

From our President

Dear Members,

I assume that everyone is well into their preparations for the summer now, although the weather still leaves a little to be desired from time to time!

May has been a busy month. A very successful meeting of group leaders was held at the Plaza 6 Restaurant on 3rd May, where some 43 group leaders attended and discussed a number of issues, about which JBS, our Groups Co-ordinator, will be talking about in more detail at the Parador meeting on 25th May. We are indeed fortunate to have so many dedicated and hard-working group leaders whose contribution to our activities in the U3A benefits us all. A very big thank you to all of them, whose hard work behind the scenes, so often not recognised or rewarded, is much appreciated.

On the 6th May, some 320 members and guests attended a magnificent May Ball held at the El Canor restaurant in Teulada. The evening started with a cava reception, followed by an excellent meal, with music and entertainment provided by our DJ/Compere Tony Dean, and the tribute band, Abba Elite. It was evident that everyone enjoyed the evening, and our thanks are due to the detailed work undertaken by Peter and Pauline Speer, and their hard-working ball committee. A big thank you to them all for arranging and running such an enjoyable event. Peter is now working on the next social event which is likely to be a barn dance held this autumn. Please keep your eyes peeled on the newsletter and other advertising so that you will not miss what again I am sure, will be another excellent evening of entertainment.

As announced at the Parador meeting last month, Mike Cox has kindly put himself forward for the post of Treasurer. This post was recently vacated by Geoff Milnes. The Committee were pleased to confirm their approval for Mike to fill this role, and have endorsed his appointment as Treasurer. We are currently in discussions with other members who have expressed an interest in the vacancy now existing for the appointment of a Deputy Treasurer, and hope to be

able to confirm someone in that appointment in the near future.

Following our first month using a welcoming team to meet and discuss U3A matters with our new members on joining at each Parador meeting, we are encouraged by the positive response we have had from this initiative. The Committee are looking at ways of improving how we go about this, and will be making adjustments in the light of experience over the next month or so.

Peter Allin and his working group have now completed their review of the annual subscription rates. Details will be announced shortly.

We are still looking for some volunteers to come forward to join our travel team in the role of travel organisers to replace the current organisers that are stepping down in the next few weeks. To date no-one has come forward, and unless we get some interest in taking on this role, our future travel programme is likely to become extremely curtailed, if not non-existent. I would urge anyone that thinks that they may be able to contribute in this role to come forward as soon as possible. It would be a great pity if one of our most successful, enjoyable, and popular activities should be allowed to disappear just through general lack of support and interest.

Finally, I look forward to seeing as many as can make it to our monthly meeting at the Parador on 25th May, where our guest speaker this month will be Cheda Panajotovic. Cheda, who has been a speaker at our monthly meetings on several occasions in the past, has always put over his chosen subject in an amusing and informative way. This month, he will be talking about his experiences as a teacher in an inner-city school, entitled "Teaching the Un-teachable". We look forward to hearing about these experiences, which I am sure as always will throw a new light on this subject.

Paul Wessendorff

Javea U3A has a new bank account at Barclays, the La Caixa account is now closed. If any member requires details of the new account for the purposes of bank transfers, travel payments etc. please contact the Treasurer Mike Cox either personally or by email to javeau3atreasurer@yahoo.co.uk

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SPEAKERS FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS



Have you heard a good speaker lately? Know anyone who can stand in front of an audience and give an interesting talk? Or, are you a budding speaker and can keep your audience interested for 20 minutes.

If you are, or can suggest anyone, we would like to hear from you. Please email Peter Allin, Vice President at peterallin1@gmail.com

Question 1 Have you changed your E-Mail address or Telephone number?

Question 2 Have you notified the Membership Secretary to have your details changed on database?



Have you got any Suggestions??

If so, fill in a form with your suggestion/s and pop it into the Suggestion Box which is situated next to the Notice Board in the foyer at each monthly meeting at the Parador.

Alternatively email - suggestions@u3ajavea.org

NEW TRAVEL ORGANISERS WANTED FOR TRAVEL TEAM

After Many years of both running and coordinating our travel activities, our current organisers have decided to stand down from their current roles within the Travel Team as from June this year. This will be a sad loss to us all, as they have all given so much hard work and dedication to the travel activities in which they have been involved and from which we have all benefited over a considerable period of time. I thank them for their considerable help and commitment, which has been paramount in the successful running of our travel activities, and which have been so appreciated by our membership for many years. However, we now need three members to come forward to take their place as travel organizers in our travel team in the next month or so. Anyone interested in undertaking this role is asked to contact either myself or Angela Chantry in the first instance.



