

# UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE : JAVEA

## MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Parador Hotel on Wednesday 31 January 2007 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT : **President:** Rosi Evans, **Vice President:** Mike Frost  
**Group Co-ordinator:** Jackie Heaton  
**Deputy Membership Secretary:** Sally Wells  
**Travel Representative:** Larry Sherrington

Apologies: **Treasurer:** Lin Jones, **Secretary:** Pat Ainsley  
**Membership Secretary:** Angela Chantry,  
**Deputy Secretary:** Joyce Pope

The meeting opened at 11.00am. The President welcomed all the members and wished them a Happy New Year. Apologies were received from Lin Jones, Angela Chantry, Joyce & Ernie Pope and Pat Ainsley.

The President advised all members of the recent sad loss of two of our members, Alan Turner and Stan Ainsley

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and there were no matters arising. They were proposed and seconded as correct.

The President advised all members of a change in the meeting date for the month of May. Instead of 30 May the meeting will now be held on Wednesday 23 May.

The bank balance is in excess of 8,000€

The President announced that the Annual General Meeting will take place at the April monthly meeting and that all the existing officers are prepared to continue in their job, and that anyone wishing to stand for election should write to the President with a proposer and seconder.

The President then explained the process for selecting the winner of the Short Story Competition.

Jackie Heaton . Group Co-ordinator, announced that three new groups are starting, Dog Training, Gardening and Singing. Each of the three new group leaders gave an insight into their plans for the groups.

Bob Grainger's First Aid Course will commence Monday 5 February and run on the two following Mondays.

John Atkinson will be restarting his Pool Boys Group very shortly.

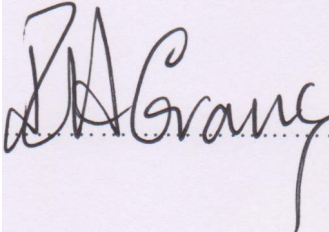
Mike Frost – Travel, explained that we would now prefer payment for trips in excess of 50€ to be made by cheque, which will reduce the risks involved in handling such large sums.  
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A visitor from Leatherhead U3A asked if it was possible for him to join group activities whilst using his UK membership. The President said regretfully no.

The guest speaker from Amigos de Europeos then took the floor and gave an insight into the history and benefits of the Association.

Meeting closed at 1215 hours

Next Meeting to be held in the Parador Hotel Javea on 28 February 2007

Signed...  .....

Seconded.....

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The meeting opened at 11.05am. Rosie Evans the President gave a warm welcome to all the members and asked them to introduce themselves to their immediate neighbours on the right and left.

The minutes of the last meeting were read out and duly proposed by John Evans and June Grainger.

Our guest speaker today will be Clive Hedge talking about My Early Days at Sea. The speaker for March will be Steve Taylor - Locksmith, who will advise the members on security issues. We do not normally have commercial people to speak but Denia U3A said he was very entertaining and a very helpful contact for members to have. Bank Account stands at 8,000 euros.

Sad news of one of our members John Bond who died unexpectedly.

Membership situation – we currently have 81 people waiting to join, we are holding the membership list at 650, and this is pushing it a bit. Although we only have about 250 members today the Conservative Party are holding their AGM and this will account for the numbers being down. We are introducing some changes but nothing too radical, we hope to split some of the activity groups which will enable more members to be able to partake. We are committed for the next year to the Parador so an alternative venue at the moment is not possible. One problem that may help, would be for Mike and other committee members who need to collect monies for travel and events to be available on the morning of the meetings from 9.30 am until 10.45. We will try this for three months and see how it goes. It was then put to the members that if anyone has any ideas on how we can improve these problems then please put your suggestions in the box provided.

Short Story competition – two came out as exceptional, the topic was Spain and the winner was Sue Bentley with Spirit of Montgo, second was Ann Griffiths with Spanish Doll. We will have another competition nearer to Christmas. One member asked if they could read the stories or was it possible to have them all printed. It was decided that printing them out would

cost too much but if would be considered, in the meantime if anyone wanted a copy of the stories members could contact the authors and have a copy sent by email.

**Charities** – As we are trying to avoid commercialism and there are so many pet charities which makes it impossible to give time to them all. We have decided to accept one charity per month and the person can bring along leaflets or any information and hand it out to any members that are interested. We are not able to include any information in our newsletter or on the website and each charity can only be introduced once in that year.

