

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE : JAVEA

MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Social Centre Javea on Wednesday 25 January 2006 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

President Mike Frost opened the meeting; he welcomed our guest speaker Keith Homden. He then requested that all mobile phones be switched off. Mike went on to say that it was twelve months ago when four or five of us stood up and opened the first General Meeting, we now have well over 300 members. A marvellous achievement, and during the past twelve months we have arranged ten excursions to various locations.

Our bank balance stands at 3,793.42 euros.

Mike went on to read various points from the last General Meeting minutes. In future the minutes of the General Meeting will be on display for any of the members to view.

Our accounts are now being prepared and a fully audited account will be available for the April meeting.

Rosie Evans is trying to find a larger venue, as again our numbers at the meeting were larger than our present venue can accommodate.

Tony Cabban will be our guest speaker for February.

Russell Thompson the British Consulate will be our Guest Speaker at the April meeting. He is prepared to answer questions of a non-political nature, if any questions are concerning the LRAU he will answer them after the meeting.

Rosie Evans: Vice President explained that we are still battling away at getting our Constitutional Statutes. She has again visited Alicante only to find that the one person she needed to speak to was unavailable. Until all our statutes are in place we are not able to pay, cheques made out to the U3A into the bank. Rosie has now accepted the role of Liaison Officer to the Javea U3A, she visited Denia U3A meeting and out of 130 attending the meeting 70 of them parted with their joining fee that day. We will keep in touch with them to consider joint outings etc. Mike Frost and Rosie will also attend Calpe meeting to see if we can come up with future ideas to help our club, but we also need lots of ideas from the members here in Javea.

Jackie Heaton Activities Co-ordinator announced that the next Meditation session would be at 10am and not 10.30. Bob Grainger was then invited up to say a few words about his intended First Aid course. He is a retired GP and wants the course to be maybe three one-hour sessions, where and when to be arranged. He asked for a show of hands as to how many members would be interested and it appeared to be about 50-60, Bob will take names after the meeting and details will be put on our website. Jackie also said that a few new activities are in the pipeline again these events can be viewed on the website or in the Newsletter..

Angela Chantry – Membership Secretary gave a warm welcome to all new members and asked them to see her at the end of the meeting. She explained that at the next meeting she would have a box and envelopes available for people to rejoin, by simply putting their money and rejoining form in the envelopes (cash only) and dropping it into the box. Memberships that are due to expire in April of this year can rejoin anytime from now. Forms can also be downloaded from the website address. Angela is also hoping to arrange some group discounts at various outlets, by showing your U3A membership card.

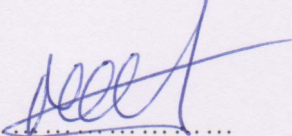
As Cultural Group Leader, Angela has lots of activities arranged, and the details of these can be viewed on our website. Angela is also arranging a group for Travellers Tales, which will give details of travel into different countries and the practicalities of visiting there.

Mike Frost, Larry Sherrington, Angela Chantry and Pat Wykes then presented various travel events. Full details of these can be viewed on the website or in the Newsletter. Mike also said that if people wanted to cancel any of the trips then refunds would not always be possible. If he can sell their tickets on he would.

Mike then introduced our guest speaker Keith Homden, who gave a lively and informative presentation on his life as a prison governor, followed by a question and answer session.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm

The next General Meeting will be on 22 February at 11.00am at the Social Centre, Javea

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(Seconded).....

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Membership Secretary: Angela Chantry
Group Co-ordinator: Jackie Heaton
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APOLOGIES from **Deputy Secretary:** Joyce Pope

In the temporary absence of Mike Frost President, Rosie Evans Vice President opened the meeting at 11am welcoming all members and reading extracts of the last minutes. The minutes were proposed and seconded.

Our Constitutional Statutes have now been approved at Denia and hopefully we will soon be given our official CIF number.

The Website has been down for necessary maintenance, but will be back as soon as possible and it will be possible for members to download their newsletters and activity sheets. Rosie requested members to print off their own Newsletters where possible. It was explained to members that the committee and group leaders are unable to return messages left on their telephones regarding queries concerning the U3A. They do not receive any reimbursement for this, so if the person you want to speak to is not home you will need to call again. Also would members please remember to inform us of any changes regarding their contact telephone numbers or email addresses.

Our current financial situation is healthy with the balance standing at 4,432.56 euros.