Paul Wessendorff

Membership Information

Our current Membership now stands at 1033.

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.

Are you in possession of your new 2011 Membership Card? Uncollected cards are available for collection at the Parador Meeting each month (New Members Desk) – or come see me after the meeting has finished.

As usual, please remember to Check-In before entering the main hall.

Wilma Stevenson
Javeau3amembership@gmail.com

ANNUAL MAY BALL – 6TH MAY 2011

On Friday the 6th May over 300 members and guests attended a very successful and superbly organized May Ball in the El Canor Functions Rooms, Teulada.

The guests enjoyed a cava reception, with canapés before enjoying an outstanding 3 course meal. The dining tables looked superb with floral arrangements carefully chosen to compliment the table linen. After the meal the entertainment by Abba Elite and DJ/Compere Tony Dean was first class with guests soon on their feet dancing until the early hours. 80 tombola prizes were given out during the evening, many of which had been donated.

The great consensus from guests was that this was probably the best Javea U3A function of this sort ever. It was all due to the team work and planning which created a general ambience difficult to better. Thanks and appreciation must go to those members who worked so hard behind the scenes doing tasks such as organizing the tombola, prize wrapping, floral decorations, selling tombola tickets, art work, printing of place names and menus etc.

Thank you and congratulations to everyone on an event which will be remembered for some considerable time to come and which was appreciated and enjoyed by those attending as can be seen from the photographs below taken by Tom Miller.



GROUP NEWS

GROUP UPDATES

Are you in a group?

The number of members who are not in a group is quite high, yet a number of groups are looking for additional members and we are hoping to start 2nd groups for those groups that are closed to members because they are full, so please do have a look at the list of our groups and take the plunge to join one.

A group that is branching out with a second group is Rummikubs. Valerie Dromgoole, has volunteered to be a Group leader for the 2nd Group. She will probably start the group after the summer, in September, and I'm sure that the group will be as successful as the one currently run by Krystyna Stefanczyk who has 80 members! Perhaps some will help ease the congestion by moving to the 2nd group – it has been decided that people will only be allowed to join one or the other.

Our welcoming team for new members, run by Carol Pilgram, would be delighted to introduce you to any of the group leaders

We have another new group that is looking for members – SCRABBLE – anyone who would like to join this group please let me know.

Tom Miller will be handing over the coordination of the digital photography group to Nick Winter at their next meeting on Monday 30th May. Many thanks to Tom for all his hard work and Good luck to Nick – could be the right time to take the opportunity to join the group.

Tom is running the new Curry group - things are hotting up!!!

As you will have seen on the web site I have had to cancel the Car Treasure Hunt again and I hope to run one in the autumn.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WEB SITE REGULARLY FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION

John Bellinger-Smith, Groups Co-Ordinator

FEATURED GROUP

TUESDAY LECTURES

Group Leader: Cheda Panajotovic

Email Address: Tuesday.lectures@u3ajavea.org

Meeting Venue: Casa de Cultura

Date and Time: Normally first Tuesday of the month 10.30 to 12.30

The aim of Tuesday Lectures is to present lectures on all or any interesting subject from the arts to the sciences. A series of presentations and lectures are offered to members at the Casa de Cultura. New additions to the programme will be published in the Newsletter and on the web site.

The next presentation will be on the 7th of June and will be presented by the inimitable Maureen Stanley who will introduce us to her vision of what is **Egyptian Art**. Maureen is well known in our U3A circle of presenters. In February she gave the most entertaining talk to the U3A History Group on **Hatsephut of Egypt: The Queen Who Would be King**. I for one am looking forward immensely to hearing Maureen's latest presentation.

For the newer members, the talks are normally given on the first Tuesday of the month (10.30-Noon). All talks are fully illustrated unless otherwise announced. The venue is the purpose built theatre and lecture hall, the Casa de Cultura in Javea old town. (Down the steps by the tourist office, then turn left, and the hall is the building facing you). Remember that there is no prior booking necessary and that you do not have to join a group as such. Just turn up and take a seat. New members are particularly welcome and of course there are no entrance fees.

For a list of previous talks see the U3A Javea website. If you wish to have your email address added to our 'reminder list' please send in your name and email to: tuesday.lectures@u3ajavea.org. A short reminder is normally sent out about 5 days prior.

Cheda Panajotovic (Group Leader)

Website: www.u3ajavea.org

GROUP NEWS

Computer Support Group

The Computer Support Group will not be meeting again until August. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact the group leader by email so as to be added to the email notification list. Details of the next meeting will be sent at the end of July. The Video Editing meeting was well attended and this subject can be repeated at a future date for those unable to attend."

