

From Our President:

Autumn has now arrived, but you wouldn't think so, given the lovely warm weather we have been experiencing so far. You could be mistaken for thinking that summer is still with us! The autumn rains have also started and this too is most welcome. Time just seems to be flying by at an alarming rate and there are only another eight weeks to go before the arrival of Christmas!

Since the last newsletter, your committee, as usual, has been busy working on various matters/situations that continually arise affecting the Association. As you know, Peter Speer, our Events Organiser, and his dedicated events committee are all retiring once the Barn Dance is over in November. In the last newsletter I mentioned that Shirley King had indicated that she was prepared to step up to fill Peter's position. Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances that recently came to light, Shirley has advised that she will now not be able to stand as the new Events Organiser.

As you know, this is a key position for the Association, as without an Events Organiser, there will be effectively no future events such as the May Ball, Hog Roast and Barn Dance. Planning and organising the May Ball has to begin now and I therefore appeal to members to consider carefully the situation in which we now find ourselves and to please volunteer for this very important position. The continued success of the Association is very much dependent on members volunteering to assist in the running of it, whether it be a committee member, a group leader or just helping out with various events.

Following my appeal in the last newsletter for more volunteers to assist with the events we have planned ie:

1. those volunteers that are prepared to take on an active, continuing role such as printing, advertising etc of events; and
2. those volunteers who just wish to help on the day in any way, selling tickets, laying tables, etc.

So far, I have 3 volunteers for item 1 and 7 volunteers for item 2. Again more volunteers are needed, so please consider volunteering. If you wish to volunteer, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at: president@u3ajavea.org

As you know, The Barn Dance is taking place at Los Arcos near Pedreguer on 9 November 2012 and tickets at a cost of €25 each will be on sale at the October meeting. This will be your last opportunity to obtain tickets for this popular event, details of which can be seen on our website.

The Committee has received a number of suggestions for our nominated charity for 2013, and these were discussed

along with other ideas at our executive committee meeting last week. I am pleased to announce that we have agreed that our nominated charity for 2013 will be Caritas (in Javea), the organisation that helps people who are in need, by giving out food and other essentials. With the economic crisis in Spain becoming worse, there are many people in Javea who are unemployed with no *paro* and destitute. Nevermore has the provision of food and other essentials by Caritas been so desperately needed by those people affected badly by the economic crisis in Spain and the committee believe very strongly that we should support them as best we can.

Please remember that there will be a collection for our nominated charity for this year, The Cancer Care Charity at this month's Parador meeting. Please bring clothes, household items etc. where they will be collected by the charity. Larger items should be taken directly to the Charity Shop as they cannot be collected from the Parador Hotel.

At the next Parador meeting later this month, we have two speakers lined up for you. First of all Terry Saville of ECMOR / The Cancer Care Charity (our nominated charity for this year) will be giving us a short update on developments concerning the sequencing machine that has been purchased for the La Marina Hospital at La Xara and how this project has now grown to include the Universities of Alicante and Valencia (the machine will also provide valuable research about cancers) as well as the Catholic Church. Afterwards, our main speaker Chris Duffin, will once again be regaling us with more and different anecdotes of her interesting and amusing experiences as the first woman governor into HMP Strangeways and the notorious Dartmoor Prison. She has recently written a book entitled "Jail Tales" in which she recounts some of the many stories and incidents from her 20 year career both as a lowly "screw" and as a prison governor. Both talks should prove to be most interesting.

Please remember there will be no speaker at the November Parador meeting, but your committee are presently working on a programme of entertainment that you will not want to miss!

I am looking forward to getting on with our programme of events and activities over the coming months and hopefully meeting as many of you as possible. As I have mentioned earlier, we urgently need someone to fill the vacant Events Organiser position, which is a committee position, and more volunteers to assist with the events we have planned for this and next year. Without an Events Organiser and more volunteers, the planned events for next year will simply not take place.

Peter Allin

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Tickets for the Barn Dance for members and also non-members will be on sale at the Parador on 31st October.



Our next collection for our 2012 Charity, **Cancer Care Jávea**, will be at the October Parador meeting which is on the 31st October. Please carry on donating clothes, household goods and any other suitable items which are saleable.

However, we would ask that **large and heavy items are taken straight to the shop** as they will be difficult to transport from the Parador on the actual day.

The Committee have now increased the number of crockery and cutlery sets available for hire by members to 100.

