

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE : JAVEA

MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Parador Hotel on Wednesday 30 January 2008 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT : **President:** Rosi Evans, **Vice President:** Mike Frost
Secretary: Pat Ainsley, **Membership Secretary:** Angela Chantry
Deputy Treasurer: Mick Cox, **Deputy Secretary:** Joyce Pope
Deputy Membership Secretary: Sally Wells

Apologies : **Treasurer:** Lin Jones, **Group Co-ordinator:** Jackie Heaton

The meeting opened at 11.06am. Rosi Evans the President wished all members a very happy new year and a very warm welcome to the twelve new members of today. Members were reminded to switch off their mobile phones.

A special welcome to Marc White our Guest speaker for today, Marc is an English Solicitor. Our speaker for February will be Dr Andrew Buffey who will be talking about ten symptoms you must not ignore.

Apologies from Lin and Jackie, Mike Cox would be standing in for Lin.

The November minutes were read and proposed by Joanne O'Keefe and seconded by Michael Beaumont.

Rosi then asked the members if they had enjoyed the music at the last meeting. Some comments were that it had gone on too long. In future we will announce the finishing time for the speaker/entertainment so that people who cannot stay to the end can leave before it starts. Rosi explained it is very distracting for the person giving the talk if various people are getting up at different times and leaving.

DKV Integral Health Insurance Policy through Mark Petrie are giving a 10% discount to all members. Rosi reminded members that if they have an existing problem it may not be in their interests to change policies, as the ongoing condition will most likely not be accepted by any new insurers.

We now have 667 members, only one new group has come forward and Rosi appealed to the members for more people to volunteer and start a new group. There is a possibility that Pat Robinson may form a group "music for summer evening's". Rosi said please remember it was amateurs that built the arc and experts that built the Titanic.

Another discount, Barina in the Port are offering 10% discount but it was not clear whether this applies to only ball gowns or on general purchases.

Bank Balance is 10,500€

The waiting list for membership is now 250, which will mean at least one years wait to become a member. Names are going on at four a day and we will have to discuss the possibility of another U3A. This has been discussed at the Committee meetings.

It is the AGM in March and although the committee are prepared to stand again this does not preclude anyone else from standing or proposing other members.

Lots of names have been taken for the Ball.

Rosi thanked all who gave the time and effort to put on the Art and Craft exhibition at the November meeting. The committee were introduced to the new members. Rosi also thanked all the other helpers plus all of those involved in the production of our Newsletter.

Rosi then handed over to Angela Chantry.

Angela gave a short run down of all current events she has planned. Full details on the website and newsletter.

Rosi also said that Angela was now taking names for the ball and it is possible to make table bookings to accommodate their numbers.

Mike Frost announced that Larry Sherrington was retiring from the Travel Group so a vacancy is there for any volunteer to fill. He said it is not a huge commitment and would anyone interested in helping in this area please contact him.

The Seville trip is full but Mike would like a waiting list in case anyone has to cancel. Sally Wells is giving a talk on Seville prior to this trip and all who have booked for Seville will be invited along.

Rosi thanked Angela, Mike, Katrina, Larry and Yvonne for all their good work in the travel section.

The Marina Alta Floral Group in Benissa has a demonstration on 21 February anyone interested please contact Rosi.

Rosi then introduced Marc White our guest speaker who will give a fifteen minute talk followed by questions from the floor. Marc gave some very interesting information which again went on longer than the time he had been allowed. At 1220 some people started to make a move so a five minute break was called to allow members who needed to leave to clear the hall. It was then agreed that Marc would give us another fifteen minutes of his time.

The meeting closed at 1235

Next Meeting to be held in the Parador Hotel Javea on Wednesday 27 February 2008 at 11am

Signed.....*PA Evans*.....Seconded.....*[Signature]*.....

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Treasurer: Lin Jones, **Deputy Treasurer:** Mick Cox
Secretary: Pat Ainsley, **Membership Secretary:** Angela Chantry
Group Co-ordinator: Jackie Heaton, **Deputy Secretary:** Joyce Pope
Deputy Membership Secretary: Sally Wells

The meeting opened at 11.05am. Rosi Evans the President welcomed everyone and a special welcome to our 26 new members. Members were reminded to switch off their mobile phones.

The January minutes were read and proposed by Ian Cameron and seconded by Sam Wells.

Next month is the AGM and we currently have no one coming forward who is prepared to stand, the present committee are prepared to stay on. In our statutes we do not have anything in to say when a committee should go. It is proposed that the committee will stand down after 3 years and not be allowed to be re-elected before 2 years. Rosi added that this would be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Jenny Flew, our cookery class group leader, has been killed whilst visiting New Zealand in a bus accident; we extend our sympathy to her family and friends.

