

# **Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea**

## **Minutes of General Meeting held on 29th February 2012**

### **COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

<b>President</b>	Paul Wessendorff
<b>Vice President</b>	Peter Allin
<b>Secretary</b>	Tom Stevenson
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Wilma Stevenson
<b>Groups Coordinator</b>	John Bellinger-Smith
<b>Communications Officer</b>	Carol Pilgram

### **LOCATION:**

Parador Hotel, Jávea

The meeting commenced at 11:06

### **President's Report**

#### Welcome

Paul welcomed everybody to the meeting.

#### Previous Minutes

There were no minutes to be approved from the November meeting as this was the Christmas Extravaganza.

#### Apologies

Paul noted that Mick Cox had submitted his apologies for this meeting. Paul would speak to the Treasurer's Report later in the meeting.

#### AGM

Paul outlined the procedures to be followed for the AGM, including voting. The result of the voting will be announced at the AGM. The final opportunity to vote will be immediately prior to the AGM itself.

Paul advised that the following committee members are standing for re-election – Tom Stevenson, Mick Cox, John Bellinger-Smith and Carol Pilgram. Paul advised he is standing down due to personal commitments and Peter Allin has agreed to step up to the position of President. This means there will be a vacancy for the role of Vice-president and Paul invited members to stand for this position. Wilma Stevenson will be standing down as Membership Secretary, having completed 3 years on the committee. Paul thanked Wilma for all the work she has put in on behalf of the U3A over these years. Howard Parker has come forward to stand for the role of Membership Secretary, having previously held a similar role for a caravan group in the UK.

## Social Events

30<sup>th</sup> March – Tea Dance  
18<sup>th</sup> May – May Ball at El Canor  
June – Garden Party  
Late September/early October – Hog Roast  
November – Barn Dance

Paul encouraged members to check the website and read the newsletter for the latest details on these events.

## Charity Events

Our nominated charity this year is Cancer Care Jávea (CCJ), and Paul advised that members of the charity were present today. CCJ have organised several general charity events which members are encouraged to support:

- 11<sup>th</sup> March – Fashion Show
- 18<sup>th</sup> March – Charity Walk

Paul advised that members can also bring items for donation to CCJ to the Parador meetings in April, June and October. Again, please check the website/newsletter for latest details on charity events.

## **Vice President's Report**

### Update on Discounts List Review

The review is now complete and full details are available on the website. Peter encouraged members to support these companies that offer our members a discount, and report appropriate star ratings when they use the companies.

### Update on Speaker Programme

Programme of speakers for 2012 is now complete, with abogados White and Baos and our own member Chris Duffin added to the programme.

### Travel Team

Peter expressed thanks to the Travel Team on behalf of all who attended the really good trip to Xativa. This was a well-organised and enjoyable trip, and our thanks go to the travel organisers who ran it.

## **Treasurer's Report**

This report was given by Paul as Mick was not present. Our bank balance is currently around 30,500 Euros, adding in today's income from fees for new members and renewals takes this to around 32,000 Euros. Planned expenditure for 2012 will reduce this to the region of 20-25,000 Euros. The Committee feels this is too high a balance for our organisation to hold. Although our running costs have remained fairly static over the last few years, our

membership has doubled, with a consequent increase in income. The following steps are proposed to reduce the level of funds retained:

- **Subscription rate for 2013 to be reduced to 5 Euros per member.** This action should result in a reduction in the balance of held funds at the end of 2013 to around €17,000/€18,000. Should a second year of subscriptions be held during 2014 at the reduced rate of 5 Euros per member, it is assessed that the balance at the end of 2014 would be of the order €12,000/€13,000. The final objective is to retain a balance at year-end of around €12,000 year on year, the equivalent of one year's subscriptions. Paul further emphasised that this reduced level of subscription could not be maintained at that level for a prolonged period as the income of the Association would not be sufficient to meet its expenditure. He stressed that the action proposed would create a deficit in the accounts for the years 2013 and 2014, and that the Committee would need to review subscription rates again at the end of 2013 and 2014, and may possibly raise them to a level to match income with expenditure over the years ahead.
- **Increase funding for Group activities.** Group leaders had already been asked to identify their requirements for the coming year, and the Committee were now prepared to look sympathetically at meeting other group activity expenses such as software for conducting their activities, and meeting some accommodation costs.
- **Provide some central funding for Social Events.** This should reduce the costs for those attending these events to the overall benefit of the membership.