**Treasure Hunt** – Is on April 16, this is not a race so it will not affect your car insurance. It is to be a gentle run out with lunch at the end, which will be 20 euros at a nice Spanish restaurant. Prizes will be given for driver or navigator, with clues all along the way. Payment will be required at the next March meeting, if it is oversubscribed then names will go into a hat and be drawn out. Also to make drivers aware the route chosen is very bendy.

Rosi handed over to Mike

**Mike Frost – Travel**, everything is in the newsletter for the forthcoming events. Larry and Yvonne are collecting the money for Toledo and Mike is collecting for the Fallas in Valencia. Mike handed over to Angela

**Angela Chantry – Cultural Group**

Walking holiday in Sierra Espuna National Park was a huge success. The next walk which will be in April has two rooms available, through cancellations, anyone interested in this event see Angela after the meeting. Short report on walking holiday on the website now.

Andalucia's Gardens is now full, names are being taken for any cancellations. Two lunches have been organised for Angela to give travellers all the necessary details and for Angela to collect monies.

Angela handed over to Jackie

**Jackie Heaton – Activities**, A few of the groups are oversubscribed, one being the Dining Out Group so we are looking to start another one.

Steve who runs the snooker is looking for more members and ladies are welcome to join. It is held at Laceys Bar.

Salsa Class starting again in the Autumn.

John from Pools Boy group will commence in April and he is taking names.

Graham is starting a Male Voice choir.

Some new ideas are a Quiz night, we need someone to run that, Cookery Class, Denia are currently running one so we will check how it works. We also need ideas from members.

BBQ Group for the men to teach them how to cook BBQ's

Rosi then thanked Pat and Lin for their contribution to the committee as they are the quiet ones.

**A.O.B.**

A show of hands was requested for the printing of our short stories. 40/50 people showed interest in this. This was providing all authors gave their consent.

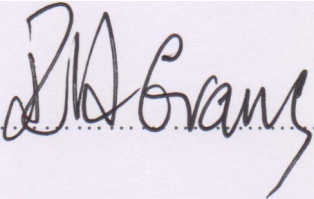
No further questions, Rosi then introduced our guest speaker Clive Hedge.

There then followed a very interesting and amusing dialogue with superb slide show of Clive's life, from a very young boy until his retirement from his life at sea.

Clive answered numerous questions from the members, who obviously enjoyed this talk.

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 28 March 2007

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Seconded.....

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**Treasurer:** Lin Jones, **Group Co-ordinator:** Jackie Heaton  
**Deputy Treasurer:** Mick Cox  
**Deputy Membership Secretary:** Sally Wells

Apologies: **Deputy Secretary:** Joyce Pope

The meeting opened at 11.02am. Rosie Evans the President gave a warm welcome to all the members as today we had several new members.

The minutes of the April meeting were read out. Proposed by Roy Heaton and seconded by Graham Muir.

Rosie informed members that a copy of the accounts were available for anyone wishing to read them. John Hiskey was thanked for his help in producing the accounts.

Membership stands at 646 with 100 still on waiting list, hopefully we shall have more places available for membership in Oct/Nov. If we cannot resolve the waiting problem by then we shall have to consider starting an alternative club.

Rosie gave a brief talk on the voting situation.

The photo competition of the Andalucia garden tour will be judged by Mike Frost and John Evans. Prizes will be vouchers from Book World Espana.

It was explained to the members that we are not able to provide information on Social Security, Wills etc as it is felt that this is a specialized subject and we would not wish to give anyone incorrect information.

Rosie then introduced our speaker for today who will be Gilly McNally. Gilly will give a talk and demonstration after the committee roundup.

### **Jackie Heaton-Activities**

The quiz night was a huge success and Clive Hedge hopes to continue this in the Autumn.

Helga Edge asked if anyone was interested in a dog sharing scheme, this would not be part of the U3A activities.

Charles Tierman will be organising a French/Italian language class if anyone is interested.

A Jigsaw swap has been suggested for the Autumn.

### **Angela Chantry-Membership Secretary**

Informed members that there are a lot of membership cards which have not been picked up. Cards are ongoing not given out annually. Lost cards will be replaced.

