

September Newsletter 2012

JAVEA U3A

From Our President:

A big welcome back to one and all following the summer break and I trust that everyone had a thoroughly good time during this period. For my part, summer was spent in Javea and a busy time was had, with family visiting and plenty of entertaining and parties to attend.

Those members that left Javea during July and August missed one of the hottest and most uncomfortable summers I can remember during the 10 years I have been living here on a permanent basis. I believe it was the second hottest I have experienced in terms of temperature, but with the highest level of humidity at a relatively constant 80%, with hardly any rain to cool things down. However, one shouldn't complain, as personally I prefer to live with the heat rather than the freezing cold.

It was also a very sporty summer, what with the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Didn't Great Britain acquit itself brilliantly, right down from the volunteers and organisers to the teams and medal winners and the London transport system held up well. As a tennis fan, it was great to see Andy Murray win a gold medal at the Olympics and also win his first grand slam tournament – the US Open. Following on from all of these events, I hope that you are now ready to join in with the U3A activities which we are planning over the forthcoming autumn period.

The committee have already started planning our programme of social events over the autumn and into the New Year, and fuller details of these will be announced over the next few weeks. Kicking off the programme is a Tea Dance, which is to be held on 10 October 2012 from 5.30pm to 8.30pm at the Javea Social Centre in the Old Town, tickets for which will be available at the 26 September General Assembly meeting at a cost of €15 each. A Barn Dance is going to be held once again, at Los Arcos near Pedreguer on 9 November 2012 and tickets at a cost of €25 each will also be on sale at the September and October meetings. More details of these two events can be seen on our website. Our next summer ball is already scheduled for the 17 May 2013, and following the very successful ball held in May 2012, this will again be held at El Canor function rooms in Teulada. Please keep a close eye on our website to get confirmation of details and the arrangements being made for these and future events.

Again on the subject of social events, a BIG vote of thanks go to Peter and Pauline Speer and their group of dedicated hard-working helpers, who planned, organised and ran such a successful Evening of Music and Dance (Hog Roast) held on 14 July in aid of our nominated charity for this year, the Cancer Care Charity. Over 120

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members enjoyed a wonderful hog roast with music by the excellent group, The Brink, and dancing. The monies raised from this event for the charity amounted to a significant €1500.

Particular thanks must also go to John Bellinger-Smith and Carol Pilgram, who so kindly made their lovely villa available for us to use for this occasion, The beautiful garden with all its palm trees created a lovely venue on a perfect evening, making one fully appreciate the reasons why we have chosen to live in Spain and be members of the U3A Javea.

Membership renewals and acceptance of new applications for membership start again in earnest at the Parador meeting on 26 September. New members joining, or old members renewing, during the autumn meetings of the Association will be joining for the remainder of 2012 AND for the year 2013. The Membership Secretary, Howard Parker, has full details.

As you know, Peter Speer, our Events Organiser, and his dedicated events committee are all retiring once the Barn Dance is over in November. Peter and his team have given the Association and its membership fantastic service over the years, for which we are all very grateful indeed and our profound thanks go to them all. As you know, Shirley King has indicated that she is prepared to step up to fill Peter's position, although her appointment is yet to be formalised.

Shirley has begun to work on next year's programme of social events, but it is clear that more volunteers are needed from the membership to assist her. Two types of volunteers are required:

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.

Please remember that without this kind of support from members, it would be impossible to bring to fruition the social events we arrange, including those in aid of our nominated charity. It cannot be stressed enough that your support is absolutely vital – simply put, no volunteers, no events. If you are willing to volunteer, please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail at: president@u3ajavea.org

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 we carry on over the weeks ahead.

Peter Allin

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TEA DANCE

Wednesday 10th October
5.30-8.30 pm
At the Javea Social Centre
Tickets €15

Tickets will be on sale at the Parador meeting on
Wednesday 26th September

For full information and to pre-reserve tickets
follow the link to the web site: -

www.u3ajavea.org/Group-Independent/Special-Events/special-events.html

The 2012

BARN DANCE

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

Tickets on Sale at the September and October General Meetings at
the Parador or they can be reserved on line

Fur full information, menu details and ticket reservations follow the
link to the web site: -

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The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th September

Our guest speaker is **Carlos Baos** whose talk is entitled **"Inheritance Tax"**. Carlos is the founder of White & Baos Lawyers and is registered with the Alicante Law Society. He specialises in Family law and Real Estate Law and coordinates the firm's Spanish Law matters.

SPECIAL EVENTS VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for more social event volunteers

If you think you can spare the time to help with our social events please speak to me at the Parador meetings or email:

president@u3ajavea.org

The Committee have been inundated with requests to put notices and posters about charity and other events in the newsletter and on the web site. Many of the requests come from Javea U3A members and also from towns all over the Costa Blanca.

