

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

U3A Javea

Minutes of the **GENERAL MEETING** held on 26th January
2005

At the Casa de Cultura, Javea

The meeting commenced at 11.00 am and President, George Murray, despite the cold weather welcomed in excess of 90 guests. George also thanked Javea Town Council for the use of the theatre at the Casa de Cultura and Tony Cabban and Mike and Katrina Frost for their efforts on behalf of the proposed Javea U3A.

George invited Mary Anderton, President U3A Calpe, to give a brief introduction into the history of the Calpe branch and the intentions of the U3A as a body of not only persons of retirement age, but anybody, not in full time employment aged between 30 – 80 years, with expertise that they in the form of groups can pass on to other likeminded people.

Mary expressed that the word “University” may be misleading, as there are social gatherings such as tenpin bowling followed by a meal or tapas and wine after a U3A meeting at nominal cost to enable members to socialise and integrate.

At the end of her presentation Mary handed over a copy of the Constitution of the Costa Blanca U3A to George Murray to enable the branch to be formalised.

Mike Frost thanked Mary Anderton and explained his position within the branch of the U3A and individually introduced the Committee members inviting each of them to give a brief insight into their background and intentions.

Jackie Heaton,	Group Co-ordinator
George Murray,	President U3A Javea
Sally Wells,	Membership Secretary
Bill Winterton,	Treasurer
Judy Mason,	Secretary (in Pauleen Gail’s absence)

Pauleen Gail,	Secretary (absent)
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New Groups

The attending group leaders explained their intentions which are:

George Murray	Science (George having a background in science advised that he would be willing to consider a group interested in this activity if people expressed a particular interest in it and a particular aspect of the sciences).
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George & Joyce Murray	Discussion Group Guest speaker with discussion afterwards.
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Mike & Katrina Frost

Water colours and gardening

(A visit to the garden centre at Montgo Verdi 3.00 o'clock on 4th February has been arranged followed by an invitation to visit Mike and Katrina's home to view their "weed patch").

Bill Winterton

Model Making

(Bill said that he has been making model aircraft and railways since he was 11 years old and has considerable workshop facilities together with an extensive railway layout in his garden and would be willing to help anybody who wanted a hands-on experience).

Sally Wells

History group

(Centering on either the history of art, Spain, Military, or Spanish Architecture dependent on members' preferences).

Mike Frost

Travel

(A trip was proposed to Valencia for the Falles on March 19th, a show of hands confirmed a trip be put in place picking up from Moraira, Javea and Denia. The cost would be about 11-12€ and payment to be made on application by member).

Future trips will require full payment for a day's outing. If longer, a non-refundable deposit, unless for illness reasons. Payment to be made directly into Barclays Bank U3A account. Non-members would be welcome if places are available at a nominal premium.

Further suggestions for groups and group volunteers gave a show of hands and will be noted but were initially astrology, birdwatching, crafts, cookery, photography (film and digital), public speaking and social Rummikub.

Membership

Applications for membership were received.

The meeting closed at 12.15 pm.

The next General Meeting will be on **23rd February 2005 at 11.00 am** at the Casa de Cultura, Javea

Appended to the Minutes a list of Questions and Answers and possible new groups and leaders.

(Signed)



(Seconded)



Supplementary to the Minutes of the U3A General Meeting held on the 26th January 2005

Q. Are the activities all year round?

A. Activities tend to be suspended in Summer between July and August. There are no meetings in December.

Q. Will there be a newsletter?

A. Yes.

Q. How do you apply for membership?

A. Come to the next meeting.

Q. When will the monthly meetings be held?

A. Proposed for last Wednesday in each month at 11.00 am.

Q. How soon can we pay our subscription?

A. Today i.e. 2 months gratis, membership will run from April to April

Q. What is Javea's U3A Headquarters' address?

A. President's address (George Murray) however the U3A (Costa Blanca branch) is no longer affiliated to the UK U3A.

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List of Possible New Group Leaders