They have also decided to purchase 100 wine glasses and water/beer glasses which are also available for hire by members.

See the web site for hire terms.



"The Making of The President: A Brit's Guide to American Elections"

Peter Atkinson will be giving a talk, jointly for the Jávea and Moraira U3As, on the subject of American elections on Monday, **November 5** at **2.00pm** in the **La Senieta** auditorium in **Moraira** (centrally located in the corner of the main car park). There's no need to book in advance; just come along.



This talk could not be more topical; the next day, Americans go to the polls for the 57th time to elect a President, and will also elect a new Congress. With its built-in "separation of powers" and "checks and balances", the process by which Americans are governed and their leaders are elected has changed little since the Founding Fathers drafted the Constitution in 1787 following the War of Independence.



The White House

Peter will describe the process and the way in which it has developed, highlighting its strengths and flaws and contrasting Washington and Westminster. He will also review the turning points in the 2012 campaigns and look at some of the seminal moments and more colourful characters from 224 years of federal electioneering.

The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 31st October. Our guest speaker will once again be **Chris Duffin** regaling us with more and different anecdotes of her interesting and very amusing experiences as the first woman governor into HMP Strangeways and the notorious Dartmoor Prison.

Also at the General Meeting the Royal British Legion will be selling poppies in readiness for Remembrance Day.



The 2012

BARN DANCE

Will be held at
Los Arcos Restaurant
On Friday 9th November
18.00-23.30
Tickets €25

There are still tickets **available to both members and non members**

Tickets on Sale at the October General Meeting at the Parador or they can be reserved on line –
tickets@u3ajavea.org



Christmas Dinner Dance

On **Wednesday 5th December**, the **Jávea U3A** will be holding their **Christmas Dinner Dance** at the **Dance Café, Toscamar**. Because of the enthusiastic feedback from 2011, we are returning this year, to dance the night away to music played by DJ **Eric Taylor**, to enjoy the delicious tapas, and the unlimited cava, wine, beer and water. Cost will be €30 per person, money to be paid at the **October** meeting. Organiser: **Pat Johnson**.

The venue, previously known as La Brioche, has been completely revamped, and has reopened as the Dance Café. Last year, everyone really enjoyed the quality and quantity of the tapas.

See web site for menu and further details

MEMBERSHIP

Set out below is information for renewing, pre-paying for 2012 and for new members from September.

At October Parador meeting -

3 euros pro-rata payment for Oct to Dec 2012, plus 5 euros for 2013. A total of €8 euros.

At November Parador meeting -

Pro-rata payment for 2012 will be €2 plus €5 euros for 2013. A total of €7 euros.

New members in Dec pay €1 pro-rata payment for 2012, plus €5 for 2013. A total of €6 euros.

The pro-rata payment for the months Sept to Dec 2013 to be 50 cents.

To assist in the annual renewal of Membership fees, there are now TWO options for you to select the method of payment which best suits you.

BY CASH

Payable at the **January** Parador Meeting
or payable beforehand if not in Jávea during January/February.
New Membership Card will be issued upon receipt of payment

BY BANK TRANSFER

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

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

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

CCC details required if transfer is from within Spain

Check with your bank if this will incur a charge

IMPORTANT NOTE if using Bank Transfer

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

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

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

Howard Parker
Membership Secretary
membership.secretary@u3ajavea.org

GROUP NEWS

If anyone is interested in running a **CANASTA** group please let me know, we already have a volunteer assistant to help run such a group. Derek Schofield is looking to start a **VOCAL HARMONY GROUP** for all singers. He wishes to recruit a full range of male and female voices. Let me know if you are interested.

John Bellinger-Smith

groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org

Beginners Art Group

This class is now held on Wednesday mornings 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. in the same place, i.e. over the Casa Indigo in Javea Port. €5.00 per session. There are a few vacancies at the moment so if you are interested please contact me.

Maureen Stanley (Group Leader)

art.beginners@u3ajavea.org

Book Club Group

Do you enjoy a good book & lively discussions, then why not join our Book Club? We have two groups which meet once a month at the Parador in Javea:

The **Morning** Group is held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 10.30am

The **Afternoon** Group is held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 3pm.

