

# UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE : JAVEA

## MINUTES of the GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Parador Hotel on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 11.00

**PRESENT: President:** Rosi Evans  
**Treasurer:** Marie Smith      **Dep. Treasurer:** Mick Cox  
**Secretary:** Jeni Oldfield      **Dep. Secretary:** Sue Bentley  
**Groups Coordinator:** Elizabeth Collins  
**Dep. Gps. Coordinator:** Jean Miller  
**Membership Secretary:** Wilma Stevenson  
**Dep. Memb. Secretary:** Karen White  
**Webmaster:** Sam Wells

**Apologies: Vice President Shirley King**

The meeting opened at 11.00 with **Rosi** welcoming everyone after a long break. She read the minutes from November's meeting. These were proposed by Stan Miller and seconded by Michael Beaumont. Rosi said she would be standing down next month, having served over three years.

The accounts will be presented at the next meeting, the AGM.

Rosi was sad to announce the death of a long-standing member, Laurie Hall. She sent condolences to his widow, Janet and their family. Rosi will also take a posy to Janet and attend the funeral and present our sympathy. She announced to-day's speaker Peter Atkinson and also Christine Ord from Denia U3A.

Future speakers:

March: AGM. Possible speaker to be confirmed.

April: Lorraine Davies on graphology & physiognomy

May: Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir

June: Michael Bulleid, retired Barrister on curly hats & personal difficulties

Congratulations were expressed for the wedding of Pat Wykes and Eric Johnson, our first U3A nuptials.

We had raised 682€ for HELP from the sale of books and DVDs.

The Health Seminar, organised by Angela Chantry had been well attended.

Due to problems with serving coffee we have been given a discount off to-day's room hire of 100€

We have had a proposal to find alternative permanent premises for our meetings and this will be investigated.

We still have a variety of discounts which are in the Newsletter, plus a few new ones in the Newsletter and on the web, also 10% at Casa Blanca, on production of membership card.

As it wasn't known whether Jeni Oldfield would be at the November meeting for voting on her becoming secretary as she was in the process of moving house, flowers had not been provided for Pat Ainsley, the outgoing secretary, so to-day she was presented with a beautiful bouquet and many thanks for all her work for Javea U3A.

Rosi then handed over to Wilma Stevenson.

**Wilma** said that 75% of members came to renew in January, half those outstanding had paid to-day. Those remaining will be deleted. Total members now at 626 full and 278 Associate. All should now have a number on the back of membership cards. Those without to contact Wilma. She thanked all who helped January's meeting run so smoothly.

**Marie** has made substantial changes to the accounting system, mainly by computerising it with help from her husband, Sean. The account is now with La Caixa which offers a better service than CAM with 24 hour payment facility with full audit trail. She has designed and produced claim forms for expenses and travel reconciliation forms. The total available to-day is 17,534€ which includes all January fees and Associate fees.

**Elizabeth** said we now have 54 groups, new ones being Camera, Style & Fashion and Snooker 2. She thanked "Dr Bob" for his First Aid course and hoped he would run another in the future. To-day, with a table for the walking groups, we had started a new idea of having a different group each month demonstrating what they do.

She congratulated Ted Meux on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and Bob Denton, backgammon group leader on having a book published. Sadly, Cards for Pleasure Group. Leader Shirley has to be in the UK for a while as a family member has died.

Group Leaders now have their own webspace, helped by our webmaster, Sam, and Elizabeth encouraged members to look at the website.

We still need new leaders to come forward and a teacher is needed to teach bridge to absolute beginners, also for water colour beginners. Don Freeman has finally given this up and he was thanked with a box of wine and a posy for his wife, Jools who ran the gluten-free living group.

As she was not going to be here for the next meeting Elizabeth wished everyone a Happy Easter before introducing Karen.

**Karen** is now the overall Walk leader and she described the four different types now on offer, namely: Gentle (30-45 mins) for those with mobility

problems or unable for other reasons to walk far; Health - affectionately known as Walk & Talk (approx 1 hour + coffee & chat); Intermediate (2 hr) slightly more challenging; Al Knight's original group (4 hrs) hill walking. It's good fun and a way to get to know other members. Details can be found on the website.

**Christine Ord** from Denia U3A gave a short presentation promoting the visit (hopefully) of an Apollo astronaut, Charlie Duke, to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the moon landing in International Year of Astronomy. Corporate sponsorship is needed to raise the 16000€ necessary. She informed us of various activities that are due to take place to celebrate astronomy.