Astrology:	Sue Bentley	96 646 8446
	E-mail: NigelSue@gonuts4free.com	
Birdwatching:	Nigel Bentley	96 646 8446
	E-mail: NigelSue@gonuts4free.com	
Crafts:	Pat Barlow	96 649 1707
	Mobile:	676317160
Cookery (with a male bias):	Jenny Flew	96 575 6421
	Mobile:	616002043
	E-mail: jennyflew@terra.es	
Film/Digital Photography :	Greet Pole	96 646 2424
Public Speaking:	Sylvia Cresswell	96 579 2316
Social Rummikub:	Jackie Heaton	96 577 1839
Walking:	Requested that walks be suitable for varying abilities	

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE : JAVEA

MINUTES of the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
Held at the Social Centre on Wednesday 25th May 2005 at 11 a.m.

APOLOGIES from Pat Jones (Treasurer); Sally Wells (Membership) and Mike Frost (Travel)

1. THE President welcomed everybody including any new members. He gave thanks to Tony Cabban and Anna Vasbinder for organising our meeting place free of charge. Thanks also were given to the bar staff. He went on to say that he and his wife Joyce had been invited by the University of Alicante to a meeting in Benissa which was called “the Permanent University”, which the U of Alicante wanted U3A to be involved with. It is a paying university. He also mentioned a project called UCONET. The booklets in English provided by the U of Alicante were available for anyone to look through at the end of the meeting.

The Treasurer was unable to be present, but had reported that we have 2088€ in the Bank. We are not a profit-making organisation and should not accrue money so the problem facing the new committee would be – what do we do with it? Some money must be set aside to pay for the Constitution if we go ahead with it.

The Group Co-ordinator, Jackie, had a few notes from Mike (who was ill) about the trip to Xativa. There were 6 places left, 10€ each. The coach would leave Rafalet at 9.30 and the party would meet up at the Tourist Office in Xativa at a pre-determined time for choo-choo to the castle, which would cost 2€ per person.

She also announced that 2 new groups were starting up, the first was Digital Photography and the second was Eating Out. Members should see the group leaders after the meeting.

Tricia Essery (Holistic Therapy) would like interested people to telephone her before the next meeting, when the group would meet at 10 a.m. at Barclays Bank on the Cabo road on Monday 30th May when she would lead them back to her house. Finally Jackie asked for a meeting of group leaders next Wednesday 1st June at the Social Centre at 11 a.m. to see how things are progressing.

Various group leaders introduced themselves: **Cookery**, which would start the following day with about 10 members; **Craft**; **Astrology**; **bird watching**, who had a group going to Elche Nature Reserve next Tuesday. **Classic Cars**, which had affiliated themselves to the Marina Alta Classic Car Club, which has over 100 members; **Model Making**, **Digital Photography**; **Public Speaking** which met once a fortnight, next meeting tomorrow at Xabia Port. **Genealogy** had 12 members at present and had early morning meetings at 9.30. Next meeting 9.30 on 14th June. **Wine tasting**; **Walking group**. **Meditation group** had definitely got a room at the Social Centre where it would meet at 9.30 am every Friday. It was on the 1st floor at the end of the corridor.

2. **ELECTION of OFFICERS** The following members had been nominated:

President : John Hemmons
Vice-President/Travel : Mike Frost
Asst. Travel : Larry Sherington
Secretary: Pat Ainsley
Treasurer: Lin Jones
Membership Secretary: Angela Chantry
Deputy Membership Secretary : Sally Wells
Group Co-Ordinator: Jackie Heaton

There being no other nominations or dissent from the floor, these members were unanimously elected.

