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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 Lorraine's and my part, summer was spent in Jávea and a busy time was had, what with family (from UK and Australia) and friends visiting. There was a lot of entertaining at home and parties to attend – all very exhausting and expensive, but nonetheless great fun.

Following the announcement in the last newsletter (June) of David Woodhall's appointment as Communications Officer, I am very pleased to announce that Sheila Giacomelli has very kindly agreed to step up to the position of Deputy Membership Secretary, her appointment recently being formalised by the Committee. I am really delighted and I would like to wish Sheila every success in her new position.

However, this still leaves us with a couple of vacancies on the Committee, these being the positions of Deputy Secretary and Deputy Communications Officer (vacant for some time now), as well as the non-committee position of Cultural Arts Coordinator, recently vacated by Angela Chantry. These positions are not onerous to perform in any way and the lack of interest shown by members so far is disappointing. This Association thrives on the volunteers that come forward and without these volunteers we would simply have no U3A in Jávea. So please help out by volunteering and putting something back into the Association yourself.

This brings me to a very important point that affects the very future of the Association. I am now looking as far forward as the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in March next year, at which time there are going to be a few significant changes in the Executive Committee. At that time, in accordance with the legal statutes of the Association, I will have to step down as President as I will have completed my three years on the Executive Committee. In normal course, the Vice President, Ron Hughes, would step up to the position of President, but unfortunately there has been a change in Ron's and Pru's circumstances that prevents Ron from stepping up to the position of President, with the result that these two positions will be vacant. **Therefore, volunteers for the positions of President and Vice President are urgently sought.** The sooner volunteers come forward, the better it will be to ensure a smooth transfer of duties and responsibilities in time for the AGM. Ron and I will, of course, continue in our respective roles until the time of the AGM. It should be noted that for the Association to function legally, the following four Executive Committee positions have to always be filled: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. **If the President's and Vice President's roles are not filled by the time of the AGM next year, then the future of the Association will be extremely bleak, to the point that there will be no Association, as it will not be able to function legally. I therefore cannot stress more, the need for volunteers to come forward urgently, in time to fill these positions at the AGM.** Six months may sound a long time, but in reality it is not, particularly given that we have only three more general assembly meetings at the Parador before the AGM (September, October and February).

In November there will be the Christmas Extravaganza, December we will be closed and January is the Group Leaders Open Day. I urge you therefore, to please give this potentially critical situation serious thought. Job descriptions are available for all committee positions from myself.

On a lighter note, during the summer break, the Association held its Summer Garden Party (hog roast), which was attended by 94 members, with live music from The Brink. Ron and Pru Hughes very kindly hosted the event at their lovely home and massive thanks go to them for making everyone feel so welcome. Huge thanks also go to Stephen Burke, our Events Organiser, his wife Jo and their team of helpers for all their hard work. This well organised and very successful event raised the princely sum of €899.27 in aid of Cáritas.

Stephen is now working on our next social event which is the Barn Dance. This event will take place on Friday, 8 November 2013 and the venue will be the same as for last year, at Los Arcos near Pedreguer. The same band as for last year, Los Rancheros, have also been booked. Tickets can be reserved at tickets@u3ajavea.org e-mail address. These will be available for payment and collection at this month's and October's Parador meetings. The tickets cost €25 per person.

I have another retirement to announce and that is Pat Barlow, Group Leader of the Card Making Group, who is stepping down after 8 years of dedicated hard work running this group. Pat's group was established very shortly after the Association was established in 2005 and it is one of the longest running groups. Our huge thanks go to Pat, who is returning to the UK, for all her excellent hard work during her time as a Group Leader. I am pleased to advise that Shirley King has taken over from Pat as Group Leader. Please note that Shirley will be selling cards at the **October** general assembly meeting at the Parador Hotel, in aid of our nominated charity for this year, Cáritas.

Clive White, our Webmaster, has been busy during the summer designing a new notice board for our website. This notice board replaces the old felt ones used at previous Parador meetings and is for members use only. It can be used to advertise items for sale or to request wanted items. It is very easy to use and Clive has provided a link in the Home page of our website.