**Rosi** said the short stories written for the competition had been printed and were on sale for 5€, all monies going to the charity HELP. We then all sang Happy Birthday to Sally Wells.

Rosi introduced Peter Atkinson who gave an extremely interesting, informative and entertaining talk on his two cycle rides along the Pilgrim Routes to Santiago de Compostela. Everyone showed their appreciation with rousing applause. He was helped by Sam who worked the projector. Peter answered some questions from the floor.

There being no other business Rosi closed the meeting at 12.45.

The next meeting will be held in the Parador Hotel Javea on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00.

Signed .....  .....

Seconded .....  .....

**UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE: JAVEA**  
**MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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**PRESENT:** President: Rosi Evans                      Vice President: Shirley King  
Treasurer: Marie Smith                      Dep. Treasurer: Mick Cox  
Secretary: Jeni Oldfield                      Dep. Secretary: Sue Bentley  
Membership Secretary: Wilma Stevenson  
Dep. Membership Secretary: Karen White

**Apologies:** Groups Coordinator: Elizabeth Collins  
Dep. Groups Coordinator: Jean Miller  
Webmaster: Sam Wells

Rosi opened the meeting at 11.00 welcoming everyone to the AGM which would be followed by the usual monthly meeting. As the three year term for members of the committee had expired it was her turn to step down as President. Shirley King had been proposed so she went out while voting took place. This was carried with 2 abstentions. On her return to the hall she thanked everyone who'd voted for her and promised that she would prove worthy of our support. She then thanked the outgoing committee for all their hard work, also the spouses for their unstinting support. Due to Shirley's election as President the position of Vice President was now vacant. John Price had been nominated for this so he also went out while voting took place. He was voted in unanimously. He thanked everyone and said he was looking forward to working with the new committee.

Rosi continued with the accounts which had been started off by Bill Winterton, soon taken over by Lin Jones, assisted by Manny Kleyman. The accounts were proposed by Wendy Hiskey and seconded by Brenda Bates.

Rosi said all she wanted to say was in the President's Report in the Newsletter so did not read it out.

**AOB**

**Bob Grainger** thanked Rosi for all her hard work, saying we would all miss her. Everyone applauded in agreement.

**Brenda Bates** asked if the committee had considered what to do with the extra funds from Associate members. Rosi replied that with events like the Health Seminar, Christmas and Easter raffles we were trying to give back to the members. The new President, Shirley said she also was aware of this and would be discussing the situation with the committee.

**Piers Armstrong** asked if there was any possibility of a repeat May Ball. Rosi said that she and Angela Chantry had discussed this but because of it clashing with MABS have decided against this for this year.

**Brenda Bates** asked if new members could be asked to suggest new speakers for our meetings. If so, they should speak to Vice President, John Price.

There being no other business the AGM closed and Rosi welcomed everyone to our normal monthly meeting.

**Rosi** read the minutes of February's meeting which were proposed by Christine Cox and seconded by Margaret Staines. Rosi had received a thank you card from Laurie Hall for the flowers sent from the U3A. There is to be a dinner Dance on 24<sup>th</sup> April for Help for Heroes. She reiterated the need for signing in for fire regulations also that Associate members are not allowed to attend the monthly meetings due to lack of space. A further discount, now 20% is available on car insurance with Liberty. 1Car1 is now unfortunately in receivership despite excellent service to U3A members.

**Pat Robinson** gave a short talk on Music 4U, details in the Newsletter.

**Rosi** then said farewell to Lin Jones who has worked hard on many other events as well as the treasury. She was presented with a cheque and garden voucher- flowers weren't suitable as she was going away. She said she had enjoyed her time as treasurer, making many friends and wished the new committee well.

**Mike Frost** stood to bid farewell to Rosi as our President. He had known her since the Javea U3A started up over 4 years ago when he "interviewed" her for the role of Vice President. Since then they had worked together and become good friends; he hoped she wouldn't go far! They both thanked John in his supportive role and Rosi was presented with a bouquet to a standing ovation. Having wished the new committee well Rosi handed over to Marie.

**Marie** said to-day's cash was 8307€, 420€ having been paid to the Parador, 7652€ for the Extramadura trip and the 2 gifts presented to-day.


**Wilma** said we now have a total of 900 members, 604 full and 296 Associates. 18 members have been deleted this month. The Raffle had been drawn automatically by Sam Wells on the computer. There were 6 prizes beautifully packaged by Wilma with the help of Shirley and Marie. The winner was Ron Thomas. An associate member, Marion Kenworthy, had made the simnel cake in the first prize basket. An extra egg was available and everyone felt under their chair for the ticket which was won by Brenda Bates.