If you are interested in joining either of the Book Club groups or would like any more information, please contact Kay

Thomas - book.group@u3ajavea.org

Pru Hughes - book.group.two@u3ajavea.org

Curry Club

Having made the decision to stand down from running the Curry Club as from the October meeting, we are very pleased to let our members know that James and Dodie Hodgkinson have kindly offered to take over the coordination of the group. Thank you to all of the members who have supported the Curry Club and our best wishes to James and Dodie for the continued success of the group and the enjoyment of many more spicy meals to come.

Tom and Jean Miller

Cycling Group

The first cycling run will take place weather permitting on the 4th November 2012. The first venue will be at Cafe Cortado for 10.00 am for people in Javea.

The second Venue and the start of the cycle run will be the Marriott Hotel for 11.00 am. Into Denia and on to the rack track to El Poblets, stop for tea, coffee or beer and returning to Marriott Hotel by a circular route - about a 2 hour ride.

Philip Gauron (Group Leader)

cycling@u3ajavea.org

Dining Out Group

Since the summer break the group have been busy visiting various venues.

In September we went to Restaurant Mirador which is on the top floor of the Javea hotel. This venue has marvellous views of the complete Javea bay. It now has new owners and 50 members filled the venue and experienced excellent food and service.

In October we visited Restaurant La Cocina in the port and again filled the venue with 58 members dining. We again had excellent food and good service.

To avoid disappointment to members, we have planned two events in November at restaurant Plaza 6. This restaurant in Javea Park only seats 47 people. At the time of typing these notes we only have a few places left for the two evenings and will then have to start a waiting list.

Peter Speer (Group Leader)

dining.out@u3ajavea.org

Discussion Group

The October meeting discussed the topic - "Is platonic friendship possible between two members of the opposite sex". There were some fascinating and spirited views put forward which resulted in a lively debate.

The next meeting will be on Friday the 2nd November at the Javea Social Centre from 1600-1800 hours. The topic will be "Whom do we think benefits from belonging to the EU. Does Great Britain?"

We are always looking for new members so come along and join the discussion.

Gill Birch (Group Leader)

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Foodies Group

The Foodies Group had their October meeting at Le Gourmand. A fascinating presentation of (and tasting of!) Japanese Sushi was given by Barbara, our founder member, and so knowledgeable about so many food topics. The November meeting will take place at Monsoon Thai restaurant on 22nd November. This will take the form of our 'Christmas' lunch. The December meeting will take the form of a social meeting with cava and mince pies. Unfortunately this will not take place at Le Gourmand, as they are moving premises - to where, we do not know yet!

Gillian Breen (Group Leader)

foodies@u3ajavea.org

Garden Group

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 25th October. Talk by Dick Handscombe 'Making Waterless Gardens a practical reality' Contact group leader for further details.

Paul Pruden (Group Leader)

gardening@u3ajavea.org

History Group

Many thanks to our October speaker, Mike Rendell, for "A Vignette of Life in 18th-Century England", a fascinating and entertaining talk on the life and times of one of his ancestors. Our next meeting will be at the **Casa de Cultura** at **12.30** on **Monday, 12 November** when David Thoms will give a talk entitled "Bucketts and Spades: a Social History of the British Seaside Holiday":

"A paddle in the sea, a stroll along the prom or the chance to wear a 'kiss me quick' hat - what attracted you to the British seaside? This illustrated excursion (1st class, of course) will explain the growing popularity of the British seaside holiday from the 1750s to the late 1930s, a cultural revolution which was unique in Europe and in reality took many different forms."

By definition, everyone in the Jávea U3A is a member of the History Group so come along on the 12th; there's no need to book. The full programme, through to June of next year, is on the History Group webpage. To learn more or to have your name added to our e-mailing list please contact the group leader.

Peter Atkinson (Group Leader)

history@u3ajavea.org

Not Just Folk Music Group

Hello to everyone. This month will be my first music night holding the reins. When Paul asked me if I would take over I was flattered. This has been Paul's baby so to speak for four years and he has done a great job of keeping it going. The evenings are varied and fun. He has had wonderful support from friends and from the members which has helped to make it a success. The artistes who give of their services have kept the spirit of the evening alive and without their commitment it would not happen.

It is not my intention to change things as the old adage "if it aint broke don't fix it " comes to mind. The format of the evenings will remain the same. Having said all that I would like the November evening to have a Christmas theme as we will not have a music night in December. So all you artistes get your Father Christmas or Mummy Christmas heads on and outfits perhaps? and think about what you are going to perform in November. The November meeting will be on Monday the 26th commencing as usual at 7.0pm.