It has been noticed that some "members" who have not paid their membership subscriptions are still attending group activities, when they are not entitled to do so. Group Leaders have therefore been instructed not to allow such persons to attend their respective groups until such time they have paid their membership subscription and checks will be made to ensure that those attending are legitimate members. So please carry your membership card with you. As well as being unfair on those who have paid their dues, these individuals are not covered by the Association's insurance, which leaves the Association and Group Leaders at risk of an insurance claim, in the unlikely event of an accident.

This month's Parador meeting will be a donation day for Cáritas, so please be generous and bring along as many food items as you can afford. I would ask that you please kindly ensure that that all food items you bring are within their "sell-by date". **Please also don't forget to bring your plastic tops for little Noa**, which you can hand to Krystyna Stefanczyk, who will be standing by the book swap and DVD swap tables.

Finally, I look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it to our monthly meeting at the Parador on 25 September, where our guest speaker this month will be the very knowledgeable and entertaining Peter Atkinson, who will be talking about "What Did The Romans Do For Spain?". Like the previous excellent talks we have had this year, Peter's talk will definitely be one not to be missed.

Peter Allin
president@u3ajavea.org

Forthcoming Events

The following events are planned for later in the year.

8th November – This years Barn Dance will be held at Los Arcos. The cost is **25€** per person which is the same as last year **and includes** a three course meal and entertainment provided once again by the excellent Los Rancheros. Tickets can be ordered at tickets@u3ajavea.org and will be on sale at the September and October meetings when also, pre-ordered tickets can be paid for and collected. Again, please check the website for latest information. This will be a popular event so don't delay!

WE ARE ESTABLISHING A NEW EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE.

Currently, just before each event there is a mad scramble to acquire raffle prizes. It would be very much easier if we had an ongoing procurement of items that can be used as and when required, at an event for which the prize is most suitable. To this end I am pleased to announce the inauguration of an events sub-committee whose role will be the procurement of raffle prizes. We already have someone who has agreed to chair and run this group and now are looking for members who feel they can contribute in any way at all. The task is not onerous and does not require taking on massive commitments or involve long and frequent committee meetings. If you think you can contribute and would like to be involved or require more information please send an email to 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 **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. You can hand them to me, at the meeting, I will be standing by the book swap and DVD swap tables. So please, save all your tops, it just takes a little thought. Many thanks.
Krystyna Stefanczyk.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

If you have paid your membership subscription by Bank Transfer, and are not in possession of your new 2013 Membership Card, these can be collected from the New Members desk 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, re-join 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.

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 next Parador meeting on September 25th, 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 1,240 members.

Howard Parker
Membership Secretary
membership.secretary@u3ajavea.org



DISCOUNTS LIST

Members are reminded that on the web site there are 18 pages of businesses who will give a discount on goods and services for Jávea 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.

**CARE
AND
SHARE
TEAM**

The team offers support and practical assistance to others within the Jávea U3A who, like the team members, have suffered loss. If you would like further information please contact:

careshareineke@u3ajavea.org

caresharepat@u3ajavea.org

Currently we have 50 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.

Ten Pin Bowling, Flower Arranging, Tai Chi

Interest has been declared in these 3 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 either at the Parador, or 96 647 0534, or email to the address below.

Please support our group leaders and join the groups as they are doing an excellent job.

David Grove
Groups Coordinator
groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org.

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

New Groups

***RAILWAY ENTHUSIASTS GROUP**

This group has now been formed and will become active in September. Initially, the Groups Coordinator David Grove will lead the group, but if anyone would like to volunteer as Group Leader, please contact David (see below).

If there is anybody interested in railways, particularly steam, heritage traction or modelling, who would like to join this group, please contact David Grove at the Parador or by email to the address below.

David Grove (Groups Coordinator),
groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org.

ART BEGINNERS

Classes will start on Wednesday October 2nd at Toscamar from 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. Same terms and conditions as previously but under new teacher. Check with Group Leader for more details. Until we get started we cannot take newcomers but if you are interested please give your names to Maureen together with email addresses, telephone numbers, etc.

Maureen Stanley (Group Leader),
art.beginners@u3ajavea.org.

BADMINTON

Restarted on the **16 September**, See the Website for more information or contact the Group Leader.

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.

CANASTA GROUP

This group meets at Cafe Cortado on Monday afternoons, 3 o'clock until the game ends. She has devised a set of rules for Jávea U3A, so we can all play the same game. Currently there are two 'experts' and two beginners!! If you would like to join this group just pop along to Cafe Cortado before 3 o'clock on Mondays and introduce yourself to Val.