Malcolm Neill (Group Leader)
mneill@prospera-international.com

Digital Photography



The digital photography group will be holding their May meeting at L'Ancora on Monday 30th at which some new members will be welcomed. Felicity Arnot will be giving a talk on photographic composition and Tom Miller will be giving a presentation entitled "before and after" to demonstrate how an original photograph can be changed and enhanced by digital processing. Tom Miller is retiring as coordinator at the May meeting and Nick Winter will be taking over the group leadership. Tom Miller (Group Leader)
digitomingata@yahoo.co.uk

Dine and Dance

Dine and Dance. Next event will be on 12th June at Viva Espana for their Sunday "Tea Dance". This starts at 18:00 and there is a buffet tea, plus dancing. Price is €11 euros to include tip but excluding drinks, which are purchased separately. If there are enough people, we will go by coach. For more information email dine.dance@u3ajavea.org
Group Leader, Pat Johnson

Dining Out

For our last event before the summer break the group are visiting restaurant La Rustica on the 9th June. I have sent details of the menu to members and we have already received bookings from 56 members which means we will have a full restaurant. A waiting list will be in operation and if we receive sufficient additional bookings we will consider booking an extra evening at La Rustica in June.

May I take this opportunity to wish all members a good summer with your families and friends.
Peter Speer (Group Leader)
dining.out@u3ajavea.org

Friends of Avinencia

The Javea U3a Friends of Avinencia are organising a Field Trip to the Sand Dunes at Albufera on Thursday 23rd June, and a trip on Wednesday 20th July to a farm that grows Tiger Nuts, and on Wednesday 7th September we will be returning to the Fiesta at Algemesi. On all these days, as usual, there will be side trips to other related activities. All Javea U3a members are invited to take part. Travel will be by coach.

If you would like to know more about our activities please visit www.avinencia.es, where you will be able to book seats for these excursions

Paul Pruden (Group Leader)
xabia.forall@yahoo.es

History Group

Many thanks to Fred Crowson who presented the second part of his fascinating American Civil War epic at our May meeting.

Our next meeting will be at 1.15 on Monday, June 13 at the Casa de Cultura when Clive Hedge will speak on "Jack the Ripper: Motivator or Manipulator". Clive will review the many theories concerning the Ripper's identity and explore the question as to whether there was an official cover-up. Please make every effort to attend as this will be our last meeting before the summer break.

To learn more about the group 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 30th May 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 Anyone interested in joining the group should contact me in the first instance, preferably by E Mail at the above address.

It is planned that our final meeting before the summer break on 27th June, should include a BBQ meal to start the evening prior to the music session. This proved to be very popular last year, and details of this June's meeting and BBQ will be published shortly.

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 Wessendorf (Group Leader)

Practical Computer Knowledge

This is a self-help group (not a course) covering all aspects of personal computer hardware and software. We usually meet on the 1st Monday of each month and most sessions take the form of a round-the-table discussion where members can bring up any issues with their computer, provide information on new hardware/software and just generally share information.

On occasion there is also a short presentation by a group member on some aspect of computing. Please contact the Group Leader for more information.

Tom Stevenson –Group Leader

javeaU3Acomputers@gmail.com

Quiz Night



Next one is June 16th, 7.30 for 8pm start. Venue: as usual, Bar El Salaito, c/e Roques 21 in the old town behind Casa de Cultura. Menu: Variety of tapas, roast chicken with garlic OR fish of the day; lemon ice-cream OR tarta de leche dulce (Spanish speciality), half bottle of wine.16€ **Please give choice of food & wine when booking at: quiz.night@u3ajavea.org**
Jeni and Stan Oldfield Group Leaders

Solos on Sunday

Hello everyone! Hope you are enjoying the warmer weather, in between the rainy days!

Last Sunday 20 of us enjoyed delicious food at La Cocina and the sun came out to make the afternoon perfect. We welcome Enid and Frank for the first time and the Spot Prizes were won by Jeannie and Peity.

June 12th, 1.30 will be the next venue and will be held at Atalaya, which is now under new management. It is situated on the level above Scallops and the views are pretty spectacular.

If you have not joined us before and would like to come, simply call me on 96 646 3389 or email me.

marionapril@hotmail.com

Marion Monsell (Group Leader)

Travellers Tales

Our next Travellers' Tales meeting will be on Tuesday, 24th May, when Sally Wells will give a presentation on "**India**". This will take place in the newly refurbished Javea Players' Studio (in the road behind Book World España, which is opposite Mercadona, Javea old town); please arrive at 11.30 a.m. for a 12 p.m. start. New members always welcome!

angelachantry@gmail.com

Angela Chantry, Group Leader

Wine Appreciation

The next meeting of the Wine Appreciation Group will be on Wednesday 8th June at La Cocina. Details will be emailed to group members nearer the date.