Al Knight our group leader for the walking group is doing well after an operation on his heart. We have sent him some wine from the U3A and he was most grateful for this gift .

Amanda Bright is trying to form a dance class, and she is currently looking for suitable premises to hold the classes.

Rosi presented flowers to Elizabeth Collins for all her work in Spanish Conversation classes; her husband accepted the flowers on Elizabeth's behalf.

Birthday greetings were extended to Pat Barlow our Craft Group Leader.

Our guest speaker today is Dr Andrew Buffey. His medical practice will give all U3A members 15% discount off all consultations with him.

Next month we have Tony Hortropp who will be conducting a Debating group.

April Angela Chantry will advise us on "Terrace and Pot plants".

Rosi introduced Tony who gave a brief outline of what he hopes to achieve from the debating session at the March meeting.

Rosi then handed over to Mike Frost

Mike - We have four volunteers to replace Larry Sherrington in his role as travel representative. John Price has been chosen to continue in Larry's shoes.

Mike listed a few of the trips currently organised, all details in the Newsletter and on the website.

Jackie Heaton – Gave details of a few new activity lists. Members were informed that there will be a meeting on March 17 to be held in the Social Centre Javea to encourage and give information to any member who will be willing to start up a new group.

Paul Pruden will be the new Group Leader for the Garden group replacing Colin Bagnall. We have a gift for Colin to thank him for his time in this role.

Angela Chantry – Gave a run down of all her cultural and travel commitments. Full details on our website.

Rosi said we have had a good response to the Ball.

End of formal meeting was 1140

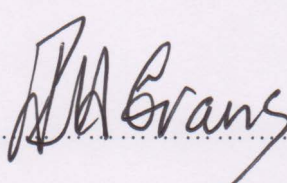
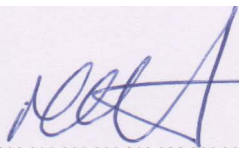
AOB – none

Rosi – before handing over to Dr Andrew Buffey who will talk for twenty minutes, any members who cannot stay until the end are asked to leave now.

Dr Buffey ran through the ten symptoms that should not be ignored, he then took questions from the floor.

The meeting closed at 1205

Next Meeting to be held in the Parador Hotel Javea on Wednesday 26 March 2008 at 11am

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

PROPOSAL - In March 2009 the statutes are amended to say that any member who has served on the committee for 3 years will then stand down.

Any Questions on the proposed amendment

Graham Muir - If in the event of no one coming forward is there a contingency clause for existing committee members to stand again?

Response from Rosi - No, but feels that no one would come forward if that were so.
Re-iterated need for new blood.

Tim Ladd - Praised the committee for their good work and felt it was a shame if all committee went. Tim suggested the changes to committee be done on a rotary basis.

Response from Rosi - This has been considered.

Shirley King - Why can members not be elected in September and then they would have 2 months to train up?

Response from Rosi - If the amendment to statutes takes place we would have 12 months to train someone. Members were reminded that committee members can give just one months notice when resigning.

Sally Merrett - Have committee considered Deputies step up to the main roles?

Response from Rosi - This has been considered and none of the deputies wanted the roles.

June Grainger - We will have the same situation in 3 years time.

Response from Rosi - Yes and No. It will happen again but members will have a year to consider election of new members.

Pat Robinson - Members of the committee who wish to leave should give 12 months notice.

Response from Rosi - This is not feasible.

Robin Dawson - Endorsed Tim Ladd's suggestion of a rotation. Robin suggested 3 people go one year, then 3 people the next year.

Response from Rosi - Some people would be on the committee for 9 years.

Robin Dawson - Said that with his proposal the longest committee members would serve would be 6 years.

Response from Rosi - Committee had a majority vote that dismissed that proposal.

Steve Collins - Talking is not helping and this could be discussed again at the next AGM.

Elizabeth Collins - Set deadlines for people to come forward to stand for committee and then discuss after 2 months to see if it is working.

Jean Miller - Can the existing committee stand again?

Response from Rosi - Yes, after 2 years.

Pat Wykes - The existing committee will still be available to help new committee members.

Rosi endorsed this.

Elizabeth Boot - What are the duties of committee members, how much of their time do they give?

Response from Rosi - There would be a job description for each committee member's role. Time given was difficult to assess.

Gerald Dobson – Suggested that the motion is put to a vote.

Response from Rosi - Everyone should have the chance to have their say.

John Evans - Is concerned that there would be no one coming forward in 2009 and that Elizabeth Collins' idea of a rolling programme was a good one.