It is anticipated that these steps will reduce level of funds held. Paul invited questions from the members on the proposed steps; none were raised.

### **Membership Secretary Report**

Wilma advised that there were 40 new members this month and 46 renewals, bringing the total membership up to 1300. However 200 members have still to renew for 2012. Wilma advised she will send a list of deleted members to Group Leaders, to check no active Group members have forgotten to renew. Howard Parker, prospective Membership Secretary, helped this morning and Wilma noted that all members are invited to assist in some respect at the Parador meetings. Please contact Wilma.

### **Communications Officer's Report**

Carol advised the members that:

- Our Publicity Officer Tom Miller is actively seeking contacts with local press, with a view to widening the scope of U3A news publication.
- The new members' Welcoming team is now 29 strong. As a result, Carol is able to put additional volunteers on duty each month. The feedback from new members has been extremely positive.
- Peter Atkinson (Group Leader of the History Group), is seeking contact with any U3A members who have, or will be, Olympians.
- Our website now has lots of information on it. There are pages dedicated to local charities, please look at them.

### **Group Coordinator's Report**

John reported:

- An omission from the Travel newsletter. There is a Cultural Arts trip organised to Orihuela on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, cost only 10 Euros.

- Two new groups are starting up, social tennis and Pilates (in the old town).
- He re-iterated that the website is kept fully up-to-date and is the best source of information on all activity groups.
- More Travel Organisers are sought; members are encouraged to come forward and help.
- John thanked the many Group Leaders for supporting the U3A with their activities.

## **AOB**

Pat Robinson – the DVD table needs donations of more boxed DVDs to increase stock.

Gillian Breen – has some Seville oranges available.

The Parador is running a special menu at 20,11 Euros (set in the year 2011).

Tom Miller – note that the Fire Exits from this room are those around the room, and not back out through the hotel.

Brenda Bates – we should give our excess funds to charity. Paul responded that Jávea U3A is not a charity organisation; however we do support many charitable events. John Bellinger-Smith emphasised the contribution we already make to charity.

Cheda Panajotovic – The next Tuesday Lecture was omitted from the Newsletter; Angela Chantry will present on The Knights Templar.

## **Speakers**

Peter introduced Terry Saville, Treasurer of Cancer Care Jávea(CCJ) who then gave some background on the work and objectives of CCJ, and how funds are raised to support their activities. Terry also talked about the large financial commitment made for the provision and maintenance of a sequencer machine located at Dénia Hospital, which will enable better diagnosis and treatment of various types of cancer. This machine operates under the auspices of ECMOR, a joint activity with the University of Valencia.

Peter introduced Lindsay Johnson who gave a detailed and knowledgeable presentation entitled “Ten Things You May Not Know About Cancer”

Both presentations were very informative and well-presented.

Peter thanked the speakers and wished them well in their work.

Paul closed the meeting, echoing Peter's thanks to the speakers and also thanking members for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 12.42 pm.

Proposed by (name) GE DOBSON

Signed [Signature]

Seconded by (name) J WHITE

Signed [Signature]

Signed [Signature]  
**President**  
**Jávea U3A**

Signed [Signature]  
**Secretary**  
**Jávea U3A**

# **Asociación Social de le Tercera Edad de Jávea**

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**Held on March 28<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the Parador de Jávea**

**PRESENT:** President: Paul Wessendorff  
Vice President: Peter Allin  
Treasurer: Michael Cox  
Secretary: Tom Stevenson  
Membership Secretary: Wilma Stevenson  
Communications Officer: Carol Pilgram  
Deputy Groups Coordinator Jenny Wessendorff

**APOLOGIES:** Groups Coordinator: John Bellinger-Smith

Paul opened the meeting at 11:07 by welcoming all attendees, especially new members. He explained that by law this is the one meeting the Asociación must have each year. Paul advised that John Bellinger-Smith, Groups Coordinator had intimated his apologies for this meeting and the Deputy Groups Coordinator, Jenny Wessendorff, would be standing in for John.

The minutes of the previous meeting had already been circulated and there being no points arising these were proposed by G Dobson and seconded by J White.