I look forward to the coming year as group leader and can only hope that the members will continue to come and enjoy an evening of fun and music.

Ian Mackenzie (Group Leader)

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Poetry Group

On the evening of Friday 21st September, Tim and Alma Dorndorf represented our U3A Poetry Group at a special poetry event held in the Riu Rau situated in the Montaner Parc in Xàbia Pueblo; the event was entitled 'Poesia al Riu Rau II'. This is an annual event organized by Gent Inquieta de Xàbia in collaboration with the Casa de Cultura, and this year they celebrated the work of the renowned Valenciano poet Vicent Andrés Estellés, as well as reading a selection of poems by other poets. When the poetry readings were over, everyone who wished to stayed to eat a light picnic supper together seated around a long table laid with a white table cloth and candles! The Riu Rau can be found in the little park up above the market square, and just below the Instituto school. The event was well attended with about 40 people taking part. Alma presented a short biography in Spanish about W.H. Auden and read one of his best known poems in English, entitled 'Funeral Blues'.

John Othick (Group Leader)

poetry.appreciation@u3ajavea.org

Pilates Groups

There will not be any Pilates classes on Tuesday 30th October as the room is being used for a wedding. Graciela (our instructor) will also be away on the 4th December, so we will only be able to fit in 5 weeks of classes before Christmas. The dates will be as follows:

13th November

20th November

27th November 11th December

18th December

A fee of €25 will be payable on the 13th November. The 6 weeks cycle will start again in January 2012.

Carol Pilgram (Group Leader)

pilates@u3ajavea.org

Solo on Sundays

Hello Everyone. Hope you are all enjoying the cooler weather now after that searing heat.

In September a large crowd enjoyed a very nice meal at Le Gourmand arranged by Pat Ainsley and myself due to Graham being in UK for an operation.

On 9th December we have arranged for us to go to La Cocina for our Christmas Lunch. We hope that many of you will join us and if you have not been before, please come along and you will be looked after. Please contact Marion Monsell or Pat Ainsley c/o solos.social@u3ajavea.org

Travellers Tales

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 13th November, when Angela Chantry will be giving a presentation on "*An adventure tour of Costa Rica*". Venue: the Javea Players' Studio (located in the road behind Book World Espana, Javea old town). Please arrive at **11.00 a.m. for an 11.30 a.m. start**. Members are asked to contribute 1€ pp to cover the cost of room hire, and this includes tea/coffee and biscuits! New members always welcome!

Angela Chantry (Group Leader)

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Wine Appreciation

The Wine Appreciation Group's outing this year was to Enguera, a town of some 6000 people deep in the heart of the Sierra de Enguera mountains. The principal reason for the trip was to visit Bodegas Enguera and we were met by the owner Pedro, together with Nacho and Toni from the Enguera tourist office. Pedro's enthusiasm and knowledge of the cultivation and production of wine was contagious, as was his attitude towards nature. We were shown all aspects of his production and this was followed by a tasting. Without doubt, the best bodega visit ever!

The group was then in the hands of Nacho and Toni who, being young and enthusiastic, tried to show us EVERYTHING in the very hilly town of Enguera they were so proud of! We were certainly ready for lunch, which could justly be described as 'hearty by nature'. Certain members became enlightened to the fact that Gazpacho Manchego wasn't the cold tomato soup they expected and that the 'Beef Stew' was mainly a sausage dish! All seemed to be forgiven however by the copious quantity of wine available.

So, after a long day, forty-four very tired members and friends returned to Javea with their purchases of cases of Enguera wine. Next year's June trip to a Cava bodega in Requena is promised to be just as interesting, albeit much less tiring!

Geoffrey Woodward (Group Leader)

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



INFORMATION

[New or amended discounts for Javea U3A Members can now be found on the web site following this link:](#)

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

<p>CARE AND SHARE TEAM</p>	<p>thin the Javea U3A who, like further information please</p>
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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 be on the board again make sure you contact Jean and ask for the advert to be resubmitted. Your items **will not** appear on the notice board if received after 6pm on **Monday 29 October**.

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 to the Parador meeting on 31st October. There is a small charge of 50c if you have no book to swap, and this money will go towards the U3A chosen charity.

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

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

A collection box for used **Postage Stamps** will be by the notice boards. These stamps will be given to the Royal British Legion for their support fund.
So please remember to bring **BOOK's, DVD's, CD's and POSTAGE STAMPS** to future meetings.