Response from Mike Frost - That was not what the committee had voted for.

John Evans - It is not reasonable for 5 people who maybe standing for 1 post to have to sit in on committee meetings, which means 4 of them would be wasting their time. The proposal then is to find out what the job entails for the next month and membership votes on who they want.

Barbara Cottam Craven - New committee members would do things differently.

Response from Rosi - Agreed that new blood on the committee is good for the U3A membership.

Bob Grainger - Supports the member who proposed rotational change.

Elizabeth Collins - Do all committee members have to be in Spain all year?

Response from Rosi – Yes, but holidays and short breaks can be covered by committee members.

John Othick - Members have some doubts about the committee's proposal and should we have a vote on Tim Ladd's amendment?

Response from Rosi - Was not comfortable with voting on a proposal that had not been discussed with committee members.

Eileen Little - Felt that there was a lot of negativity in the discussions and said there was a wealth of experience in our membership as there were lots of members who had run businesses and had served on committees.

Response from Rosi - Agreed that we have in our membership many people who would do a good job.

Rosi then asked members to vote on the proposal by a show of hands.

IN FAVOUR – 120

AGAINST - 37

ABSTENTIONS - 10

MOTION CARRIED

Shirley Humphrey thanked the committee for their work and said the membership would be sad that they are going but supported their decision to do so.

Rosi thanked the members of behalf of the committee for their support.

A.O.B relating to the A.G.M

None.

March General Meeting

ROSI

- * Went through a resume of the minutes of the February General Meeting. Jenny Oldfield Proposed. Steve Collins seconded.
- * Introduced our new travel group leader, John Price, to the membership.
- * Stated that the balance of the U3A accounts is €17,303. This gives a false impression as there will be a lot of money going out for trips. A more accurate balance would be €6,167.
- * Gave information about the short story competition. The names of the writers will be anonymous to the judges who are reading them.
- * Said that information about 1Car1 car hire discount had been e.mailed to members.

Bob Grainger pointed out that when you are 75 you cannot use them.

Other members had used 1Car1 and had nothing but praise for them.

- * Will attend a meeting with Sol Mar car hire to discuss discount for U3A members.
- * Stated that there will be a Group Leaders Meeting on May 20th
- * Stated that there will be an open meeting for starting a U3A in Moraira and Teulada June 4th Details in Newsletter. Another U3A in Javea would cause too much confusion.
- * Stated that Ball tickets selling well.
- * Stated that Peter Speer has negotiated discount of 10% on any car maintenance with Larry, a car mechanic in Benitachell.
- * Stated that there is a discount of 20% with Tiffanys Jewellers in Javea Port. A voucher will be produced for members next month.

MIKE

- * Stated that the Homes and Garden trip is now full.
- * Proposed a change to procedure for overnight trips. The next overnight trip will be held open for a month and then names will be drawn out of a hat to select who will go.

JACKIE

- * Pointed out that the reason she is standing down at this time is so that the new Groups' Co-Ordinator could be in place when the new groups start.
- * Stated that Don Freeman, has vacancies for his Beginners Water Colour Painting.
- * The Quiz Night is 15th April in Teulada.
- * The new Quiz Group Leader is to be Jeni Oldfield from 18th June.
- * Salsa Group begins April 2nd 9 – 10pm

ANGELA

- * Day trip to Murcia 7.45am start. Trip now full
- * May Ball – Only 14 people for the bus which is not enough. Names to be given to the 14 with the idea of a car share.
- * Still places for the College Choir of Cambridge.
- * Neath Male Voice Choir now full.
- * Angela gave information about the new groups and pointed out that there were some days much busier than others with U3A activities. This may influence when new group leaders pick a day for their activity.



A.O.B

James Hodgkinson asked how we are to elect the new Groups' Co-Coordinator.
Rosi said it was in the Newsletter.

Mike said he was going to Denia to discuss an Inter-Cambio between English and Spanish people, which is going on successfully with the Denia U3A, with a view to starting it with Javea U3A.

Rosi closed the meeting at 12.50pm

Next Meeting to be held in the Parador Hote,l Javea, on Wednesday 30th April 2008.

Signed  Secoded..... 

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Held at the Parador Hotel on Wednesday 30 April 2008 at 11 a.m.

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

Apologies: Deputy Secretary: Joyce Pope

The meeting opened at 11.02am. Rosi Evans the President welcomed our new and current members. Members were reminded to switch off their mobile phones. Members were also reminded that we are sorry but we are unable to accommodate guests, either of members or other U3A groups.

The March minutes were read and proposed by Joanne O'Keefe and seconded by Brenda Bates.