Jackie Heaton – Activities Coordinator welcomed everyone and said we now have some new activities going, Petanque meeting every Thursday at 3pm, First Aid to be organised by Bob Grainger who will address the members later. Plus Elizabeth Collins who is starting a Spanish Group. Jackie reminded everyone about the Book Swop table and how it works, also the suggestion box, which is open for members to give us some new ideas on how they want the club to be run. Jackie went on to say that some of the Group Leaders were here today and they would give us a short explanation of what their particular activity is about and how it would be organised.

Angela Chantry – Membership Secretary told the meeting that we have lots of new people today and last month the membership figure stood at 359. Angela thanked the existing members who have rejoined and explained that the rejoining box was there to save time for all existing members. Membership forms can be easily downloaded from the website or Angela has forms for those that do not have this option.

Mike Frost – President apologised for the absence of our guest speaker Mr Tony Cabban, the reason being that other political parties felt that we had again invited Mr Cabban yet did not invite them. We have now invited the Mayor of Javea, Don Eduardo Montfort to address our next meeting in March. The Mayor will hold a question and answer session, so we have taken names of twenty members who will forward their questions to Mike Frost, who will inform the Mayor of the questions submitted. The Mayor through an interpreter will address those questions.

Mike then informed the members that we are really struggling with the current venue, due to large number of members, so from April we will be holding the General Meetings in the Parador Hotel. The cost of this will come out of the funds and then next year we may have to consider increasing the Membership Fees.

Travel Group – Mike Frost went through some of the current travel plans, monies need to be paid today for the trip to the Oceanographic on Thursday 23 March, the full cost being 27 euros to include entry to the Science Museum and IMAX. Cirque Du Soleil Wednesday 10 May departure time to be finalised. Granada 17, 18, & 19 May, deposits of 50 euros per person will need to be paid at the March meeting.

Larry Sherrington – The Benidorm Palace turned out to be a very good night, enjoyed by all. A trip to Xativa is planned for the 17 March 44 people have put their names down so only 10 places left on that. Viva Espana has been pencilled in for a future trip.

Pat Wykes – A trip to Ibiza is planned for the 28, 29, 30 April, which is 2 nights in the hotel San Antonio at 150 euros per person.

Angela Chantry – Cultural Arts Group, Angela went through the current activities she has planned including Wednesday 15 March An Evening with Izzy at the Elefante Restaurant. Thursday 20 April Ray Charles concert. Angela explained to our members that she would not personally be able to attend all of the tours she arranges.

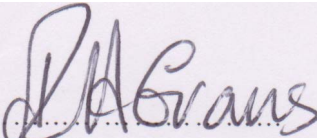
One of the other activities Angela has now formed is Travellers Tales, which is tomorrow at Angela's home, where 15/16 people are expected to attend, sharing knowledge and experience of their various travels.

Mike then asked if there was any other business?

Larry then relayed the information that Conchita Lopez the Optometrist in Centro Commercial will give to all U3A members a 10% discount on all types of spectacles etc.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm

The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday 29 March at 11am in the Social Centre, Javea

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Membership Secretary: Angela Chantry
Group Co-ordinator: Jackie Heaton
Deputy Membership Secretary: Sally Wells
Travel Representative: Larry Sherrington

APOLOGIES from: **Membership Secretary:** Angela Chantry,
Deputy Secretary: Joyce Pope

Mike Frost – President opened the meeting at 11am prompt.

Mike went on to say that we had received 18 questions for submission to the Mayor Don Eduardo Montfort, some had arrived too late to be included. The procedure will be that the Mayor is bringing a translator, the questions will be read out, the Mayor will answer in Spanish and the translator will repeat his answers in English.

Mike then continued by reading out the minutes of the last meeting.

The members were reminded of the venue for the April meeting being the Parador. At the next meeting Rosie Evans will be standing for President, which at the moment is unopposed, as we have not had any other nominations. We will also have the Financial Accounts ready for the next meeting; we currently have 5,600 euros in the bank account. The guest speaker at the Parador will be Mr Russell Thompson and in May Mr Tony Cabban followed in June by Brenda Bates on the subject of Elephants. Denia U3A have invited members from Javea to join them in there various trips and Ann Mitchell the Vice President of Denia who is also their Travel Leader was introduced by Mike.