Angela apologised to anyone who has visited our website and thought it was possible to join. As we had not put on the website the information of membership being full and a waiting list being in place. Names are taken off the list strictly in accordance with the date they requested to join.

Angela then discussed the various tours etc, full details are listed in the Newsletter.

**Mike Frost-Travel**

The Barcelona trip is now full and money is required today. Details of the trip to Valencia to the Titanic Exhibition and the Imax cinema have not been confirmed.

Rosie then handed over to Gilly McNally our speaker for today on Health and Sports injuries.

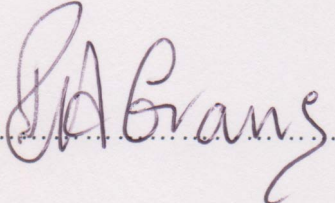
Gilly gave an excellent demonstration of various injuries with some practical help for the members. Members wishing to have any treatments with Gilly were given a brochure to contact her.

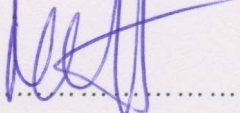
The President then asked if there were any questions the members would like to put to Gilly and there were quite a few.

Rosie asked if there was any other business – there was none  
Our June meeting will be the last before the summer break and our guest speaker is Keith Homden a former Prison Governor. We then recommence in September.

Meeting finished at 1230. Committee now all on duty collecting names, monies etc for the forthcoming events.

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Seconded..........

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**Deputy Membership Secretary:** Sally Wells

The meeting opened at 11.04am. Rosi Evans the President gave a warm welcome to all the members and particularly to our new members. Members were reminded to switch off their mobile phones.

The minutes of the May meeting were read out. Proposed by Elizabeth Collins and seconded by Michael Beaumont.

The speaker today is Keith Homden who spoke to us over a year ago and in September we will have the Honorary British Consul Mark Petrie. In October it will be the Calpe Choir November speaker to be advised. In Jan we have Mark White a lawyer giving us a talk on the 3 M's Money, Matrimony and Mortality.

Rosi said our current balance of the U3A account is 5,500€.

87 people are currently on the waiting list.

We now have a Digital Projector which was purchased with the help of Sam Wells, Rosi thanked Sam for all the work he had put into the selection of this.

We have purchased snooker balls for the Snooker Club

John Davis has donated a slide projector to the club and he was given a big thank you for this.

Advance warning for the ladies April/May next year we will be having a Spring Ball, which will be non profit making. A nice venue will be chosen so we need to organise our frocks.

The members were asked to take notice of page ten of the newsletter which gives information on insurance policies. In particular giving an all risk policy on Jewellery.

Also on insurance Linea Directa are not giving discount to existing members only for new policy holders.

The photographs of the Andalucia trip are on the board for members to view. The winners are third place Jules Freeman second place Sadie Hodgkinson and first place Angela Chantry.



Rosi then handed over to Mike Frost Travel Group Leader who outlined the current and future travel arrangements.

Jackie Heaton Activities Coordinator gave members a run down of the new groups that will be forming in the autumn. These can now be viewed on the Activity List

Angela Chantry joined Rosi in welcoming all our new members today. Angela then gave details of the cultural scene events available over the summer.

Rosi thanked the committee and asked if there was any other business.

John Evans stood and said on behalf of the members he would like to thank the committee and the group leaders for all the work they have put in over the last year.

A member then asked should we pressure Linea Directa into giving existing policy holders who are U3A members the discounts.

Rosi said she would speak to them

No further business

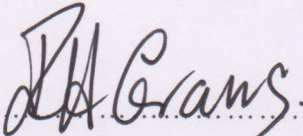
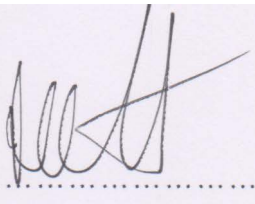
Rosi then introduced our speak Keith Homden who gave a light-hearted talk on his life in the prison service.

Keith completed his talk at twelve noon and this was followed by a lively Q & A session.

Rosi thanked Keith and said we would probably drag him back again in the future. The members were asked to have a good holiday and to come back in September nice and early as we would expect to have a good busy meeting.

Meeting finished at 1220. Committee now all on duty collecting names, monies etc for the forthcoming events.

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The meeting opened at 11.05am. Rosi Evans the President gave a warm welcome to all the members and particularly to our new members. Members were reminded to switch off their mobile phones.