The 5th May is the new date for the inaugural meeting of the U3A Moraira.

Three people came forward for the position of Groups Co-ordinator. It has now come down to one person and that is Elizabeth Collins. Elizabeth was asked to leave the room while the members were asked to vote her in by a show of hands. The vote was unanimous.

Elizabeth gave a short speech saying she promised to do a good job, and in her new role joined the committee as the committee table.

Rosi gave up using the mike as the static was very bad.

Members were informed that Full Job Descriptions for committee vacancies were on the table and would anyone who is interested please help themselves. Also we are holding an informal meeting on Monday 19 May at 1230 in the Social Centre where interested parties can talk to the committee about their roles. Members can also email a committee member if they would like to find out more about that particular position.

Speaker today, Angela Chantry talking about Summer Container Gardening.

Next month, we have Peter Atkinson on The Moors and Christians.

Car Hire offers are now on the website for easy bookings.

Rosi thanked Sam Wells for all the extra work he has had to do this month. Keeping it in the family Sally Wells will be judging the Short Story competition, the subject being CASTLES.

A couple of sad things next, Mike Frost has actually decided to step down from position of Vice President. Mike has had a tremendous input to U3A; but he will be staying on until the end of June to see this season out. Rosi then handed over to Mike

Mike Frost

Thanked all the people who came on the Seville trip with him.

Mike then gave information on the Inter cambio Language Exchange that Denia U3A are currently involved in. To involve Javea U3A is a very big task so he has found someone else to take over this role.

He said although he is resigning from the committee he will still be involved in the Travel Group. Long term trips he says he will be putting in the hat to make it fair for everyone. Mike then explained his reasons for this step.

Mike also paid tribute to Jackie for her long standing role as Group Co-ordinator.

Elizabeth Collins

Gave information on her planned excursion to the Javea Desalination Plant.

Jackie Heaton

Went through the new groups which are listed in the Newsletter.

Angela Chantry

Detailed the current walking group's activities.

The Walking Treasure Hunt has 5 places left.

The Ball, no transport will be laid on from the Port due to lack of numbers. Table plans are being drawn up and vegetarian meals are available, to be pre-booked.

The Cultural Arts were then detailed. This information is in the Newsletter.

Rosi Evans

Jenny Oldfield will be running the Quiz Night on June 18 at Bar Mediterranea 7.30pm for 8pm. This can be paid today.

Jackie and Roy were then thanked for all their past efforts in helping to make the U3A what it is today. They were then presented with a gift voucher for the garden centre. Lots of thanks to them both.

AOB - none

End of formal meeting was 1150. Rosi asked all members who were not staying through the talk to leave now.

Angela gave us a very detailed account of how to plan and look after our summer pot plants.

The talk concluded at 1240

Next Meeting to be held in the Parador Hotel Javea on Wednesday ^{29 MAY} ~~28 April~~ 2008 at 11am

Signed RA Evans Seconded [Signature]
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UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE : JAVEA

MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Parador Hotel on Wednesday 29 May 2008 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT : **President:** Rosi Evans, **Vice President:** Mike Frost
Treasurer: Lin Jones, **Deputy Treasurer:** Mick Cox
Secretary: Pat Ainsley, **Membership Secretary:** Angela Chantry
Group Co-ordinator: Elizabeth Collins,
Deputy Membership Secretary: Sally Wells

Apologies: **Deputy Secretary:** Joyce Pope

The meeting opened at 11.00am. Rosi Evans the President welcomed our new and current members. Members were reminded to switch off their mobile phones. It was pointed out to members that we only print a certain amount of Newsletters for each meeting. Today we ran out of Newsletters as we expected more of our members with email facilities to print off their own copy.

The April minutes were read and proposed by Terry Jones and seconded by Jennie Oldfield.

Our bank balance stands at 10,000€

Our guest speaker today is Peter Atkinson, the subject Moors and Christians. Prior to this Tom Stevenson will give us a brief outline of his group, Computer Self-help. Next Month our speaker is Nick Green who will talk to us about South Africa.

Moraira U3A has 257 fully paid up members. The steering group is in place and they had lots of volunteers for group leaders positions etc.

One item not in the newsletter, we are organising another Charity Garden Party. We want our members to join the U3A for social reasons and we do not expect our members to have to give to charities; but, once a year we feel we should be able to assist a local charity. This year we have chosen Javea section of HELP. They are going to introduce a "Pop in centre" for people who are or have suffered from cancer and other illnesses. People who are ill or recovering, their relatives & recently bereaved, who just need a cup of coffee and a chat. They also have equipment to loan and give assistance with hospital consultations and help with translations.

