

Asociacion Social de la Tercera Edad Jávea

Vice President Report

Other than the usual on-going administrative responsibilities involved in the day to day running of the Association, I have been involved in two main issues. These are arranging speakers for the monthly meetings at the Parador and reviewing and publicising in the Discounts List on the website.

Speakers

Last year's speaker programme kicked off in February with a brief talk by Catherine Pérez Pinto, who is the Jávea representative of Help of Dénia & Marina Alta, our nominated charity for the year 2019, giving us an insight into the very important activities of that charity.

Speakers last year were as follows:

- February:** **Ray Wilcox** gave an interesting talk of his experiences in the Prison Service and what the reasons are for the current state of the Prison Service in the UK today.
- April:** **Ray Bryant** talked to us about cyber security worldwide and how it impacts our daily lives in way you would never think.
- May:** **Peter Carrigan** gave us in a brilliant talk all about his experiences as a Concorde pilot.
- June:** **Robert Van Der Loo** talked to us about his experiences as a UN peacekeeper in some of the most dangerous parts of the world and who was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize for his services to peacekeeping.
- September:** **Angela Chantry** spoke to us about the fascinating history of the royal town of Jávea.
- October:** **John Hopwood** gave us an amusing talk about the history of the bicycle.
- February:** **Geoff Britton** gave a very interesting talk about his life as a professional drummer, cyclist and karate expert.

Looking ahead, we have some excellent speakers lined up for the rest of this year. However this schedule is most likely to be disrupted due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus pandemic and the current lock down restrictions throughout Spain at this current time.

- April:** **Peter Atkinson** will be giving us a talk about HMS Endeavour.
- May:** **Gary Johnston** will talk about the downfall of Edward VIII.
- June:** **Angela Chantry** will talk about her experiences of walking the Camino.
- September:** **John Reynolds** will be giving us a talk about the Curious Cyclists.
- October:** **Robert Van Der Loo** will be talking to us again in Part 2 about his experiences as a UN peacekeeper in some of the most dangerous parts of the world, this time focused on the Middle East.

I am most grateful to all those speakers who have given a lot of their time and effort to provide us with such excellent presentations. We look forward to the speakers who have already agreed to present to us for this year and we must give them all our full support. The web team are currently in the process of giving more prominence to the speakers in the speakers section of the Association's new website.

Discounts List

The Discounts List, which appears on the website, is updated as and when discount offers are received. I thoroughly recommend that members have a look at the web page to see what is available and from whom. I would draw attention to the "Buyer Beware" notice that appears on the page, to emphasise that we as an Association are not liable in any way for the services that are on offer

And Finally

Finding good speakers is exceedingly difficult, so any help or leads from members will be very much appreciated. In conclusion it has been a busy, but I think overall, a successful year and I look forward to making a useful and positive contribution during the rest of my time on the executive committee of this Association.

Peter Allin
Vice President