**Mike** then talked for 10 minutes about the Travel group.

Rosi concluded with Goodbye and may your god go with you.

The meeting ended at 12.15.

Next meeting to be held at the Parador Hotel Javea on 29<sup>th</sup> April

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

I would like to start by saying thank you to all of you that voted for me in as the new President of the U3A and if there was anybody that did not vote for me, I hope by the end of this year I will have proved worthy of your vote.

At this time it is also right to say thank you to the outgoing committee and particularly for those who work in "the back room" there is so much work that goes on behind the scenes by individuals which ensures the successful running of the U3A. We all know the faces of the U3A, Rosi as President, Angela as Membership Secretary and Mike Frost previously Vice President and Group Leader for the very successful Travel Group, but there are many others

Pat Ainsley who wrote the minutes for the Committee and General meetings issuing them promptly and professionally every month.

Sam our web master who silently sits away in the background beavering away on the pc making improvements and updating the website. We are very pleased to have Sam with us on the new committee. He also has many new ideas for improving the website further. Watch out for Sam our man.

Lin Jones who has spent four years of her life ensuring the finances are kept in order and, with the influx of new Associate Members wholeheartedly agrees with Marie our new Treasurer that the accounts now need to be computerised.

Joyce Pope who managed to issue the Newsletter without fail every month, which has become longer and longer as the organisation has grown.

Jackie Heaton who managed to get many successful groups up and running smoothly.

They are are just a few people who have worked tirelessly to make the U3A so well organised but that does not mean we do not owe all of the outgoing committee a big thank you for initiating the start of the U3A and developing the group to become, probably the most successful and largest U3A in the area.

The new committee is committed to working in the best interests of our members bringing forward new ideas and more importantly asking members what they want and would like to see in the future. Where financially sound and beneficial we will pursue and work with members on any such ideas and hopefully bring them to fruition.

As the new committee we promise to be open and honest with you at all times and ensure that all decisions taken will be fully considered and debated. Our members and their best interests are our priority today and in the future.

Before closing I would also like to say thank you to the partners of both the outgoing and incoming committees as often without their support we would be unable to volunteer to undertake this work. I would like to particularly thank John Evans, Don Chantry, Terry Jones, and Katrina Frost who have become over the years unofficial secretaries and gophers and from the new committee I would like to mention Sean Smith, Clive White, Tom Stevenson who have been working very hard behind the scenes assisting with the smooth transition of computer files from the old to the new committee and last but not least my husband Richard who has been incredibly supportive and understanding during the last few months.

## UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE: JAVEA

Minutes of the April monthly meeting

Venue: The Parador

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>President</b>	Shirley King
	<b>Vice President</b>	John Price
	<b>Treasurer</b>	Marie Smith
	<b>Deputy Treasurer</b>	Mick Cox
	<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Wilma Stevenson
	<b>Dep. Memb. Secretary</b>	Karen White
	<b>Dep. Secretary</b>	Sue Bentley
	<b>Groups Coordinator</b>	Elizabeth Collins
	<b>Dep. Groups Coordinator</b>	Jean Miller
	<b>Webmaster</b>	Sam Wells

**APOLOGIES:** Secretary: Jeni Oldfield

Shirley opened the meeting at 11.00am. She began by announcing the recent death of Don Chantry, and gave apologies that the obituary item had incorrectly mentioned Don's support of Chelsea football team, amending it to support for Arsenal. She then gave out more sad news regarding the death of Julia Phillips, a member of the U3A for the past year, and who had died in London on the previous Tuesday. A message of thanks had been received for the love and friendship given to Julia by the U3A.

Shirley then read out the minutes of the March AGM, followed by the minutes of the monthly meeting. These were proposed by Steve Collins and seconded by Michael Beaumont.

Shirley announced the items that had arisen at the recent Committee meeting:

1. The full minutes from monthly meetings would no longer be read out to members, but would be edited by Jeni Oldfield (Secretary), and published at the back of the monthly newsletter in a précis form. As required by the Statutes, these would be read out at the monthly meeting and questions taken from members concerning any matters arising.
2. As a result of the successful January monthly meeting, the format of the monthly meeting would vary to include more Open Meetings which Associate members could also access.