Today we have as our guest speaker the Honourable British Consulate Mr Mark Petrie. Mark has two hats as he also runs his own insurance company, and is responsible for bringing the discount from Liberty Seguros to us. Liberty Sguros are offering a 15% discount to all U3A members.

We are also offered a 10% discount from Prestige Cars at Pedrequer on all servicing and valeting.

We are also delighted to have along Jacqui Phillips of Cancer Support Group. Jackie has been awarded the CBE for her work in this field.

The minutes of the June meeting were read out. Proposed by ..... and seconded by Roy Heaton

Lots of events to cover. Two things we are very wary of 1. Charity and 2. Commercialism. We thought we would have a try at a Charity Event and do a Garden Fete thanks to Lin and Terry who have given the use of their garden for this event. Excellent prizes donated by a lot of local companies, they have been most generous.

Rosi explained the various stalls etc that we will have and the Frostie Formula devised by Mike Frost. Everyone was invited to come along.

Rosi then handed over to Jackie Philips

Jacqui gave a broad outline of the work of the Cancer Support Group previously known as MABS.

Rosi thanked Jackie and said we would have a "once a year" project to raise money for such good causes.

Another first-on Mon 29 Oct a Group Leaders Meeting. Please put any ideas you may have to your group leader for the meeting.

Next year on the 16 May a dinner & dance at El Canor which will be open to all members, friends and family? The U3A Calpe and Denia will also be joining us. It will be a non profit making event we are just waiting to confirm price which should be about 35€ a head

Rosi then handed over to **Jackie Heaton**

Quiz night in November. Ann Roberts to organise a Scrabble Group.

Jackie said the Dining Out Group had been very successful in the past, thanks to Gordon and Joanne Carter, and she now needs someone else to take over the organisation of this group.

**Angela Chantry**

Many of you may be aware that the U3A in England was formed in 1982 so they are now 25 yrs old. We will be giving away book marks on the book stall at the Garden Fete.

Thank you to Lorely and Glynn Griffiths of Javea Art Centre which will be the new venue for Travellers Tales Group. Maps on how to get there are available. The talk on 9 October is on Cuba by Brian Walt hew.

A new Dine & Dance group is now formed for those that like to dance.

Deposits today required for Stomp the Musical in November at Alicante and the Ballet.

**Mike Frost**

Members were told that the expression of interest form is only that, to express you may be interested in going on that excursion not a formal booking. It is still necessary to put your name on the relevant list with the travel organiser, to ensure a place.

The Titanic exhibition has three spare places at 25€ per person.

Rosi asked if there was any other business

No questions, no queries

Rosi then introduced Mark Petrie

Mark explained his role within Liberty Seguros and explained to the members what they can expect from their policies. He then went on to explain the role of Honourary Consulate and what he is able to assist the public with, especially in cases of emergency.

Mark then took questions from the floor.

Rosi thanked Mark for the important information he was able to give us and said next month we have the Calpe U3A Choir and in November we have John Anthony on Classical Guitar.

Members were asked if there were any other questions or queries.

Tim Ladd asked if there was a copy of the information Mark Petrie had given us, Rosi said it would be put on the Website.

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Apologies : **Deputy Secretary:** Joyce Pope

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Today we are welcoming Calpe U3A Choir. Members of the Choir include Mary Anderton past President and Pat Spencer present President. We also have from Torevejha U3A the President Lynda Kiss and her husband Bob Kiss who is also the Treasurer.

Minutes of the last meeting were not available so next month will have to be a double reading.

The bank balance stands at 10,000€

Next month will be an extraordinary meeting and the first ten minutes will be spent discussing the change of date in the constitution.

There will be a display in reception of the works of a few of the Activity Groups including, Beginners Paintings, Intermediate Paintings, Crafts, Genealogy and Digital Photography.

Future speakers, in November we have John Anthony – Classical Guitarist and Claire Post – Flautist and Soprano. January we have Marc White a British and Spanish qualified lawyer. Then February we have Dr Andrew Buffey who will give information on ten symptoms you should never ignore.

On Monday we had a Group Leaders meeting, twenty six of us altogether which was very worthwhile. So please give any ideas, comments etc to your group leader who can then discuss it with the committee.