Steve Collins (Group Leader)

wine@u3ajavea.org

******* 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

Car Servicing and Repair	Taller Larry	10%	Larry Lanin Calle Pozo 48, Benitachell Tel: 966493226 Mob. 676163896 Email: TallerlarryofBenitachell @ Gmail.com	Discount reduced to 10%
Retail Butcher	The Butcher's Block	5%-10%	Neil and Helen 965792676 Near Yorkshire Linen On Avenida Del Pla Javea	Discounts to U3A members: Orders up to €50.00 5% Orders over €50.00 10% An additional 5% is given on all pre-orders Opening hours Tue/Wed/Thur/Fri 9.30-4.30 Sat. 9.30-2.00
Retail computers, Laptops and accessories	PC Solutions	5%	Carl PC Solutions Carretera Caba La Nao – Pla 192 Javea 902995116 Bob. 676662733 Email: contact@spanishcomputers.com	PC Solutions, local computer experts Computers, laptops and accessories, repairs and upgrades. Established for over 12 years. No Fix No Fee guarantee
Retail Pet Shop	Paws n Claws	5%	Danielle Carretera Cabo La Nao – Pla 192 Javea 966472490 Mob. 658887545 Email: contact@pawsnclawsjavea.com	Local pet shop for all your pet needs. In stock all major brands and a large variety of food and accessories for your pet. Award winning grooming service. Friendly advice offered.
Satellite TV installers	Crystal Clear Satellite & Internet TV	5%	Steve Wood Penyes Roges El Capso 03790 Orba 965584097 Mob. 660186515 Email: info@ccsattv.com	Professional family run company personally recommended by members of another U3A Association. Prompt and cheerful service. Website www.ccsattv.com

Reading Scheme



A new reading scheme has been set up in Spain to encourage people to take more interest in reading. At the moment there are 2 places in Javea old town where you can leave a book and pick one up – in front of the Post Office and also in the indoor market. Most of the books are in the Spanish language but there are some in the English language too.

Before leaving a book and picking one up, you must first take the book you are leaving to be stamped at the library in the old town.

Whilst informing members of this new scheme we would remind members that you can borrow English language books free of charge from the international section of the Library in the Old Town (third floor). The English section is open from 10.00-12.00 am on Tuesday and Saturday mornings. You can borrow as many books as you want for 3 weeks. There are shelves containing hundreds of books that have all been donated.

Javea Cultural Programme

The Tourist Department in Javea is producing each month a programme of cultural events in the town. It gives details of exhibitions, fiesta dates and times, cinema etc. To see the latest Cultural Programme go to –

<http://www.u3ajavea.org/Javea%20Whats%20New%20and%20Whats%20On.htm>).

CARE AND SHARE TEAM	<p>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:</p> <p>careshareineke@u3ajavea.org caresharepat@u3ajavea.org</p> <p>Ineke Butcher - Team Leader</p>
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BOOK SWAP & AUDIO BOOK SWAP Brenda will be pleased to see you at the Parador meeting, Remember to bring along your books or audio books. There is a small charge of 50c if you have no book to swap; 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 DVDs along, so don't forget. The more DVD's you bring the better variety of films she will have on the table.

A collection box for used **Postage Stamps** will be by the DVD and Book Swap table. These stamps will be given to the Royal British Legion for their support fund, so please remember to bring Books, DVDs and now stamps as well to future meetings.

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 go 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 23 May.

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.

However, please note that we will NOT be taking a collection of food stuffs for Caritas at the monthly meeting at the Parador this month, but would like to take a BIG collection at our last meeting before the summer break, on 27th June. Any donations that you are able to make on that day would be much appreciated.

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.

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 – and click on the link near the top of the page.

MABS BALL - FRIDAY 3rd JUNE

Enjoyed the U3A Ball? Well don't put those "posh frocks" to the back of the wardrobe, come along and join us at the MABS Cancer Support Group's Annual Ball at Canor Salon, Teulada on the 3rd June and dance the night away to Matthew Curtis & Rob Sweeney. **Reserve your tickets now.** Tickets 37.50€ which includes choice of menu, wine, beer, water or soft drinks throughout the evening.

Contact Lin Jones 966470187 or Jacqui Phillips 686305006

Forthcoming Events - 3rd September. Hog Roast & Dance at a wonderful old finca in Benissa
Contact Lin Jones for further details