The Committee has made the decision to ONLY INCLUDE OUR OWN DESIGNATED CHARITY NEWS IN THE NEWSLETTER AND ON THE WEB SITE. NEWS FROM JAVEA BASED CHARITIES WILL BE DISPLAYED ON THE WEB SITE ONLY. Exceptions will be made by the President if he feels members need to know any relevant information.

Peter Allin
President

MEMBERSHIP

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

At September Parador meeting -

1. Renewals for 2013 – €5.
2. Pre-payments for 2013 – €5
3. New members – €4 pro-rata payment for Sept to Dec 2012, plus €5 for 2013. A total of €9

At October Parador meeting -

As above except item 3 which will be 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

I trust everybody has enjoyed the rather hot summer we have had this year and that many of our new members are looking forward to joining some of our groups.

The proposed new cycling group has been very well received and Philip Guaron, the group leader, will be available at the end of the Parador meeting if any other members wish to join the group.

The scrabble group ceased meeting in June and we are looking for a new group leader. Please contact me if you are interested.

The bridge group are looking for additional members. For more details see the Bridge Group entry below.

John Bellinger-Smith (Groups Co-ordinator)

groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org

FEATURED GROUP

BACKGAMMON

YOU certainly won't be bored with this board game! Backgammon is one of the oldest games on record, believed to have originated 5,000 years ago.

The Javea U3A Backgammon group meets on Monday afternoons, from 3pm to 5pm, at the Parador Hotel.

Run by group leader Susan Vickers, the object of the group is to play the deeply strategic game of backgammon, but it is also a great way to socialise.

The group currently has about 15 members, with an average of 8 turning up to play most weeks. However, 12-14 regular players would be an ideal number, so Susan is keen to attract new members.

"We keep backgammon boards at the hotel, but if more people wanted to play we would have to arrange for players to bring boards with them," says Susan.

"We cater for all levels, but if anybody is keen to play but inexperienced or a novice, help is at hand and we can teach them to play," added Susan, who took over the group in November 2010.

"Most members have played before and enjoy the challenge of the skill of the game, plus the fact that you have to have the luck of the die. The game can completely change around by one good throw of the die," explained Susan. "I try to encourage players to use the doubling cube and we keep score each week of each person's points (no prizes though!)"

Anybody who is interested in joining the group can contact Susan Vickers by email at backgammon@u3ajavea.org or just turn up at the Parador Hotel at 3pm on a Monday afternoon.

There is no charge; just purchase a drink at the Parador ... and enjoy the afternoon's play!

* Any groups wishing to be featured in this monthly feature can contact publicity officer Ian Rogerson by email at publicity@u3ajavea.org



SPECIAL EVENT

Love Your iPad® ... but not really sure how to use it?



I intend to run a short session of around two hours in early October covering the basics of using an Apple iPad®. This session will look at the standard hand gestures, how to add/remove Apps, connect to WiFi and indeed any other topics you wish to cover. There will also be time for you to raise issues/concerns/questions you may have regarding your own iPad®, so make sure you bring it along.

At the moment I only require expressions of interest, either by email (preferred) or telephone. Precise date, time and location will be advised once numbers are known.

[Tom Stevenson pck@u3ajavea.org](mailto:Tom.Stevenson@u3ajavea.org) (Tlf. 966 460 706)

Bridge Club

The Bridge Group meet on Mondays in the bar of the Parador Hotel from 14.30-17.00 pm. **They would love to have more members** so if you are interested please email the group leader for further details. It is not necessary to have a regular Bridge partner, but the group is **not** intended for complete beginners. However, if you are familiar with the game, please join us for an afternoon of friendly Bridge, and all you need to do is order a drink.

Sybille Ross (Group Leader)

bridge@u3ajavea.org

Curry Club

Twelve members of the Javea U3A Curry Club enjoyed a very tasty evening on Tuesday 17th July hosted by Peter and Lorraine Allin. The meal had a Thai/Oriental theme and started with a Thai passion cocktail followed by spicy avocado dip with carrot and green pepper crudities together with crab cakes with mango salad. The main course was chicken and peanut curry accompanied with cabbage salad with a lime juice dressing, Thai fish cakes and coconut rice. The desert consisted of a fresh fruit salad with Banana and cardamom pancakes and gajjar halwa which is a carrot dish made with golden syrup sugar and milk with cardamom seeds. The evening was a great success and everyone is looking forward to the next curry supper



The Hosts – Peter and Lorraine Allin



The whole group of guests

Jean and Tom Miller (Group Leaders)

curry.club@u3ajavea.org

Dine and Dance Group

The group has continued to meet throughout the summer, with two outdoor events at Los Arcos, and, most recently, at Javea Golf Club dancing to DJ Eric Taylor. All our evenings have been very successful and enjoyable, with great food and dancing. We are generally around 60 people, but always welcome new members. Members are notified of forthcoming events by email, so if you are interested, ask the group leader to go on the mailing list. I am currently looking at an evening at Viva Espana for dinner, flamenco show and dancing probably mid October.