On 23 October we held our first charity event, a Garden Fete in aid of the Cancer Support Group formerly MABS. This proved to be very successful. People were most generous and we raised 3,117.77. A full list of all those that gave donations will be printed out and put on our notice board at the next meeting. Thanks to the committee and especially to Lin and Terry for allowing us to use their garden and all the hard work they gave to arranging this event. We will probably have another go at something similar in nine to twelve months time.

Monday 3 Dec Car Treasure Hunt, it was explained to the members how this works. The event is sold out but taking names for the reserved list.

Another event will be the ball in May at El Canor at 35€ per head. Tickets will be available from Jan onwards. Open to family and friends plus other U3A organisations.

We have some further discounts to announce from Prestige Cars of Pedreguer giving 10% off servicing, valeting, body works, parts & labour.

Dr Andrew Buffey is giving 15% discount on Consultations.

Liberty Seguros

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Liberty Seguros are prepared to offer members a 20% discount on all policies, if they sell us over 200 policies to us, this will apply for next year.

Members were asked if anyone had seen or picked up by mistake a blue folder containing information on Thailand, this was put down by Lin on a seat and had disappeared.

No one came forward to say they had seen it.

It was asked if anyone knew of a qualified speech therapist in the area as one of our members urgently needs to find one.

Rosi handed over to Angela Chantry

Angela went through the procedure of renewing membership etc as it was queried why she gives no receipts.

On Cultural Arts members were told that there is now too much information for the newsletter and all info will now be put on the website.

Mike Frost gave members information on the forthcoming events. Also reminded members that anyone going to the Social Lunch after the November General Meeting needed to select their menu today.

Jackie Heaton gave information on some new activities shortly to be introduced.

Introduced a Group Leader Jan Davis, who will be giving a Fun & Sports session for your dogs.

Rosi then introduced the Calpe U3A Choir who gave us a lovely rendition of songs that most of us were taught at school.

Rosi asked if there was any other business, no further business, meeting finished at 1215. Committee now all on duty collecting names, monies etc for the forthcoming events.

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Apologies : Joyce Pope - Deputy Secretary

The meeting opened at 11.00am. Rosi Evans the President gave a warm welcome to all the members and particularly to our new members. Members were reminded to switch off their mobile phones.

Rosi opened the advertised EGM and went on to explain to the members the problem with our financial year end, currently showing 31<sup>st</sup> December in the constitution as inherited from Calpe U3A the original suppliers of the constitution but we had been following a year end of March 31st. It was therefore proposed and agreed unanimously that we would in future make our financial year end Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> and not change the constitution.. March will see the AGM with committee elections and presentation of audited accounts..

Rosi then proceeded with the usual monthly meeting.

We welcomed John Anthony Classical Guitarist and Clare Post on the flute, who were guest entertainers.

Minutes for September & October were then read out.

Minutes for September were proposed by Gerald Dobson and seconded by John Wilde.  
Minutes for October were proposed by Graham Muir and seconded by Jenny Oldfield.

The bank balance stands at 8,500€

The treasure hunt is now full. Tickets for the ball will be selling from January onwards, cost to be 35€ which is non profit making.

The meetings will continue for the next year at the Parador.

The Newsheet is a little smaller as we have now put a lot of the general items on the website. If you do not have access to the web please ask a member of the committee for a print out.

The Art & Craft Exhibition is on display outside for everyone to enjoy.



Also there is now a reserve list for our trip to Viva Espana and Pat Wykes is collecting the monies for this event.

Larry Sherrington is collecting the money for Segovia.

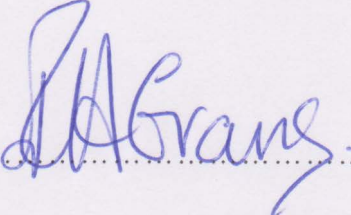
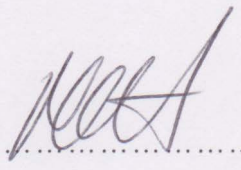
Rosi then introduced our Guest Speaker, Sonia Kleyman

Sonia then presented a very comprehensive talk on the justice system in the UK.

Rosi thanked Sonia for her talk, and asked if anyone would like to ask her any question  
Members were then reminded that there are no meetings in July and August and we look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday 27 September at 11am.

Meeting closed at 1300 hours

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