Other items announced were as follows:

3. Thanks were given to Mike and Katrina Frost for organising the very successful trip to Extramadura, and Sally Wells was thanked for providing accompanying notes.
4. The Calpe Biennial exhibition, which takes place from 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> May at the Casa de Cultura, was publicised, also the concert at La Albarda on 10<sup>th</sup> May.
5. Thanks were given to the members of the Poetry for Pleasure group for their information and display this month.
6. A reminder was given that a few copies of the DVD on the Marina Alta remained, at a cost of €10, half of which would be donated to charity.

Marie reported that the budget showed a potential profit of €1600 but that in order to release money from the retained earnings, the committee might adopt a policy to deliberately overspend. This would be done in a controlled manner in order to release monies for the



benefit of the members. The committee would involve the members on any decisions regarding this.

**Wilma** presented the membership figures. There are now 908 members, comprising 615 full members and 293 associate members. A new membership form is being drawn up stating that members' details are being kept on a database. Wilma emphasised that no members' addresses were kept on the database - only postcodes, telephone numbers and email addresses. These are used for administrative purposes by the Committee and Group Leaders and are not passed outside the U3A.

**Sam** announced that the web site was in the process of being revised, and should be running before the next monthly meeting. He encouraged members to take a look at the web site with its additional information. Sam also asked members to let him know if they encountered any problems receiving the monthly Newsletter.

**Elizabeth** made the following announcements regarding Groups:

1. Members were encouraged to look at the Poetry for Pleasure table before the end of the meeting.
2. She highlighted the "What's New" section on the web site, and in the foyer, which would give current details of cultural and fiesta activities taking place in Javea.
3. Tony Hancock will teach Spanish to those confused about English Grammar. Details will appear in the newsletter. Classes will probably take place in the Social Centre, will continue throughout the summer, and people will be able to opt in and out as convenient.

Heidi Hancock will run another Spanish for Beginners class later in the year.

Rosa Mansell will take Conversation classes later in the year. This will be a class for those with some knowledge of Spanish.

4. Peter Jenner has offered to coordinate Tennis playing groups at L'Ancora. These are not tuition groups, but are open to players of all standards, other than beginners.
5. It is intended that the June monthly meeting is an Open meeting. All Groups will be represented, and the meeting will be open to Associate members.
6. Alan Oliver's final Science of the Earth lecture was publicised. It will take place at 10.00am on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> May at the Casa de Cultura, Javea. The subject will be "Climate Change".
7. Yvonne Sinclair is looking for more members for the Patchwork group.
8. The Sailing group have planned a trip in early May. Anyone interested should speak to Gordon Edwards, or see the information board in the foyer.
9. It was hoped to find more venues – particularly those with WIFI, since many groups required such access. The problem of group clashes was regarded as inevitable given the increasing number of groups
10. Thanks were given to Vivienne Oxley-Brown for helping out with the DVD table today.

**Bobby Ogden** announced that her Gentle Aerobics class, held on a Wednesday, still had spaces for more people to join. She stated that there was some flexibility on times and days at the venue used.

**Shirley: AOB**

In response to a member's question, Shirley gave information on the MABS ball – to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> June. Lin Jones announced to members that she was selling tickets.

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**Shirley:** introduced the speaker, Lorraine Davies. Following her presentation on Physiognomy, the art of face reading, there was question time. Shirley gave thanks, and the meeting concluded shortly before 12.30pm.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 11.00am at the Parador, Javea.

Signed.....SMK.....

Seconded.....EM Collins.....

## Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad: Javea

Minutes of the monthly meeting at the Parador Javea

Held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>President:</b>	Shirley King
	<b>Treasurer</b>	Marie Smith
	<b>Deputy Treasurer</b>	Mick Cox
	<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Wilma Stevenson
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	<b>Secretary</b>	Jeni Oldfield
	<b>Groups Coordinator</b>	Elizabeth Collins
	<b>Deputy Groups Coordinator</b>	Jean Miller

<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	<b>Webmaster</b>	Sam Wells
	<b>Deputy Secretary</b>	Sue Bentley

The meeting began at 11.00 with a welcome from the President. Because the Minutes are now being published with the Newsletter it was not necessary to read them out. Shirley asked if everyone had read them and whether they were deemed to be correct. No-one disagreed and the Minutes were proposed by Jean Miller and seconded by John Charles.