Pat Johnson (Group Leader)

dine.dance@u3ajavea.org

Discussion Group

The September meeting was held on the 14th when the topic was "The population Explosion – to be feared or what can we do about it". There was a very lively debate enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be on the 5th October at the Javea Social Centre from 1600-1800 hours. The topic will be "Is platonic friendship possible between two members of the opposite sex".

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

Gill Birch (Group Leader)

depgroupcoord@u3ajavea.org

Foodies Group

The first meeting after the summer break took place on September 20th at our new venue - Le Gourmand, at the far end of the Arenal. The next meeting will take place on October 18th (Thursday) at 11.30. Confirmation of our guest speaker will be announced to the Group via email shortly. We hope as many members as possible will come to our new venue, Le Gourmand. Ideas for topics are always welcome as we like to cover as many varied topics relating to food as is possible, at the same time holding the interest of all members.

Gillian Breen (Group Leader)

foodies@u3ajavea.org



Friends of Aveninca

Monday 15th October . . . The Javea U3a Friends of Aveninca are taking part in a Dunes Restoration Project in the Albufera wetlands. We will be planting shrubs for a couple of hours and then going on to a rice farm and then to a chocolate factory to find out how these two products came to be so important to the local economy.

Wednesday 14th November . . . Walking Treasure Hunt around Benissa. We will be exploring some of the parts of Benissa that are usually missed by visitors. There is much more to the town than the N332! Lunch and prizes for the winners included. Please see our Javea U3A webpage, or go the <http://www.aveninca.es/> for more details.

Paul Pruden (Group Leader)

friends.of.aveninca@u3ajavea.org

History Group

Following the summer break, our first meeting of the new session will take place on Monday, October 8 at 12.30 in the Casa de Cultura in the pueblo, when Mike Rendell will give a talk entitled "A Vignette of Life in 18th-Century England". Mike's talk, which he has developed from research on his family-tree, will cover the life and times of one of his ancestors. Mike has given a similar talk to other audiences in the past, always to rave reviews.

By definition, everyone in the Jávea U3A is a member of the History Group so come along on the 8th; 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

The next meeting of the group will be held on Monday **24th September**, gathering at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start, and the session will finish 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 by telephone on 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.

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

Paul Wessendorff (Group Leader)

Pilates

Pilates classes start again on Tuesday the 25th September with a new venue at the International Baptist Church in the Pueblo. See the web site for more details and details of the beginners and improvers sessions. If you would like to join the classes email the group leader.

Carol Pilgram (Group Leader)

pilates@u3ajavea.org

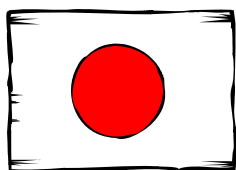
Quiz Night

Our first quiz after the summer break will be on Thursday October 18th at the usual venue of El Salaito in the old town. When we went round to discuss dates and menu they were closed for holiday until the 12th. We have not been able to go since then and they have not answered my emails so I have chosen a menu of things we've had before and will confirm this on Sept 18th! There will be tapas & bread & ali oli to start followed by choice of: chicken curry or salmon cakes followed by cheesecake or ice-cream, half bottle of wine - please choose red, white, rosado or beer/soft drink. 16€, 7.30 for 8pm start. Please email me with your choice of menu, including drinks, and you can pay at the Parador at the monthly meeting on Sept 26th or on the night if you can't make that. Look forward to seeing you soon.

Jeni and Stan Oldfield (Group Leaders)

quiz.night@u3ajavea.org

Rummikubs



CHANGE OF VENUE

Rummikubs is now played at Dance Cafe, Toscamar on a Wednesday at 3.15pm. Unfortunately this Group is not taking any new members as it already has 80 members. However there is a second Rummikubs Group for new members wishing to play this game. See the web site for details.

Krystyna Stefanczyk (Group Leader)

social.rummikubs@u3ajavea.org

Travellers Tales

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th October, when Sally Wells will be giving a presentation on "*Japan - from Tokyo to Hiroshima*". Venue: the Javea Players' Studio (located in the road behind Book World Espana, Javea old town). Please note that our meeting time has been brought forward by half an hour. In future, 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)

travellers.tales@u3ajavea.org

***** 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:](http://www.u3ajavea.org/Group-Independent/PDFs/Discounts.pdf)

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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

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 25 June.

You can also bring your advert and picture to the meeting. Please pin on the For Sale board. Please no advert larger than A5.

BOOK SWAP & AUDIO BOOK SWAP Barbara 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.

NEW CD SWAP Many of you have CD's you don't listen to any more 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.