Val Norrie (Group Leader),
canasta@u3ajavea.org

COMPUTER SUPPORT GROUP

The group now meets at GJ's on the Arenal. 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 has held two meetings during the summer months. A group met at the home of Geoff and Sherry Spinks where Geoff demonstrated his particular brand of curry making and we tasted a range of other dishes. A big thank you to Geoff and Sherry for their hospitality and for providing an entertaining evening. We also had an Indonesian Beach Picnic with take-away food from Tap Indo. This was a chance for a rest from the kitchen and to pick up ideas for our next round of meals in members' homes where the theme will be Indonesian cuisine. The Curry Club welcomes new members, for more information contact:

Dodie and James Hodgkinson (Group Leaders),
curry.club@javeau3a.org.

DINE AND DANCE GROUP

We have continued to meet through the summer, with a great evening in the gardens of Los Arcos on 18th July, and more recently on the Terrace of Javea Golf Club on 22nd August. Both events were very well supported. Our next outing is on 4th October, to Viva Espana to see the horse show, followed by dinner, flamenco show and dancing. Viva Espana have just advised us that we should arrive by 19:00, for the start of the horse show at 19:30. For those who have reserved places, the coach will LEAVE from opposite Interiors in Javea Port at **18:20**.

Pat Johnson (Group Leader)
dine.dance@u3ajavea.org

FOODIES GROUP

Gillian Breen (Group Leader),
foodies@u3ajavea.org

FRIENDS OF AVINENÇA

Tuesday 24th September. The first Field Trip of the Autumn Season is a visit to the association of famers in the village of **Ayora**. On the farms of this area are raised different breeds of local and traditional cattle, sheep and other livestock. Most of the livestock is raised using organically grown produce.

Full details of these trips can be found on our website (click **Friends of Avinença** in the Activity Groups table).

Paul Pruden (Group Leader),
friends.of.avinenca@u3ajavea.org.

GUITAR

The group has now started meeting but, at the time of writing, has yet to finalise arrangements and venue.

Full details can be obtained from:

Phil Shepherd (Group Leader),

guitar.courses@u3ajavea.org.

HISTORY GROUP

Note the new timing: the History Group now meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 11:30 at its usual venue, the Casa de Cultura in the pueblo. The next meeting will be on **October 8** when Peter Atkinson will give a talk entitled: "The Birth of a Nation - The American War of Independence and its Aftermath".

The talk, covering the period 1750 to 1820, will start with a review of the events and ideas that led 11 colonies to rebel against the Crown, resulting in the founding of the United States of America. It will follow the course of the war (1775-83), focusing on the main strategic and political threads rather than on the detail of individual battles. It will close with the principal events that shaped the new nation in its early years: the drafting of the Constitution and the creation of Washington DC; the Louisiana Purchase, which gave impetus to westward expansion; and the War of 1812, which resolved the remaining differences between the USA and Britain.

The full programme from October 2013 to June 2014 is now on the group's webpage. **We shall continue to meet at the Casa de Cultura in the Pueblo; however, please note that meetings will now be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 11:30.**

By definition, everyone in the Jávea U3A is a member of the History Group. To learn more or to have your name added to our e-mailing list please contact

Peter Atkinson (Group Leader),

history@u3ajavea.org.

IPAD SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting is on the 23rd September at the Inn on the Green, 14:45, for 15:00 start.

Any member wishing to join the group, please email Anne Muir at the address below.

Anne Muir (Group Leader),

ipad.support@u3ajavea.org.

LADIES THAT LUNCH

The next lunch will be Tapas at the Jávea Golf Club. This outing is already fully booked and the next one will be in October, date and venue to be announced when decided.

If you are interested in joining our group, please contact the Group Leaders at the address below. Numbers attending a lunch will be limited to 40, on a "first come" basis.

Sally Wells and Katrina Frost (Group Leaders).

ladies.that.lunch@u3ajavea.org.

NOT JUST FOLK MUSIC GROUP

Well folks the time has come around again for us to get our music heads on. We start our new season of Not Just Folk Music nights on Monday the 30th September. If there are any other U3A members who wish to join the group then let me know.

We will be having our usual programme of events and will start at 7.30pm at the Inn On The Green Bowls Club Jávea.