John Hemmons was asked to say a few words as new President : As George said, nobody wanted these jobs but agreed to take them on. He and his wife were both very interested in U3A, but what really fascinated him was the name of the group. Shakespeare wrote about the seven ages of man and his third age was the schoolboy “creeping like snail unwillingly to school” and we certainly did not fit into that category. He said he felt very enthusiastic about the group and would do everything possible to help all the committee members and indeed all the members. There was nothing more he could say at the time as he had only been President for about 40 seconds! So he handed back the microphone to “our sadly retired President, George”.

George thanked the present committee for all they had done, and also gave thanks to the group leaders. He said he looked forward to being involved in the U3A, which he thought was fabulous. He said perhaps the time had come to think on even wider horizons; maybe we should give back to the local community here. A donation of only 1€ per member would raise approx. 200€ for a charitable purpose in Javea. Finally he said possibly the U3A should purchase a proper PA system instead of relying on a simple microphone.

Roy showed appreciation of George and Mike Frost who had started the U3A in Javea in the first place. George said that we should all leave the meeting with the thought that the Past is History; the Future is a Mystery and Today is a Gift because it is the Present.

3. THE next members' open meeting would be at the Social Centre on 29th June, which would also be the last one for the summer.
4. THE meeting ended at 11.40 a.m.

Angela Chantry

J. Hemmons

U3A JaveA - Treasurers report – May 2005-05-20

The current financial situation with the Javea U3A Group is as follows

INCOME	2088.00 euros
EXPENDITURE	88.48 euros
BALANCE	1999.52 euros

Currently there is 277.60 euros cash in hand leaving a balance of 1721.92 euros in current account, 10 euros of which was transferred to travel account, to keep open.

The travel account has been left in the capable hands of Mike Frost, who will report to you on Friday, unless any change.

Attached is a copy of the current situation.

U3A JAVEA
 ACCOUNTS up until 20th May 2005

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
21.01.05	Membership Subs (7)	84.00	21.01.05	Photocopies	20.40
04.02.05	Membership Subs(62)	744.00	21.01.05	Office Paper	6.00
03.05.05	Membership Subs (55)	660.00	21.02.05	Membership Cards	55.68
05.05.05	Membership Subs	600.00	10.02.05	Accounts Book	5.00
			17.02.05	Receipt Book	1.40
TOTAL		<u>2088.00</u>			<u>88.48</u>
Income – Expenditure					
1999.52					
Cash in Hand					
277.60					
BALANCE IN BANK ACCOUNT		1721.92 euros			

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MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Social Centre on Wednesday 29 June 2005 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT : **President:** John Hemmons; **Vice President:** Mike Frost
Secretary: Pat Ainsley; **Deputy Secretary:** Joyce Pope;
Treasurer: Lin Jones; **Deputy Membership Secretary:** Sally Wells
Group Co-ordinator: Jackie Heaton, **Website Designer:** Ernie Pope

APOLOGIES from **Membership Secretary** : Angela Chantry

The meeting was opened by Mike Frost, who stated the last meeting held was for the election of the new committee. The elections went very smoothly and thanked all of the committee for their valued help.

John expressed his pleasure at being the president and declared that this was the last meeting before our summer break and U3A would commence on the 28 September at 11am at the Social Centre Javea. He introduced the new committee to the members present.

Mike Frost: Vice President/Travel Coordinator discussed future travel events, which will be reported in detail in the newsletter.

Sally Wells: Deputy Membership Secretary/History Group stated that the membership now stands at 188 people. Sally also announced that she still has membership cards that have not been collected from the first meeting of the U3A.

Lin Jones: Treasurer introduced herself to the members.

Jackie Heaton: Group Coordinator stated that a current list of activities will be on the Website from September but stated that places on the courses were for members only. Jackie requested that all group leaders send emails to Pat Ainsley email patandstan@tiscali.es detailing their activities at least one week before the monthly meeting. Jackie said that anyone wishing to be a group leader should understand that they do not need to commit themselves to a full year. The length of course is entirely their decision. A book table will be available at each meeting for swapping of books.

Pat Ainsley: Secretary introduced herself to the members.