Shirley said that John Price had resigned from the position of Vice President to concentrate on the Travel Group. Shirley said this was a chance to restructure the Committee and if this took place we would need to call an extraordinary General Meeting in September. It was asked by a member in what way it was planned to be restructured. Shirley said that it was to enable more support for group control as it was becoming a full time job for the Groups Coordinator and it was hoped that we would be able to enlist more people to help with the administration. There is to be a meeting next week with other U3As in the area to see what common ground exists and how each can help another. This meeting will be reported on at the next meeting.

Shirley announced there is to be an Autumn Ball in October which Angela Chantry has agreed to help organise with Wilma Stevenson and Karen White.

The Travel Group will organise another Dinner Dance and Christmas Lunch.

The members were asked if they had any charity which they felt would be a worthy cause for us to support in 2009.

In September our webmaster, Sam Wells, will present our new web-site.

The Lifestyle Exhibition in Alicante will be at a reduced cost for U3A members next week-end, being 4€ instead of 7€ on production of the U3A card.

**Marie** said that to-day's balance stood at 14292.42€ At the end of April we were better off by 245.31 than our planned budget but there were items still to be presented.

**Wilma** informed the meeting that we have 925 members in total plus 16 new to-day, being Associate members becoming full members making 940. Wilma has been gathering information on members who attend group activities for statistical purposes only Some members do not have emails but those who have should be sure to inform Wilma of any changes of details, whether address, telephone number or email.

**Elizabeth** said that from June the Group Coordinating team would also include Karen White and Jenny Wessendorff who will be helping Elizabeth and Jean. After Monday's Group Leaders' Meeting there are new things on the website. Elizabeth exhorted everyone to have a look at it; there are several new changes.

New groups starting up are: Spanish for Beginners, Spanish conversation, English Grammar and Ipod/Itune.

The June Parador meeting will be an Open Meeting. The Wine tasting group will have samples for all to try, the Foodies Group will also have samples of their wares. The Craft group will have cards for sale as well as giving a demonstration of their work. The Art Group will have some of their work on display and will give demonstrations of techniques. Gentle Aerobics hope to give a display Science of the Earth would like to give more lectures on a variety of subjects. If anyone has any ideas would they please contact Elizabeth.

A new concept of group is due to start in September, a cine club run by John Chun. Requests have been made for basic fishing and camping groups.

Everyone was reminded of the suggestion box where members could register their thoughts on new groups. New Group Leaders are always welcome.

Next Friday the Debating group are discussing: Are women programmed to be subservient to men?

**Shirley** asked anyone who may be interested in being involved in U3A work, not necessarily on the Committee, to please contact her.

**This part of the meeting ended at 11.25** and room was made for to-day's guests, The Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir.

The choir performed for over half an hour and treated the members to an encore. They were very well received.

The next meeting will be an Open Meeting here at the Parador on Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup> at 11.00

Proposed. SMK ..... Seconded. S.R. Oulley .....

Our June meeting was held as an

"Open Meeting"

with groups advertising their  
activities therefore there were  
no official minutes taken.

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## Asociación de la Tercera Edad de Javea U3A

### Members' Meeting 30th September held at the Parador Javea

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>President:</b>	<b>Shirley King</b>
	<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Marie Smith</b>
	<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Jeni Oldfield</b>
	<b>Groups Coordinator</b>	<b>Elizabeth Collins</b>
	<b>Membership Secretary:</b>	<b>Wilma Stevenson</b>

**Shirley** opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and hoping all had enjoyed a good summer. She apologised on behalf of Sam Wells for not being able to present his talk-help on the website as there was a problem with the computer but thanked Brenda Bates for stepping in at the last minute to talk about her time in Kenya the life of Joy Adamson.

Following the resignation of our Vice-President earlier this year, Paul Wessendorff had offered to stand and as no-one else had come forward he will fill the post until the AGM, according to the Statutes. Shirley welcomed Paul to the Committee and he talked to the members a little about himself.

Shirley congratulated our petanque team for winning the tournament against Moraira U3A and presented them with the trophy. As the team had all come to the meeting they had their photograph taken by Tom Miller.

Shirley said that it had been decided to support two charities this year, 2009/10. We will buy much needed furniture for the Alzheimers Society in Javea and the Xabia Bella home for mentally handicapped will receive games and Christmas gifts.

Our speaker next month will be Michael Bulleid, a retired barrister whose previous talk had been much enjoyed by all.

Piera King announced that she was giving a talk the next day on dealing with difficult people.

Shirley said that Marie was resigning at the end of the year and thanked Marie and Elizabeth for all their hard work on the Committee and asked members to come forward if they felt able to fill these posts..