The venue for the Garden Party is yet to be confirmed but it will take place in September. Further details will be in our June Newsletter.

Fiesta Crafts are offering 10% discount to members

International Medical Centre, The Foot Angel is also offering 10% discount on foot treatments.

John Rowe sent us information on waiver damage insurance. You can take out a yearly policy which costs 50 pounds and is then subject to a 20% discount. This works out much cheaper than paying the Car Hire company insurance. All of this information is on our website.

Rosi asked for a show of hands as to how many members look at our website. She reminded them that it is well worth having a look.

Short Story competition, do have a go, there are prizes for the winner and the runner up. We raised 300€ from the sale of the printed stories last year, which we then donated to cancer support.

The lack of response to our informal meeting to recruit Committee Members was then addressed. Rosi said she was appalled by the lack of interest from our 700 members, only one person had turned up and one more had come forward since then. She reminded members that we need people before March/April next year or there will not be a committee.

She said she was amazed at the response of the people in Moraira, and she is pretty confident our problems for recruiting here in Javea will soon be rectified.

On a brighter note, Rosi gave information on the discounts Tiffany the jewellers in the Port are offering our members. In late November they are having an evening event, come along and have a glass of wine and receive a 30% discount on your purchases.

Rosi said our ball was a great success and she thanked Angela Chantry for all of her help in making this event the excellent night it was. Slight action replay as the Cancer Support Group are also having a ball at El Canor on the 4 July, tickets can be bought from Lin Jones. Six prizes that were overlooked at the U3A Ball were then raffled off.

Tom Stevenson gave a brief talk on his Computer Self-help Group.

Elizabeth Collins – Appealed for members to think about starting new groups.

We also have a suggestion box for members to put in any suggestions regarding new groups, venues etc. EC said the trip to the Javea Desalination Plant proved very interesting and further visits are to be arranged.

Angela Chantry – Explained to members the changes which will take place in January regarding renewal of memberships. All members will now renew in January so from September until then, they will pay pro-rata plus next years membership fee. Angela says she has bent over backwards to assist all renewals but the work involved has been enormous, both to herself and the committee. Angela then gave information concerning all the cultural and social activities she arranges, full details are displayed on our website.


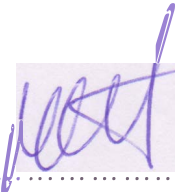
Rosi – Asked members who could not stay for the duration of the talk by Peter Atkinson to please leave now.

Peter Atkinson – said he was so grateful that so many had stayed to hear his talk. Peter then gave a most interesting talk on the Moors and Christians, which was greatly enjoyed by the members.

Rosi thanked Peter for his talk and said she hoped he would be able to come again.

Members were reminded that the next meeting in June will be the last until September. The meeting ended at 1223.

Next Meeting to be held in the Parador Hotel Javea on Wednesday 25 June 2008 at 11am

Signed  Seconded 

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Held at the Parador Hotel on Wednesday 25 June 2008 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT : **President:** Rosi Evans, **Vice President:** Mike Frost
Membership Secretary: Angela Chantry, **Secretary:** Pat Ainsley
Deputy Treasurer: Mick Cox, **Deputy Secretary:** Joyce Pope
Deputy Membership Secretary: Sally Wells

Apologies: **Treasurer:** Lin Jones
Group Co-ordinator: Elizabeth Collins,

The meeting opened at 11.07am. Rosi Evans the President welcomed our new and current members. Members were reminded to switch off their mobile phones.

The May minutes were read and proposed by Michael Beaumont and seconded by Jean Miller.

Our guest speaker today is Nick Green, the subject South Africa.

Some sad news, John Davis died on Saturday morning. He very kindly gave us a projector and screen for use in the U3A. His funeral is tomorrow morning at 11am.

Our bank balance stands at approximately 10,000€

Mike Frost is stepping down after 3 ½ years as President and Vice President. He was instrumental in starting off the Javea U3A. A gift and card was present to Mike & Katrina. Thanks for all you have done. Although Mike is stepping down from the committee he will still continue with Travel.

The rule is now 3 years maximum duty on the committee but that does not mean you have to do 3 years. After a moan last month it has done some good, as we now have people coming forward to replace the current committee, but we still need more. We have applicants for each position with the exception of Deputy Secretary. All of these positions should technically start from March/April but can start earlier to ensure a smooth handover and to accommodate holiday plans already in place.