Ann Mitchell thanked us for our kind invitation to attend the meeting of today, she went on to say she loves travel and has had many adventures. Denia have a trip organised to the Lladro Factory in May and in September they will visit Cuenca and Madrid. Ann also gave us the website address for Denia being u3adenia.org.

Jackie Heaton – Activity Organiser thanked Ann for coming to see us today.

Jackie said you do not have to be an expert in anything just be interested in organising a group, it is more to do with friendship and fellowship. She explained how the Dining In group at Calpe works and thought it would be a good idea to have one in Javea. Basic Flower Arranging is another subject that members have expressed an interest in, as well as Poetry and Drama. Jackie went on to explain that two little books are available to purchase which have been made available from the Citizens Advice in Alcali. One being Tell the Doctor and the other Help Lines they are available by ordering with Jackie and cost three euros each.

Mike then presented Mari the manager of the Social Centre with a bouquet of flowers to show our appreciation for all her help in the past.

Mike then continued to give us a few details of the current travel situation. The trip to Ikea will be on Thursday 23 June. A form is available on the back of the Newsletter where members can register their interest in various trips and suggest future excursions. After this meeting a deposit of 50 euros will need to be paid for the Granada trip and also the coach fare for Cirque du Soleil.

Pat Wykes then gave information on the Ibiza trip, the balance is due today being 90 euros for couples and 120 euros for singles. The ferry will leave Denia at 0700 hours and forty-three people have signed up for it.

Mike then welcomed the Mayor, Don Eduardo Montfort with a Spanish speech.

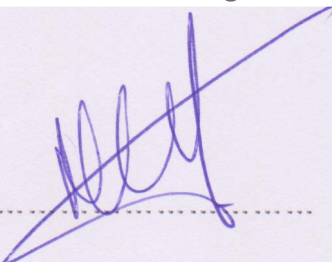
The Mayor said he was impressed with the presentation of our questions but felt it was a bit like an exam. He knows we have some worries about him and the government and our town of Javea. There then followed the prepared questions and answer session. After the Q & A the Mayor took further questions from the floor. He said that more meetings like this would contribute to better integration in Javea.

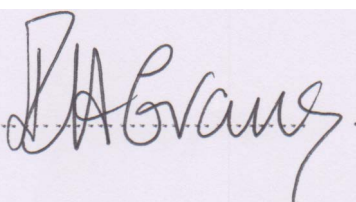
The session finished at 1220 hours and the Mayor thanked us for being with him today and said "we are trying to get the best Javea we can and for people to attend the meeting of Agenda 21"

Mike asked if there was any other business?

The meeting closed at 12.30pm

The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday 26 April at 11am in the Parador Hotel, Javea

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(Seconded).....

March 29th 2006 – Questions for Jávea Mayor

1. Could the mayor give a personal overview of himself, such as marital status, education, experience in local government etc.
2. What are his objectives over the next 12 months and could he briefly explain what his job entails?
3. Bearing in mind that 52% of the population of Jávea are non-Spanish, how important does the mayor consider it to be to have non-Spanish representation on the Council?
4. With the ever-increasing number of homes being built in Jávea, are there any plans in place to improve the infrastructure - i.e. fire brigade, a hospital here?
5. There seems to be a very high volume of burglaries in Jávea and the surrounding area - what action is being taken to curtail this?
6. Once the surrounding buildings are complete, are there any plans in place for the construction of a proper roundabout by Barclays Bank?
7. Could he update us on the situation regarding the proposals to build car parking in the port below the Avd Rey Jaime 1, and the underground car park at the Thursday market area. (Many questions were repeated, especially about parking and building)?
8. Would it be possible to have Resident Parking Permits?
9. Jávea Park in particular is very run down and dirty, especially behind the shops towards the Arenal. Very little money seems to go on the general upkeep of the town - are there any plans to rectify the situation?
10. What is the latest position over the indoor swimming pool that has been talked about for so long?
11. The newspapers have reported that the council have purchased a municipal tow truck. When will it arrive, and will there be sufficient police to control equally those vehicles which are parked illegally on yellow lines as well as those which are parked where there is a sign clearly prohibiting parking, and those residents who have special parking places allocated to them?
12. Could the mayor explain the changes that are going to take place in the pueblo of Jávea next year, and also the changes in the catastral for Jávea?
13. Some years ago, Jávea had a thriving cricket club and the local pitch was taken by the council for development, and alternative accommodation promised. When will that promise be met? (Jávea Cricket Club were Spanish champions!)
14. How accurate is the report that the Town Hall has inherited over 600000 euros of unpaid invoices from the 2005 administration headed by Snr Juan Moragues? How is the Town Hall dealing with this deficit and what affect will it have on the Town Hall budget for 2006?