Mike discussed a program for various guest speakers who will attend the monthly meetings. Mike introduced today's speaker Tim Ladd who gave a very interesting talk on Agenda 21.

Mike thanked Tim Ladd for his very informative talk. He closed the meeting thanking everyone for attending and said he looked forward to our new sessions starting in September.

The Garden Fete raised 3,127€, and Lin will later present the cheque to the President of Cancer Support Mrs Jackie Phillips.

Rosi then handed over to Angela Chantry

Angela – Gave a brief run down of her forthcoming events and also gave information regarding other features that members may wish to attend.

Travellers Tales group are to continue in the home of John & Beryl Chun; with a different speaker each month.

Mike Frost – Gave information for all members attending the Christmas Lunch at Las Brisas. There are 86 members going and Katrina has menus and raffle tickets.

Mike thanked the rest of the travel team for all their hard work in organising the various trips, and also Katrina his wife for all her help. They have taken over 1,000 members on various trips.

Jackie Heaton – There are now new leaders for the Dining Out Group, Pete and Pauline Spears, members can now register their interest for this group.
Regular Quiz nights are to be arranged.
Go Karting delayed to Spring due to the weather.
Another First Aid course is to be run in the New Year.

– Lin presented the cheque to Jacqui Phillips. Jacqui had also kindly brought along copies of the magazine Care and Welfare Guide for all of the members. Jacqui thanked everyone for their much appreciated support at the Garden Fete.

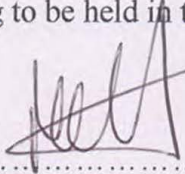

Rosi reminded all members of the importance of signing in due to the regulations in the event of a fire. She also reiterated that only members are allowed to attend meetings, unfortunately we cannot accommodate guests.

A.O.B. A member asked were there any time restrictions on committee members serving. Rosi advised that there was not a time limit in the constitution but that members had to be re-elected after one year.

Rosi wished all attending A Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy & Happy New Year.

The meeting closed at 11:40 a.m. and members were entertained by Clare Post & John Anthony.

Next Meeting to be held in the Parador Hotel Javea on Wednesday 30 January 2008 at 11am

Signed..........Seconded..........

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE : JAVEA

MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Social Centre on Wednesday 30 November 2005 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT : **President:** Mike Frost; **Vice President:** Rosie Evans
Secretary: Pat Ainsley; **Treasurer:** Lin Jones
Membership Secretary: Angela Chantry
Group Co-ordinator: Jackie Heaton
Deputy Membership Secretary: Sally Wells
Travel Representative: Larry Sherrington

APOLOGIES from **Deputy Secretary:** Joyce Pope

The meeting was opened by the President Mike Frost, welcoming our guest speakers Tony Cabban and Amanda Dean. It was pointed out that Tony and Amanda had agreed to come and talk to us before any of the problems within the council of Javea arose.

Mary Anderton has now officially resigned from Calpe U3A and the new president is Beverley Hughes. Denia U3A is now in place and their new president is Ian Nixon; Mike explained that if any of the Javea members felt Denia was easier for them to attend U3A meetings then they should feel free to join Denia.

The U3A Bank Account will be audited in MARCH/APRIL each year.

Rosie Evans: Vice President has now taken over the task of organizing our Constitutional Statutes. She went on to say that 10 pages of A4 matter had to be prepared and many thanks to Tim Ladd as without his help it would have been a very difficult task.

Mike Frost also gave thanks to Ernie Pope for producing our invaluable website and for all the help Ernie has given to everyone.

For members wishing to join up for any travel events, a form has been produced which we hope will alleviate a lot of the queuing. The tour to Cuenca was very good with 29 people going, however, it was extremely cold. Originally 45 members had put their names down to go but only 29 of those actually went.

The elections for committee members, which will take place in April, will be discussed at the January General Meeting.