Shirley King was introduced to the members as the next Vice President subject to election. She gave an insight into her background. She said she had a hard act to follow if she is voted in but she will do her very best. Shirley was sent from the room and members were asked to give a show of hands to vote Shirley in. It was a unanimous vote

Now going to talk about charity, we are going to have another Garden Party in aid of the Charity HELP. Marie & Sean Smith have very kindly offered us the use of their garden for this event. Tickets are available today the cost 5€ which includes a glass of wine on arrival. We need Books, any unwanted gifts to use as prizes. We are delighted to have today the President of HELP Pat Lee-Patten.

Pat gave a brief outline of the workings of HELP and how they have now introduced a drop in centre for people who just need someone to talk to, have a coffee etc. The Centre will be open from 10am until 4pm manned by experienced staff, who know at first hand the help that terminally ill people are their families and friends need.

Rosi thanked Pat for coming along and talking to us and hoped that in the New Year we would be able to have a more involved talk on all that HELP do.

Short Stories competition, Sally Wells is accepting all entries we have already received 2 so please join in.

Elizabeth Collins (who is not here today) has asked me to remind you all that we still require more Group Leaders.

Also Barbara Craven is going to start a Food Interest Group. She is here today and will arrange her first meeting for the Group. Next thing Walking – Shirley King thanked those members who came forward as Walk Leaders. She has had a really good response to her walking programme.

Mike Frost – Said he was responsible for the anonymous spoof letter in the Newsletter regarding the demise of Javea U3A due to no member standing for committee !!. He did it to encourage members to think about being part of the committee. He asked how does one follow someone like Rosi, all the things she does, but stressed that they were additions to the role of President & not essential. People will make what they wish of the position. He said Diane Ord has agreed to join Mike after the summer break to help with the Travel Group. He hopes to have 4-6 Travel Reps each arranging 3-4 trips a year.

Angela Chantry – Briefly explained the changes to Members subscriptions to take place from Sept. From January we will have a different format at the meetings, Group Leaders will be on hand to talk to the members about the various activities available. Angela then went through the arrangements that have been made to enrol any person on our waiting list as Associated Members. Meeting for this to be Thursday 9 October. Angela is arranging a Healthy Living in Spain event and she gave a brief outline of how this Seminar will work.

Rosi – Introduced Maria a Spanish student, who is conducting a research project on the lifestyle of Britons living in Spain. Questionnaires on your seat to fill in and post back to her or they are on the web..

A couple of quick things, a new group Poetry for Pleasure to be organised by John Othick Then Tim Ladd was introduced. He had passed round notes regarding Agenda 21 he has also arranged a meeting tomorrow in the Javea Players to explain what is going on in Javea.


The Guest Speaker Nick Green was then introduced. He is to give a 30 minute talk on his life in South Africa. Members who could not stay for the full talk were asked to leave the meeting now.

Nick gave a very varied and lively talk about South Africa.

Rosi thanked Nick for his talk and said she hoped he would be able to come again.

Members were reminded that the next meeting will not be until September. It was hoped they would all have a good summer and look forward to seeing them again in September.

Next Meeting to be held in the Parador Hotel Javea on Wednesday 24 September 2008 at 11am

Signed... Seconded... 

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Held at the Parador Hotel on Wednesday 24 September 2008 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT : **President:** Rosi Evans, **Vice President:** Shirley King
Membership Secretary: Angela Chantry, **Secretary:** Pat Ainsley
Group Co-ordinator: Elizabeth Collins
Deputy Treasurer: Mick Cox, **Deputy Secretary:** Joyce Pope
Deputy Membership Secretary: Sally Wells

Apologies: **Treasurer:** Lin Jones

The meeting opened at 11.05am. Rosi Evans the President welcomed our new and current members and said she hoped they had enjoyed their summer. Members were reminded to switch off their mobile phones.

The June minutes were read and proposed by Brenda Bates and seconded by Joanne O` Keefe.

Our bank balance stands at approximately 10,000€

Our Guest Speakers today are Sally Skelton and Kike Matea from Javea Social Services.

We have had a number of people come forward for the positions on the Committee and these will be voted in at various times between next month and the March AGM.

John Price – Vice President, Marie Smith – Treasurer, Mike Cox stays on as Deputy Treasurer, Wilma Stevenson – Membership Secretary, Karen White – Deputy Membership Secretary, Jennie Oldfield – Secretary, Sue Bentley – Deputy Secretary.

The committee is very comfortable with the quality of the people that have come forward. The election should be in March but considering the concerns of the members that the present committee would all be resigning together, the new committee will be voted in over the next few months.

Please hand your short stories in to Sally Wells by the end of the month.

DVD of Costa Blanca for sale at 10€. €5 of the monies received will go to the Charity HELP our chosen charity for this year.