**Marie** declared that funds to-day stood at 13961.52€ The planned expenditure was 581€ over budget but she considered this to be negligible.

Ball tickets, price 35€ are now available through three people.

**Wilma** had been overwhelmed with new members to-day as 40 people had joined bringing our membership 998.

Wilma said that the committee had been discussing Associate members and it had been agreed that they would have a meeting solely for them. This will be by invitation to determine the number wishing to attend and will be held in the Social Centre in November. If members have any suggestions about how to overcome the problem of finding a larger venue they can use the suggestion box at the next meeting.

**Sam** apologised for the malfunctioning computer which meant he could not give his talk and also for printing the wrong start time of the meeting in the Newsletter.

**Elizabeth** thanked all the Group Leaders for their hard work in presenting their groups at the June Open Meeting. Tom Miller had taken photos of this event and they were to be put on the Web.

Elizabeth then announced that she was resigning from her post as groups Coordinator as she was going to be away from Javea quite a bit in the near future and she needed time to do other things. She hoped someone would come forward to take on this fulfilling role on the new groups team. Anyone interested should contact her or Shirley. On the website there are links to all groups and what's on in Javea. The contact list gives all information and the calendar is updated each month. If anyone has any problem using the web they should get in touch with Sam, IT Partners or committee members..

There are some new group leaders namely Alice Davies, Malcolm Neill, Tom Miller and Neill Freeman all starting up new groups. Some have had to close such as Pat Robinson's Music 4 U as no-one had come forward to take her place. Elizabeth thanked Mike Frost and John Evans for running their groups over a long period and they were all presented with a thank you gift of wine. John Othick had said there is room for more members in the Poetry for Pleasure group and Piera has room for more in her Meditation group. Tom Stevenson needs people to come forward for his new venture of building a computer.

Heidi is starting another Spanish conversation group and Alan Ewins is starting one on learning about ipods.

In the new lecture series the first is to be on Art Appreciation given by Mr Ceda.

Next month the Foodies Group will provide some goodies for us to sample.

There is now a box for collecting used postage stamps. These will be collected by the Royal Legion to help the RBL Benevolent Fund. There is always the suggestion box on the table too.

**Shirley** then handed over to the four speakers for to-day. First was **Nina Davis** who talked about her initiative with selling jute bags in order to try to make Javea the first town in Spain to be plastic-bag free. The bags were on sale at to-day's meeting.

**Alan Ewins** introduced his new course for beginners learning how to use ipods.


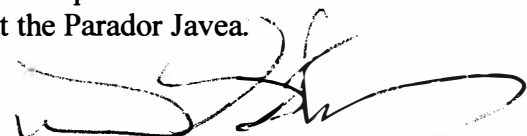
**Angela Chantry** talked about a new project – Care and Share for helping bereaved members in various practical ways such as transport, Spanish interpretation and small maintenance tasks.

**Shirley** thanked all the people involved in setting up this new venture.

**Brenda Bates** had cancelled another meeting to come and talk to us at very short notice about her life in Kenya and that of Joy Adamson. It was a very interesting talk and several people bought paintings and cards afterwards.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 12.30pm

The next meeting will be at 11.00 on October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Parador Javea.

Signed:  ..... Seconded:  .....

## UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE: JAVEA

Minutes of the October monthly meeting

Venue: The Parador

Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>President</b>	Shirley King
	<b>Vice President (acting)</b>	Paul Wessendorff
	<b>Treasurer</b>	Marie Smith
	<b>Deputy Treasurer</b>	Mick Cox
	<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Wilma Stevenson
	<b>Dep. Memb. Secretary</b>	Karen White
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	<b>Groups Coordinator</b>	Elizabeth Collins
	<b>Dep. Groups Coordinator</b>	Jean Miller
	<b>Webmaster</b>	Sam Wells

**APOLOGIES:** Secretary: Jeni Oldfield

**Shirley** opened the meeting at 11.07am and welcomed members. She thanked Clive and Karen White for putting together the *booklet on Health Walks*, which can be bought for €5, with profits going to charity. Shirley also thanked Barbara Craven and her helpers from the *Foodies group* for providing taster samples to members today. She announced *today's speaker*, Michael Bulleid, a previous speaker, who had been very entertaining. On the subject of *speakers*, Shirley said she wanted to have a moan at the large numbers of members who had left, and often noisily, before last month's speaker began her talk. She reminded members that the meeting lasted one and a half hours, and anyone who had to leave early, should sit at the back and slip out quietly before the speaker began at 12pm.