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Mike then introduced our guest Speaker Tony Cabban.

Tony discussed - The History of Spain

How politics works in Javea

What will happen in the next elections

Tony answered questions from the members.

Mike thanked Tony and handed over to the Group Co-ordinator Jackie Heaton

Jackie announced that Steve Collins would organise a snooker group in the Autumn and wanted to know what interest there was from the members.

She also announced that Dorothy Murphy would like to do a flower arranging workshop. Jackie then handed over to Dorothy Murphy.

Dorothy asked members if they would let her know if they were interested in the workshop. She said that the U3A Committee were trying to book the Social Centre in Javea Pueblo for Friday May 5th and to see her after the meeting for details of requirements for the workshop.

Angela Chantry the Membership Secretary then discussed the membership and stated that we now have 425 members and that two thirds of the membership had renewed their membership.

Angela then discussed the Cultural Arts events that were not in the Newsletter and to see Jill Atkinson for further information of these additional events.

Pat Wykes then discussed the travel arrangements for the trip to Ibiza. Pat also asked for a show of interest for a Dinner Dance at Christmas.

Mike then discussed the Travel events in the Newsletter and said there would be an information sheet for those members going on the Granada trip.

Mike also corrected his mistake about the subject of the next Guest Speaker Brenda Bates. The subject would be Lions and not Elephants

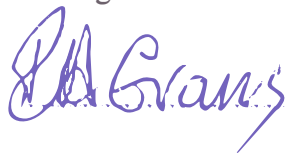
Mike thanked the committee and the U3A members for their support and wished Rosi well in her new role of President.

Any other business - None

Meeting closed at 12.20pm

The next meeting will be on 31st May at 11am at the Parador hotel, Javea

Signed



Seconded



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MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Parador Hotel on Wednesday 31 May 2006 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT : **President:** Rosi Evans; **Vice President:** Mike Frost
Secretary: Pat Ainsley; **Treasurer:** Lin Jones
Membership Secretary: Angela Chantry
Group Co-ordinator: Jackie Heaton
Deputy Membership Secretary: Sally Wells
Deputy Secretary: Joyce Pope

APOLOGIES from: Travel Representative: Larry Sherrington

The meeting opened at 11am prompt. Rosie Evans the new President gave everyone a warm welcome and went on to say that our previous President Mike Frost had an excellent policy of now asking everyone to turn off their mobile phones. Rosie then asked everyone to introduce themselves to their neighbours on the left and right of them. The minutes of the April General Meeting were then read out.

Russell Thompson the British Consulate has now retired from his post in Alicante.

Our Guest speaker today is Brenda Bates, who has brought along lots of paintings and photographs for us to view. Brenda will talk to us about her life in Africa.

Also we would welcome photographs of events that occur within the U3A, which we can put up on the board to share with the members.

The current bank balance was not available for this meeting.

Our next speaker will be Sonia Kleyman who will talk to us about her life as a Justice of the Peace. Rosie then passed over to Jackie Heaton, Group Co-ordinator.

Jackie welcomed all members and said "the little books" were now available for collection. She reminded members of the book swap table. New groups to commence would be a Scrabble Group and a Badminton Group, any other ideas for new groups would members put in the suggestion box.

Jackie explained that Group Leaders would now be in the four corners of the room, from the end of the meeting to give out information etc. Jackie then handed over to Mike Frost for news of the Travel Group.

Mike said it has been a busy month with seventy-three members going to Circus Soleil, forty-three going to our three-day visit to Granada. On Thursday June 22 there is a coach trip to a shoe factory in Elche then on to Ikea in Murcia. We have had a very good response for this trip, but unfortunately can only allow one coach as we are on a strict timetable for the shoe factory visit, two coaches would not be possible. Larry Sherrington is arranging a trip to Viva Espana on September 2; Pat Wkyes is taking money for this event. Deposits for the Segovia and Escorial trip are also required today.

Mike then handed over to Angela Chantry – Cultural Arts Group.