The meeting heard reports from the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Membership Secretary, the Communications Officer and the Groups Coordinator (presented by the Deputy Groups Coordinator). The President then gave his End of Year report, a copy of which is with these minutes. No questions were raised on any of these reports by the membership present.

Paul noted that Wilma Stevenson, Membership Secretary was stepping down today. He thanked Wilma for three and a half years service and all her hard work and dedication. Paul presented Wilma with a voucher for Menu Del Noche for two as a token of the Asociación's appreciation.

Paul then announced the results of the voting for committee positions (see attached voting table).

- President - Peter Allin
- Secretary – Tom Stevenson
- Treasurer – Michael Cox
- Groups Coordinator – John Bellinger-Smith
- Membership Secretary – Howard Parker
- Communications Officer – Carol Pilgram

The accounts for 2011 were approved.

The proposal to reduce the subscription rate for year 2013 to €5 and to review at the 2013 AGM was approved.

Paul and Wilma stepped down and the new committee took office.

Peter welcomed the new committee to their positions. He thanked Paul for delivering a fantastic and very professional job as President. The outgoing President would normally receive a gift as thanks from the membership, but Paul has asked that the monetary value of the gift be given to our nominated charity, Cancer Care Jávea. This met the approval of the members present.

Peter then outlined his objectives for the year.

- Reduction in subscriptions - monitor impact and review in 2013. Keep in mind that once the surplus of funds is worked off then subscriptions will require to increase again.
- Increased Central Funding - find a balance between funding of groups and retaining an adequate bank balance
- Social Events - a number of non-profit events are scheduled. Fund raising for Cancer Care Jávea to continue, but note that we are not a charity support organisation.
- Website Development - to continue to develop to meet our changing needs. Now moving on to agreeing working procedures.
- Welcoming Team - a lot of hard work put in on this by Carol. To continue, to extend and to improve as appropriate. Peter also took this opportunity to thank all those who have volunteered to help in this area, and noted more volunteers would be welcome.
- Publicity - work to continue to ensure the local community is knowledgeable about U3A events and activities

Peter thanked the membership for placing their trust in him and vowed to give members his full attention. The committee would gratefully appreciate any feedback on how the Asociación should be run. No questions were raised to the new committee by members.

Peter then introduced Any Other Business by advising that a successor was sought for the position of Vice President and he was pleased to advise that Ron Hughes has come forward. Ron will be invited to join the committee.

The next General meeting will be a Donation Day for Cancer Care Jávea and members are encouraged to bring along donations. Peter asked that larger items be taken directly to the shop.

There are nine tickets left for the May Ball and attendance is now open to friends of members.

There are six tickets left for the Tea Dance.

The meeting was formally closed by Peter at 11:57.

Proposed .....

Seconded .....

MALCOLM NEILL

SAM WELLS



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 28 MARCH 2012

### PRESIDENT'S END OF YEAR ADDRESS

Well, sadly this is my last address to you as President. It seems such a short time since I was telling you all 12 months ago, what I, as President, and the Committee were going to do over the coming year!! Well, as I was browsing through some of the possible excuses, I realised that in fact it wasn't quite as bad as at first it seemed!

**A Review of Subscription Rates.** In fact, we have undertaken two reviews subscription rates over the year, and have now recommended a reduction in subscriptions for 2013 to 5 Euros per member. This is to be reviewed again at the end of 2013 or early 2014. The aim over the next 2 years is to establish a working balance in the accounts of around 12,000/13,000 Euros, and then to establish a subscription rate that will maintain that level of balance and yet meet the annual forecast of expenditure year on year over the years ahead.

**Increased Central Funding.** We promised last year to increase the level of central funding for our events and group activities. We are now purchasing additional equipment for the Association and for our groups to use. We are funding additional support needed for some groups to conduct their activities. We have already planned to increase funding for our social events, which will reduce the overall costs of those events, and for those that relate to charity fund raising, this will have the effect of further increasing the level of funds raised by this means.

**A New Members Welcoming Team.** Our Communications Officer, Carol, has really taken this task to heart. Over the past year she has set up and run a team of volunteers that have come forward at each of our monthly meetings to meet new members as and when they sign on to advise them on how to join our various group activities. This is proving to be very popular, and judging by the numbers of new members that are now participating in our various groups very soon after joining, is also proving to be very successful. I am sure that this team will be well used over the coming year and beyond.