Rosi ran through the current new discounts which will be displayed in the newsletter.

The Garden Party in aid of the charity HELP raised 3,520.40€. Thanks to Marie and Sean Smith for the loan of their beautiful garden. Also thanks to the committee for all of their hard work in organising this event. Also thanks to all the people who donated such lovely prizes.

Angela Chantry - Received three very good entries for the photographic competition, the winners were John Evans, John Wild and Clive White. They were each given a prize of wine.

We have books for sale today at 1€ all proceeds to the charity HELP.

Angela explained to the members how the renewal of Memberships will work in January.

She also went through some of the current excursions which can be found in the newsletter.

Elizabeth Collins – Said there will be a Red Suggestion box available for members to suggest new groups or any other points they may wish to raise, with the committee.

Elizabeth then went through the various groups currently available and reminded members that we still need more people to come forward as group leaders even if it is just for a short time to establish a group.


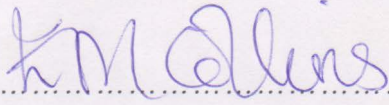
Rosi Evans – We have just had some rather interesting news our speaker is on her way but will not arrive until 1230. Kiki was to explain the Social Services system to us but as she will not get here in time a leaflet will be produced to give us this information.

A O B – None

Money will now be taken for any travel etc.

The meeting closed at 1155

Next Meeting to be held in the Parador Hotel Javea on Wednesday 29 October 2008 at 11am

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

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE : JAVEA

MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Parador Hotel on Wednesday 29 October 2008 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT : **President:** Rosi Evans, **Secretary:** Pat Ainsley
Membership Secretary: Angela Chantry,
Group Co-ordinator: Elizabeth Collins
Deputy Treasurer: Mick Cox, **Deputy Secretary:** Joyce Pope
Deputy Membership Secretary: Sally Wells

Apologies: **Vice President:** Shirley King, **Treasurer:** Lin Jones

The meeting opened at 11.02am. Rosi Evans the President welcomed our new and current members. Members were reminded to switch off their mobile phones.

The September minutes were read and proposed by Paul Pruden and seconded by Annie Lefre.

Our Guest Speaker today is Senor Chulvi from the Office of Consumer rights, Piera King will translate for us.

The U3A has grown at a phenomenal rate from 80 members at the initial Casa de Cultura meeting to around 900 members now including the Associate members.

Rosi Explained that EC now needed some assistance to help in her many tasks and Jean Miller has volunteered for that position. Sam Wells will also come onto the committee in his role as Web Master, he has done so much for the U3A checking out phone systems, attending meetings and much more. Sam and Jean were asked to leave the room to allow the members to vote the above onto positions of the committee. The members voted with a show of hands which was carried unanimously.

Rosi introduced Kiki Matea and Sally Skelton from Javea Social Services. They had come along today with leaflets to give us information on the sort of help we are able to receive through the Town Hall. Various representatives of their team were introduced to the members.

At this point the members undertaking the Spanish course left the meeting.

Rosi reminded members of the book sale counter, DVD's and various events coming up. Members were advised of new discounts which are listed in the Newsletter. Also reminded members of the discount evening to be held at Tiffany's the jewellers.

Next month guest speaker to be Michael Bulleid who used to be a barrister, he is also taking on the Presidency of Val de Pop U3A.

After the Travel and other news today, we are going to have the election of Membership Secretary, Wilma Stevenson is standing for this position and Sue Bentley as Deputy Secretary.

Rosi then handed over to Elizabeth Collins

EC – Thanked Brenda Bates for manning the book swap table, and thanked the members for their suggestions. She then gave a run down of the current and future groups, which are listed on our activity sheet. Elizabeth said we also need to run parallel groups for those that are currently full.

Rosi thanked everyone on the council who had put in a lot of work in producing the leaflets.

Rosi apologised for Shirley King's absence and read out information regarding the random raffle prizes that will be given out at the November meeting as Xmas gifts.

Rosi then explained to the members that only Wilma and Karen had volunteered for the committee roles. They were asked to leave the room and the members voted by a show of hands. The vote was a 100% in favour. Rosi congratulated the new committee members and said goodbye and many, many thank you's to the previous committee, Angela Chantry and Joyce Pope and also their husbands who have helped and supported their partners throughout the years they have served on the committee.