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE : JAVEA

MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Parador Hotel on Wednesday 28 June 2006 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT : **President:** Rosi Evans; **Vice President:** Mike Frost
Secretary: Pat Ainsley; **Treasurer:** Lin Jones
Group Co-ordinator: Jackie Heaton
Deputy Membership Secretary: Sally Wells

APOLOGIES from:

Membership Secretary: Angela Chantry
Travel Representative: Larry Sherrington
Deputy Secretary: Joyce Pope

The meeting opened at 11am prompt. Rosie Evans, President gave everyone a warm welcome reminding us that this will be our last meeting until September.

The minutes of the May General Meeting were then read out.

Members were then reminded about the book swap table and the board for displaying photographs of any U3A events. Also that the Newsletters can be printed off the website two days prior to the meeting. Our current bank balance stands at 7,076 euros.

Our speaker today will be Sonia Kleyman regaling us about her life as a Justice of the Peace in England. The speaker in September will be George Thomas talking about Bonsai and bringing some samples. In October we will have the U3A Choir from Calpe. November we have a Spanish Classical Guitarist.

Rosi then requested someone to consider leading a Gardening Group; it is not necessary to be an expert just is able to introduce members to view gardens either private or public.

We now have a Bank Account with the Cam Bank, after a lengthy eight months of dealing with Alicante for our CIF number.

We have also received a letter from the Regulatory Board in Alicante, expressing concern at us using the name University and telling us we will need to change the name. Rosi said we need to send a letter back explaining that the terminology of the U3A has been around for years and used in many countries including Japan with no apparent confusion. She requested someone to write a letter to the authorities on these lines and George Thomas volunteered.

Rosie then handed over to Jackie Heaton – Activities Co-ordinator

Jackie – We have two new groups Scrabble and Mah-jong, anyone interested should contact the relevant group leader on the Group Leaders list. The little books are still for sale at 3 euros.

Piera King's meditation group will meet in the Social Centre on a Friday morning at 1030am anyone wishing to attend for the first time must check with Piera for a place.

Jackie went on to say that we still need new groups, people who have a hobby or interest that they could share with others. She then wished everyone a good summer break and look forward to seeing them all in September.

Mike Frost – on behalf of Angela Chantry Cultural Group, Angela is trying to get tickets for OPERALIA the World Opera Competition, which will take place at Palau de les Arts Reina Sofia, Valencia.

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Deputy Membership Secretary: Sally Wells
Deputy Secretary: Joyce Pope

APOLOGIES from:

Membership Secretary: Angela Chantry
Travel Representative: Larry Sherrington

The meeting was opened at 11.10am by Rosie Evans, the President who gave everyone a warm welcome and explained that the Hotel's fire alarm was due to go off at 12 noon.

Members were reminded on our policy for mobile phones to be switched off during the meeting.

Rosie said she was amazed how quickly the last three months had passed and hoped everyone had enjoyed a good summer break and we now have 72 shopping days to go before Xmas.

Two new U3A organisations have now commenced, one in Benidorm and the other one in Jalon, Rosie wished them both well in their venture.

The minutes of the last meeting in June were then read out.

Rosie reminded members that printing off their copy of the newsletter before attending the meeting would be appreciated, as it is now costing us 100€ a month for printing costs.

We are still looking for someone to organise a gardening club.

We have an amended CIF number, which will become permanent in November.

Our Bank Balance stands at 6,500€. We now have 450 members with quite a few new members who have joined today.

Our speaker today is George Thomas who will be giving us a talk on Bonsai. Next month we have the Choir from the U3A Calpe and in November we have a Classical Guitarist.

We are always thinking about new things to do and one suggestion has been to organise a car rally. Go out into the country and stop somewhere for lunch, the cost to be no more than 20€. Another idea is to arrange a boat outing, which will be for next summer now, Rosie asked if this would be of interest to the members and we had quite a good show of hands.

Angela Chantry is in Jordan and has asked Rosi to read out the present position for the Operalia in Valencia, which is now Sunday 29 October not Monday 30 as originally said. The tickets are to be released on 16 October and Angela is intending to go up and queue up for them on that day. If she is not successful she will then get tickets for La Boheme for Sunday 26 November. So anyone not wishing to change from the Operalia to La Boheme must let Rosi know today. There is also a Mystery Play to be performed in Elche, which involves an overnight stay so anyone wishing to go please give his or her names today.