Shirley re-iterated the problem of *current Committee vacancies*, saying no-one had come forward to replace Elizabeth as *Groups' Co-ordinator* – a key role now that we had 60 groups operating. Shirley pointed out that the role had now been subdivided to make things more manageable, and anyone interested should speak to Elizabeth for more information. She noted, that despite a membership of over 1000, there were still many who failed to contribute to the Association. There were 50 Group Leaders and 11 Committee members, with some individuals carrying out more than one role. She appealed to members to contribute, saying that Elizabeth, for personal reasons, will be standing down at the end of November.

The *minutes of the last Parador meeting* were proposed by Jean Miller, and seconded by Joanne O'Keefe.

**Paul** mentioned 2 main items:-

1. The *committee structure*, which needs to be re-drafted, will be finalised over the next few weeks, and proposals for a final version will be on display at the January meeting, and will be presented at the AGM for ratification.
2. A first re-draft of the *Statutes* has been undertaken. The purpose is to reflect what goes on in the U3A currently, and to ensure that any changes made are in compliance with the law in Spain. A finalised draft should be available for display in January, and will be presented at the AGM for ratification.

Paul noted that the *Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir* will be occupying the "speaker slot" at the November meeting, followed by some fun things with a Christmas theme.

**Shirley** thanked Paul for holding the reins over the past few weeks.



**Marie** noted there was *an available balance of funds* of €14,165.29. At the end of September, there was an overspend of €525, as per the previous month. However, our income against that planned, had shot up because of the increase in membership. (The original plan had been based on a membership of around 6/700 members). Thus, at the end of September, there was a profit of approximately €4000, although some will be called on this month.

Marie also reminded members of the *February Ball*, saying that because of fewer meetings coming up, and the fact that tickets will be made available to other local U3As in due course, it was not too early for members to be thinking about it.

**Wilma** reported that 19 *new members* had come along to join today. Our *total membership* was now 1022, comprising 727 Full members and 295 Associate members. A meeting for Associates will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> November. Some Committee members and Group leaders will be present. Wilma estimated that it currently takes about 2 years for an Associate member to become a Full member. She noted that the discussions on the *possibility of capping membership* will be taking place, and presented at the November meeting at the Parador on 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**Elizabeth** made the following points:-

1. The *Tuesday lectures* got off to a very interesting start with the talk by Ceda Panajotovic on the History of Art. There is plenty of space available for more people to attend. Next month Christine Ord will give an introduction to the Solar System.
2. Gill Birch now feels able to resume the *Discussion Group*. The next meeting is on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00pm. The group will discuss the difference between intelligence and wisdom.
3. Bobby Ogden has reported small numbers in the *Gentle Aerobics* classes. More members are needed, so please contact her if interested.
4. Details of all activities are on the website. Venues may need to be checked following the closing down of the Artisan bar, on the Arenal.
5. Please note that the correct date for the next *Quiz Night* should read Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November.
6. There is a need for a doctor or trained First Aider to give *sessions on First Aid* now Dr Bob is no longer available.
7. Thanks were given to the *Foodies group* – Barbara and her group had been very generous in providing “nibbles” and information.
8. Members were reminded of the existence of the *Suggestion Box* eg. any views on capping membership numbers would be very welcome.
9. Two people had offered their help to the *Group Co-ordination team*. They were Krystyna Stefanczyk and Jenny Wessendorff. Roles were to be decided but it seemed likely that Jenny would help out on the admin side and both would help with the organisation of the Open Meetings. Someone was still needed for the Group Co-ordinator role.

**Sam** reported that the website was almost completely up to date, and now included the photos that had been taken at the June Open Meeting. He said he was in the process of writing a Guide to the website and this will be sent out to all members over the next 2/3 weeks. He reminded members that there was an email address on the website that was for Suggestions from members. This address goes directly to Shirley.

**Shirley** thanked Sam for all his work concerning the website and a presentation gift of wine was made to him. Tom Miller was also thanked for taking photos of Committee members last month. These were displayed on the Notice board in the foyer outside.

Shirley then introduced the speaker, Michael Bulleid, who talked about the language used in the court room, and gave an explanation of sentencing and the terms used. Shirley thanked him for a very interesting talk.

Finally, members were asked to submit their views concerning the capping of membership numbers.

The meeting closed at 12.15 pm.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 11.00am at the Parador, Javea.