We will have our usual Artistes to entertain us. I look forward to another year of running the group.

Ian Mackenzie. (Group Leader)

folk.music@u3ajavea.org

PETANQUE

See Website for details or contact

Pam Coombe (Group Leader).

petanque@u3ajavea.org

PRACTICAL COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE

See Website for details or contact

Tom Stevenson (Group Leader),

pck@u3ajavea.org.

QUIZ NIGHT

The next Quiz Night will be held on Thursday, October 17, at the usual venue: Bar El Salaito in the Pueblo; 19.00 for a prompt start at 19.30. In the absence of Jeni & Stan vacationing in Canada, it will be run by Peter & Gill Atkinson. (Having run the April quiz, they now know how to do it; this one will be more user-friendly.) Please see the Quiz Night webpage for more detail, including menu choices. Book by email: quiz.night.with.peter@u3ajavea.org. Pay on the night - €16.00. Our next quiz night will probably be the third Thursday in October and will be run by Peter & Gill Atkinson? Watch the website for details nearer the date. Jeni and Stan Oldfield (Group Leaders), quiz.night@u3ajavea.org.

RUMMIKUBS GROUP TWO

We have played all through the summer months, sheltering from the heat under Elaine and Dave's awning. But, unfortunately, last week during the rain, storms and wind, the awning was ripped to shreds so some of us sheltered inside their cosy cafe. We are so addicted to the game we play without thought to the weather conditions. We will soon be welcoming back the members who have abandoned these shores for various points on the compass with open arms. Well, the other members of the group will be welcoming them back, the leader, who has been attending intermittently, is once again off on her travels.

If you would like to join our merry band please just come along to Cafe Cortado on a Thursday afternoon at 3:00 and one of our members will take you under their wing, introduce you around and teach you the game.

Look forward to seeing you all in October.

Cafe Cortado is in the Jávea Port area, around the corner from Interiors in c/Joan Fuster. Val Dromgoole (Group Leader), rummikubs.two@u3ajavea.org

SOLO ON SUNDAY

Hello everyone. Sincerely hope that you all have had a good summer and managed to keep cool in the heat. However the temperatures are dropping now allowing everyday chores to be more manageable.

We have arranged to visit La Cocina on the 13th October for our Solo on Sundays lunch, where we are assured of a very nice meal.

We meet at 1pm for 1.30pm and hope as many as possible will join us and even introduce new members.

Look forward to seeing you all, Marion Monsell and Pat Ainsley (Group Leaders), solo.on.sunday@u3ajavea.org.

SPANISH GROUPS

Pre-Intermediate Spanish and Intermediate Spanish classes will after a long summer break re-start on 21 October. Usual time, usual place.

Hope you're all had a great summer.

Heidi Hancock (Group Leader), spanish.beginners@u3ajavea.org.

TABLE TENNIS

Table Tennis restarted on the **17 September**.

Meet at Palau Municipal D'Esports, Sports Centre, Jávea Port, Tuesdays, 12:00 - 14:00. For more details contact Philip Gauron. (Group Leader) badminton@u3ajavea.org.

TRAVELLERS TALES GROUP

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday 29th October when Peter Atkinson will be giving a presentation entitled "Across France on a Bicycle". Venue: the Jávea Players' Studio (located in the road behind what used to be Book World Espana, Jávea 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, which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. New members always welcome!

Angela Chantry and Tony Dearie (Group Leaders) travellers.tales@u3ajavea.org.

WINE APPRECIATION GROUP

The Wine Appreciation Group meets on a monthly basis to discuss and taste wines of many types and from various regions.

On Wednesday 21st August, thirty-three members congregated on Geoff's terrace for a bit of 'socialising'. As there had only been fifteen members at last year's tasting at La Cocina, Geoff was a bit shell shocked! After an hour or so, everyone left and re-convened at the Trossets restaurant where Geoff welcomed everyone and said a few words about the history of Gata.

Geoff Woodward (Group Leader), wine@u3ajavea.org.



OTHER INFORMATION

British Consulate in Alicante

The British Consulate in Alicante has moved offices. For more details, including a map, see our [website](#).

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.

Krystyna Stefanczyk will be standing by the book swap and DVD swap tables to collect the bottle tops in aid of Noa,

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.