Rosie informed members that she has now arranged for coffee to be served in the bar upstairs from 10am onwards.

Rosie then handed over to Mike Frost for the travel update.

Mike said before he covered the travel he was asked to check whether any members would like to enrol in a Pool Boy Association. Learning to look after your pool with John Atkinson and also Gunitec the pool company in Javea have agreed to come along to provide advice. This idea was very well received by the members.

We had 63 members on our outing to Viva Espana, which was a very good night.

Larry took 48 members to Segovia

On Thursday 19 October we will have a trip to Villa Joyosa, departing Rafalet at 09.30am and returning 06.30pm. For the other trips, Mike said he only needs an expression of interest today, the monies would be collected at a later date.

Mike handed over to Pat Wykes for an update on the Xmas Dinner Dance

Pat said she is still collecting names for the Dinner Dance which is to be held at Venta la Posa at a cost of 28€ to include a three course meal and wine. She will need a deposit of 10€ per person at the next meeting.

Also Pat asked, on behalf of Tim Ladd, could we give the voting leaflet that had been handed out our attention as the voting elections will be next year.

Pat the handed over to Jackie Heaton – Activities Co-ordinator

Jackie said it was lovely to see lots of new faces. Our notice board will in future show photographs of the committee. The book table is still available for members to bring their books and swop them for others, so please use it. Jackie still has the little information books available for sale at 3€.

The bridge group is not available at the moment but she has leaflets on Javea Bridge Club if anyone is interested.

A new group Mah-jong is due to start soon and Kay Thomas is organising a preliminary meeting to see which system to play, either American or Chinese. The meeting will be at the Grand Café Toscamar on Friday 6 October at 10am.

Jackie also said if any of the new members have any interests they wish to share then please feel free to let her know.

Jackie also thanked Pat Wykes, Larry Sherrington and Mike Frost for all the work behind the scenes of organising a fabulous trip to Segovia.

It was also suggested that we run a short story competition if anyone felt this would be of interest.

Rummykhun group on the 24/25 October at 10am in the Social Centre.

Mike Frost is to organise a scrabble group again please let him know if you are interested.

Rosie Evans then thanked the committee for doing a cracking job. Then introduced our guest speaker George Thomas on Bonsai.

George then gave a very interesting talk on all aspects of Bonsai, the growing, and the history, which proved to be very helpful to all members who wish to collect them.

Rosi thanked George for bringing along his plants and giving us such a great talk.

George kindly presented Rosi with a new Bonsai plant.

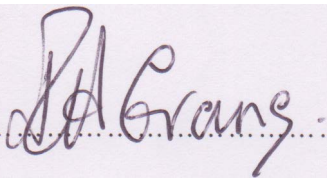
Rosi then requested that members see the respective representatives for the paying or giving of names for the various excursions currently planned.

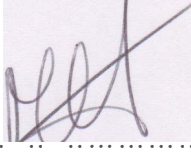
Anyone wishing to collect Membership Cards to please see Lin Jones.

Rosi thanked everyone for coming and hoped to see them all again at our next meeting.

Meeting closed at 1310 hours

Next Meeting to be held in the Parador Hotel Javea on Wednesday 25 October 2006

Signed..........

Seconded..........

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The meeting was opened at 11.05am by Rosie Evans, the President reminding everyone to switch off his or her mobile phones. The keyboard was set up for the Calpe Choir and Rosie asked the members whether Javea should also start a choir. Rosie then read out an abbreviated version of the minutes from the September meeting. Members were also reminded that coffee is served upstairs from 10am onwards. Rosie then said that any questions from members would be dealt with at the end of the meeting. We now have over 500 members; we received 66 new memberships last month, which brings serious problems regarding our venue. Rosie went on to say that we have tried everywhere but it is impossible to find a larger venue than the Parador. Therefore we will need to restrict new members, perhaps after the November meeting. It is wonderful to be successful but it also brings its problems.

Rosie explained to members the main reasons why we would like them to print their copy of the Newsletter off the web, a. Cost b. it gives members a chance to see what monies are required from them for the various tours etc that they may wish to partake in. Also it is in the interest of members to ensure we have their up to date email addresses.

Group Leaders email addresses are not on the web for security reasons.

Rosie also thanked Ernie Pope and his wife Joyce for all their efforts with the website etc.