Proposed by:

Seconded by:

Tom Miller

Elizabeth Collins

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## UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE: JAVEA

Minutes of the November meeting  
Venue: Parador, Javea  
Wednesday November 25<sup>th</sup> 2009

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>President:</b>	Shirley King
	<b>Vice President:</b>	Paul Wessendorff
	<b>Secretary:</b>	Jeni Oldfield
	<b>Treasurer:</b>	Marie Smith
	<b>Groups Coordinator:</b>	Elizabeth Collins
	<b>Membership Secretary:</b>	Wilma Stevenson

**Shirley** opened the meeting at 11.05 by asking for a vote of acceptance of last month's minutes. This was proposed by Geoff Milnes and Seconded by Margaret Staines. Shirley then welcomed all the members who this month included Associate members so she asked everyone to turn and say hello to their neighbour.

She thanked Marie and Elizabeth as they retired from the committee, for all their hard work – in fact Elizabeth's role is to be replaced by four people! No-one has yet come forward to take on the role of Group Coordinator, even though it is now more manageable. Shirley asked that if anyone was interested in this role to please come forward and speak to Shirley or Elizabeth.

Shirley also thanked our new Vice-President, Paul, for his wonderful support since taking up his post as V-P, despite his recent hip operation.

Another thank you went to Fabio Bezaori for making his beautiful DVDs of the Costa Blanca and raising over 440€ by selling them and donating the profits to charity.

To-day's raffle, put together by the members of the committee, is hoped to raise about 300€ towards buying Christmas presents for the residents of Xabia Bella.

Last month questions were asked about capping of membership and after discussion the committee voted not to cap. Associate membership will be phased out over the next few months so that current associate members will all become full members.

Suggestions from the box had included that some members do not like being "talked at" at the monthly meetings. The idea of having refreshments provided in the room were deemed, though a nice idea, to be wholly impractical. More Open Meetings were requested but this puts too much work on the Group Leaders.

**Barbara Cottam-Craven** read out a delightful poem which she had penned about the U3A which was well received.

**Paul** commented on the restructure of the committee and the redrafted statutes. These need to be gone through with the gestor to check that all is in order. These will be available for all to peruse at January's open meeting.

Two new discounts have been made available to U3A members:

Nick the Butcher is offering 10% discount, excepting special offers

Craig Longstaff, window cleaner in Moraira is offering 20% discount

**Marie** announced that we have 12 758.44€ cash available to-day.

Tickets for the Ball in February are not selling as fast as had been hoped. Other U3As have been invited as well as any friends and family. The profits will go to the Alzheimers Society which badly needs special furniture.

The Income Statement and Balance Sheet will be presented at the AGM.

**Wilma** said that 13 new people had joined to-day and the total membership is now 1040.

The Associates meeting had gone really well with many positive comments. Almost 50 attended as well as 13 Group Leaders whom Wilma thanked for giving up their time to attend.

She reminded everyone that subscription renewal will take place at January's meeting.

**Sam** said that the Introductory Guide to the web site had been sent out and there are lots of interesting things on it, at which many members nodded their agreement.

**Elizabeth** announced that several people had shown an interest in Tai Chi but a leader needs to come forward!

A request had come from John Chun for anyone on Christmas Island at the time of Operation Grapple to contact him.

Two Group Leaders are retiring this month: Steve Collins is handing leadership of the snooker group to Larry Sherington and Piera King is ending five years of good, helpful work in her meditation and personal well-being group. Steve was given a box of chocolates and Piera chocolates and cava.

Elizabeth is going to buy presents for people at Xabia Bella, people who have no-one to give them anything. Some committee members will go along with Elizabeth and Tom Miller will take photos.

Karen was presented with reindeer ear-muffs to wear when she leads her walks in the cold weather!

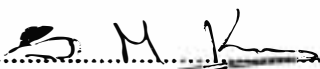
Several suggestions were made as to how individuals could raise money for Xabia Bella and Shirley asked for volunteers. Quite a few names were taken.

**The Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir** sang a variety of songs including a solo of Tit willow by our own Fred Crowson.

As a penultimate item, a special appearance of The Christmas Follies, aka members of the committee, entertained us with a song and dance rendition of Feliz Navidad, wearing dazzling tinsel, baubly ear-rings and fetching reindeer head bands. After thunderous applause they moved among the members distributing trays of sherry and mince pies.

The meeting ended with **Brenda Bates** offering thanks to the committee for all their hard work.

Next meeting: January 24th 2010

Signed  .....

Seconded  .....