The need to find a larger venue was put to the members, Mike suggested the Parador Hotel, which would mean a small entrance charge per meeting of perhaps 2/3 euros. Mike asked for a show of hands for those in favour but the majority were not willing to pay the fee.

The point was brought up about First Aid; did we have anyone able to train members in first aid?. Mike has asked Amanda Dean if she could help us to find someone who would be willing to fulfill this role. Mike then handed over to Tony Cabban.

Tony and Amanda gave us an insight into the various departments and functions of the Town Hall and how the political system works in local government.

Main roles of the Town Hall are:

- a) To plan and control development of the town, b) new buildings and rates
- c) Collect rubbish d) organize cultural events and finance
- e) Health services, f) local police, g) tourism and promotion

Tony Cabban then gave us an informative breakdown of the Finance and Income aspects of our local council per year; some of the points are listed below.

Main income is around 40% from IBI the tax we pay on our houses, 25% from the Padron, for every person on the Padron Madrid pays €200. So it is very important for everyone to make sure they are on the Padron. The number of people on the Padron governs the number of police (currently 93), postman, fire service, health service and many other aspects. There are 30,000 people currently registered on the Padron 15,000 foreigners and 15,000 Spanish, but there are a possible further 15,000 not registered. It is a legal requirement to register; you need this to buy a new car. Building Licences bring in €2.4m per year. The Police force cost €2.7m. General administration of the Town Hall costs €7.8m. Services for Rubbish Collection, Gardening, Dog Pounds, Cemeteries and general maintenance of public areas €6.9m. Culture (concerts etc) €1m. Sports €900,000. Schools are operated from Alicante, but the Town Hall pays for their maintenance. Music & Dance €600,000, including the bands, fiestas and firework displays. The Town Hall makes substantial contributions to Social matter; there are plans for an indoor swimming pool and a music auditorium, which does not come out of regular income.

Agenda 21 was also explained; this is a group of volunteers who put forward ideas to the Town Hall regarding how they would like to see development in the town. Be it Social, Cultural or Urbanisation Environment. It has been running for a year, based on the comments of the people of Javea. Monthly meetings are held where the Mayor and two representatives from each working group attend.

There then followed a short Question & Answer session.

Tony Cabban explained the Catastral; he gave out sheets, which explained it. There will be a 10% or 12% increase in value of property next year. The increases will not be huge unless you have been severely undervalued for years but the form he gave out explains it all.

A short Question & Answer session followed.

Tony and Amanda can both be contacted for help and advice as per the information below:-

Tony Cabban - Mobile No 620 412 384 - Email - Cabban1@wanadoo.es
Amanda Dean - Mobile No 619 885 663 - Email - amandadean@hotmail.com

Mike Frost invited Tony and Amanda to talk to the U3A at a future date in February about the different political parties.

Mike Frost then called upon Angela Chantry to give us some information on her newly formed Cultural Arts group. All activities planned can now be viewed on our website or from the January Newsletter.

Ernie Pope requested that he is given as much information as possible for inclusion on the Website, as the website will only be as good as the information received. Please email Ernie with any changes.

Jackie Heaton our Activities Co-ordinator said that Maria who takes the Yoga class needs somewhere else to hold the class. Jackie then introduced a few of the Activity Group Leaders to give us some current information on their classes.


Anne Muir – Intermediate Watercolour said the group are doing very well, producing some nice work. She has one vacancy starting January.

Fred Crowson – Coarse Bridge is a new activity, which will take place in Benitachell Bowls Club on January 18 at 7.30pm. Non-members of the club will have to pay 2 euros entry and 3 euros to play. Entry Level you need to have the ability to play or learn whist.

Mike said he looked forward to seeing the members who were going to the Christmas lunch at the Masena Restaurant, and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year At our next meeting on 25 January our guest speaker, Mr Keith Homden will be telling us about his life as a Prison Governor in England..

The meeting closed at 12.30pm

The next General Meeting will be on 25 January at 11.00am at the Social Centre, Javea

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(Seconded).....