November meeting, we will have John Antony and a flamenco dancer to entertain us.

Viva magazine, which is a free magazine are doing an article on the U3A

Our new name, that is now acceptable to the Director at Alicante will be Asociacion Social de la Tercera Edad de Javea as we cannot officially call ourselves University of the Third Age.

This will not affect us directly but the Cam Bank will have to change all our forms.

Rosie then handed over to Mike Frost for the travel update.

Mike said they had a very interesting visit to Villajoyosa with 85 members attending.

The morning was spent at the market and the afternoon was a tour of the Nougat Factory, who employ over a 100,000 people but on this afternoon only three personnel were working. Mike had asked for an English Guide to show them around the factory and museum, which didn't happen and although everyone spent a lot of money in the goodie shop the manager of the factory then asked Mike for a fee for showing them around the machines!!

The next visit will be a shopping trip to Alicante on Thursday 16 November. There is another group using Rafalet car park that day so car parking space may be at a premium, members should consider sharing cars. Following that there will be a shopping trip to Valencia on Thursday 23 November.

Our social lunch costing 20€ will be held at Masena Restaurant on Wednesday November 29 after our November meeting. Mike requested that the committee sit on different tables.

Mike also reminded members of our Pool Boys Association that John Atkinson will be organising, members who are interested to contact John after the meeting.

Pat Wykes - news on the Xmas Dinner Dance at Venta de Posa. Pat requires a 10€ deposit from all members who wish to go. This is a very Spanish venue the dancing will have a Latin beat. Also there are menus to select your meal. The total cost is 30€ per person inclusive of tip.

Angela Chantry – Reminded members that we can only deal with cash and we are not able to accept cheques.

Membership renewal forms will be on tables outside when members sign in and also envelopes for those renewing their membership, members can put their money in with their form and pop into the box provided.

Angela reminded members that there are a lot of membership cards to be collected and to see Lin after the meeting and collect them. Also a list will be displayed on the notice board giving names of members whose membership is now due, we will allow two months for renewing before we remove that member from our lists.

Angela then gave details of the Cultural activities that are now on offer, full details are on the web and in the newsletter. It was also explained how difficult it has been for Angela to get tickets for the Operalia as they only allow four tickets per person; and she apologised for this and said refunds would be available after the meeting. She also explained that there are some very good concerts held at Palau in Altea, although the details can be slow in coming. Tickets can be purchased at the Cam Bank in Denia and they also have a theatre plan for you to consult.

Angela also gave brief information on a couple of holidays that she has enquired about and thought it would be a good idea to hold a separate meeting to give anyone interested the full details. Angela needs a deposit today of 50€ and will give more details after the meeting.

Jacky Heaton – Activities Coordinator / No Petanque this week but normally every Thursday at 2.45 at the football pitch at the side of the dry riverbed.

There is no Bridge at the moment, but mah-jong has 16/20 members and will be held at the Grand Café Toscamar at 7.30pm on a Wednesday evening. We are hoping to start a new First Aid course at the beginning of February. Our Book Swop table is going well now. We still have a few of the Little Books left for anyone that needs one. There will be a Short Story Competition more details later. An Ambling Rambling group is in the pipeline. Our new SOS (Single on a Sunday) club will start on Sunday November 5 with a lunch at 1pm at the Mono Loco Restaurant on the Arenal, contact Marion.

Rosi thanked Mike, Angela and Jacky for all their information.

We are also going to have a For Sale and Wanted board, a small card to put on the notice board, with your name and description of articles.

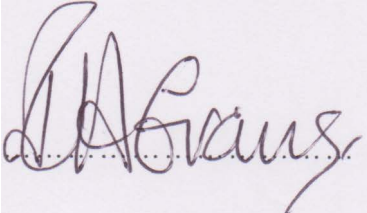
Rosie then introduced the Calpe Choir.

We had a great repertoire from the Calpe Choir with many of the members singing along, a good time was had by all. We even had an encore.
Rosie thanked the choir and Mary for the excellent music and hoped it would not be the last time we had the opportunity to listen to them.

A question was asked by a member had we tried Carasco as a venue, Mike has previously tried but thought he might give it another go.

Meeting finished at 1215. Committee now all on duty collecting names, monies etc for the forthcoming events.

Next Meeting to be held in the Parador Hotel Javea on Wednesday 29 November 2006

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