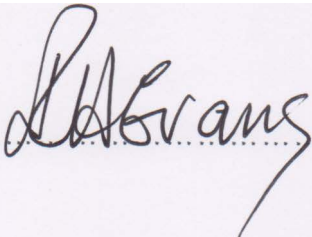
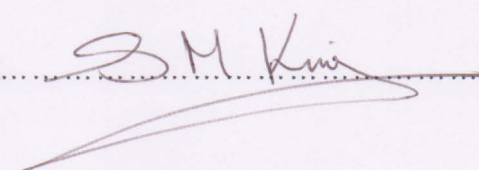
A.O.B. NONE

Rosi introduced Senor Chulvi who is here to explain how the consumer law operates in Spain and what the consumer's rights are. He also advised the members how his office is able to assist anyone who encounters a problem with shops, tradesmen etc.

Senor Chulvi gave a very informative & enjoyable talk regarding this subject then answered quite a few questions from the floor. This was translated by Piera King.

The meeting closed at 1243

Next Meeting to be held in the Parador Hotel Javea on Wednesday 26 November 2008 at 11am

Signed... Secoded... 

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE : JAVEA

MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Parador Hotel on Wednesday 26 November 2008 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT : **President:** Rosi Evans, **Vice President:** Shirley King
Treasurer: Lin Jones, **Secretary:** Pat Ainsley
Groups Co-ordinator: Elizabeth Collins
Deputy Groups Co-ordinator: Jean Miller
Deputy Treasurer: Mick Cox,
Deputy Membership Secretary: Sally Wells
Webmaster: Sam Wells

Apologies: **Membership Secretary:** Wilma Stevenson,
Deputy Secretary: Sue Bentley

The meeting opened at 11.0am. Rosi Evans the President welcomed our new and current members, also special guests Ann Colclough President of Moraira-Teulada U3A and the Vice President Pamela Kershaw. Our Guest Speaker was also introduced being Michael Bulleid who is a retired Barrister, and is now also the President of Val de Pop U3A.

Members were reminded to switch off their mobile phones.

The October minutes were read and proposed by Steve Collins and seconded by Michael Beaumont

The election of new committee members was carried out. Marie Smith will take over as Treasure in January when Lin has completed the financial year. Lin will however still be on hand to oversee the last annual accounts for the AGM. Karen White will become the Deputy Membership Secretary from Sally Wells and Jeni Oldfield will become Secretary from Pat Ainsley. The election was carried out as quickly as possible due to a lot of the members having to go off to their Spanish Lesson. The members voted by a show of hands and they were all voted in unanimously.

We had sad news at the loss of our member Rod Butcher, he had suffered from cancer for a while. We send all our very best wishes to Ineke his wife and to all their family.

Our Bank Balance stands at just over 14,500€

A few new discounts were announced, full details shown in the newsletter and website.

Rosi introduced Sally Wells who arranged the judging of the short stories competition. The winner was Gordon Atkinson with the title The Castle. The 2nd place went to Sue Bentley for Weddings and Anniversaries. We are hoping to do the same as last year and have the stories printed up to sell on to the members. The profit will go to our chosen charity this year being HELP.

Rosi then handed over to Elizabeth Collins

Elizabeth Collins - went through all the new groups which can all be found in the Newsletter, Website or on the Activity Sheet.

Elizabeth also explained that we are to have something new in that Jean Miller will accept notices from members of items for sale and she will put them on our notice board at each meeting.

Also Elizabeth asked for volunteers to help to decorate the shops around the old town to encourage shoppers back to the area after all the upheaval of building works.
Three new group leaders stood up and gave us information on their newly formed activities.

Rosi Evans - reminded members that we have the DVD's of Costa Blanca for sale.

Also that after going on the web she discovered that we no longer get our 20% discount from AIG but it is still a good deal for car hire insurance.

Members were reminded that the January meeting is mainly for renewals not a conventional meeting and would members please ensure they have the correct money when paying.

Rosi handed over to Shirley King to present the Random Raffle prizes. Rosi asked members if they thought the raffle had been a good idea and would they like to have another, perhaps at Easter. She then thanked Sam for all his work in the selection of the winners.

Rosi said now the sad part when we had to say goodbye to Sally Wells and Pat Ainsley. They were each presented with a gift and flowers.

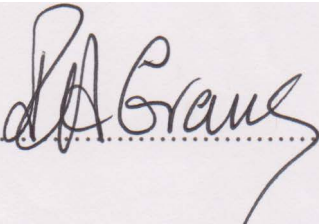
Rosi then introduced Michael Bulleid and asked all members who would not be staying for the talk to leave the hall now.

The talk was entitled Judges and Juries. Michael gave a very light hearted talk on the British Judicial system which was enjoyed immensely by the members, he then answered questions from the members.

A.O.B. NONE

The meeting closed at 1245

Next Meeting to be held in the Parador Hotel Javea on Wednesday 28 January 2009 at 11am

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