plus highlights from a recent visit to Costa Rica"**. This will be our Christmas get-together which will take place in Restaurante El Corrigedor (take the road from Benitachell to Moraira, turning left just before Clinica Assistel - the restaurant is signposted), followed by lunch at 1.15 p.m. - the menu (3 courses including wine, water and tip - 13 euros) will be emailed to TT members separately. Please arrive at the earlier time of 11.15 a.m. for a 11.45 a.m. start as the talk will be approx.15 mins longer than normal. New members always welcome please email [angelachantry@gmail.com](mailto:angelachantry@gmail.com) for the menu.

Angela Chantry, Group Leader

\*\*\*\*\* Please visit your website at [www.u3ajavea.org](http://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:**

**Latest Discount Information.**

## **What is going on in Javea?**

There is a free magazine called 'El Magazine de Javea' which U3A members might like to pick up from various outlets in Javea. It has English translations of its Spanish articles and is an excellent source of information about what is going on in Javea.

For details of [Spanish Holiday Dates 2011/2012](#) follow the link to the web page.

### **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 and DVD SWAP –**

As the November meeting is a special pre-Christmas informal affair there will **NOT** be any Book or DVD swap table.

**Postage Stamps – Sorry there will be no used postage stamp box at the November and January meetings.** So please keep your used stamps safe and bring them along to the February meeting.

**For Sale, Recycle or Wanted Board – There will not be any of these notice boards at the November meeting due to the informal nature of the meeting.**

## **CHARITIES**

### **CARITAS**

Caritas is the main charity that Javea U3A will be supporting this year. In 2010 they were most grateful for the kind donations and fund-raising events that were held on their behalf, resulting in much needed funding being made available to support them in their efforts to provide help and assistance to those in great need in the Javea area. Our efforts really did make a difference and Caritas are very grateful for all the donations members are making. We hope to be undertaking more fund raising events later this year and we will be asking for ideas and support from members to be able to do this.

You can leave food items and other items, such as clothes, furniture etc. for this charity at the Fisherman's Church in the Port, Caritas Nuestra Sra. De Loreto, calle Pio X11 9, Aduanas del Mar, telephone 965792220, mobile 619689311. They are open on a Monday from 1800-1930 hours. They suggest you bring tins of tuna, biscuits, cola cao and quesitos. You can also donate food and clothes in the Old Town – Caritas de la Parroque de San Bartolome de Javea. They are open from 1600-1700 hours on a Monday. The address is Carrer Llotgeta – in the little road next to Casa del Cultura.

**AT THE NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING WE WILL BE HAVING A CHRISTMAS COLLECTION OF FOOD ITEMS TO DONATE TO CARITAS. ANY DRIED OR TINNED GOODS OR ITEMS SUGGESTED ABOVE WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED. LET'S SEE IF WE CAN EQUAL OR BEAT THE WONDERFUL DONATIONS THAT WERE GIVEN LAST YEAR. PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE GOODS ARE NOT PAST THEIR SELL BY DATE. THERE WILL ALSO BE A RAFFLE IN AID OF THE CHARITY**

Please support this very worthwhile charity for people in need. There are now so many people out of work and the assistance offered by the Spanish Government is limited. Every donation will be gratefully received. To read a copy of the latest Caritas newsletter go on to the Home Page web site – [www.u3ajavea.org](http://www.u3ajavea.org) - and click on the link near the top of the page.

## **MABS**

The Mabs 2012 Calendar is now on sale. For full details follow this link to the web site –

<http://www.u3ajavea.org/Group-Independent/Charities/charities.html> - scroll down to find MABS.

## **CANCER CARE JAVEA**

Cancer Care Javea will be our charity for 2012. For details of fund raising events go to the charities page on the web site – <http://www.u3ajavea.org/Group-Independent/Charities/charities.html> - scroll down to find Cancer Care.