**Social Events.** We forecast, and subsequently ran an ambitious social events programme for 2011 – we had an extremely successful May Ball at El Canor, a hog roast charity fund raising evening which raised in itself nearly 1000 Euros for our charity last year, and a very successful barn dance in November, to name but a few. Our thanks go predominantly to



Peter and Pauline Speer who constantly and consistently do so much to set up, organise, and then to run these events. My personal thanks go to them both, and to the hard-working team that support them. Thank you all so very much for all you do on our behalf!

**Sponsored Charity.** Through our fund-raising efforts, and primarily due to the fantastic support that you all as members gave to this cause, we managed to raise a total sum over the year amounting to some **3,248 Euros** in aid of Caritas. This was in addition to the huge supply of food stuffs that was so willingly provided and given over the year by you all. We received in January a letter from Caritas thanking us for all the financial and other support we have provided over last year, and this letter can now be viewed on the website.

**Change of Bank.** We said last year that we were arranging to change our bank facilities from our previous bankers, La Caixa, to Barclays of Jávea. This was aimed at reducing the amount of bank charges we were incurring in conducting our day to day banking activities. This also enabled us to establish a system for the payment of subscriptions and other charges by on-line direct transfer bank to bank. This is proving to be very popular with more and more members taking advantage of the on-line banking transfer facilities now available.

**Web Site Development.** We promised a new website, running on a new web domain, and thanks to our web team Sam Wells, Clive White, and John Wild, this has been achieved. We now have a fabulous website available to us, and an immense amount of work is constantly done by the web team to update and maintain this facility. My thanks to you all for what you have done and achieved for us over the last year, the results of which you can be very proud.

**And finally,** I think that we can say that as a Committee, we can look back on a fairly successful year for the U3A. I must emphasise that this is primarily due to the hard work and dedication of the team we have had on watch. The commitment and constant support I have been so lucky to have had from all committee members, have made my task that much easier to perform. This has been constantly backed-up by the same dedication and commitment from the non-executive members of the committee. Without the support and assistance we have had from our non-exec members, we would have found it very difficult to run what is now a large, busy, and flourishing association. My grateful thanks and appreciation goes to all involved.

But it doesn't stop with the committee. Our functions revolve around our group activities, and again the large effort put in by our group leaders has been paramount in our continued enjoyment of so many interesting and diverse activities. Again, thank you all so much for the continued support you have ALL provided over a long period of time.

And finally, the support we have had from the membership has been equally amazing. Whenever help is needed, there are immediately those around you who are only too pleased to help and contribute in so many different ways. This help and assistance, so willingly given, makes our Association what it is today. A fabulous association of people actively involved in so many worthwhile activities, who offer the companionship and the friendship to those around them that is so evident for all to see today. It has been a privilege to have been involved in helping to run such an association, and as I hand over to my successor, I wish one and all, good fortune, and all success for the future.

**VOTES CAST**

Total entitled to Vote **1090**

Votes Received **316 (29%)**

SECTION A	Committee
President	Peter Allin
Secretary	Tom Stevenson
Treasurer	Michael Cox
Groups Coordinator	John Bellinger-Smith
Membership Secretary	Howard Parker
Communications Officer	Carol Pilgram

Yes	No	Abstain	% Yes	% No
309	0	7	97.8%	0.0%
307	0	9	97.2%	0.0%
308	0	8	97.5%	0.0%
248	11	7	94.3%	0.0%
307	0	9	97.2%	0.0%
299	5	12	94.6%	1.6%

**Section B Approvals**

Accounts-~~2010~~ 2011 *S.J.S. Wells 25/4/12*

Yes	No	Abstain	% Yes	% No
296	2	18	93.7%	0.6%

**Section B Additional Motion**

Reduce subscription rate for 2013 €5, review at 2013 AGM.

Yes	No	Abstain	% Yes	% No
257	29	11	86.5%	9.2%

NAME **S.J.S. Wells (Webmaster)**

Signed *S.J.S. Wells*

DATE **28/03/12**

# **Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea**

**Minutes of General Meeting held on 25th April 2012**

## **COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

<b>President</b>	Peter Allin
<b>Vice President</b>	Ron Hughes
<b>Secretary</b>	Tom Stevenson
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mick Cox
<b>Deputy Groups Coordinator</b>	Jenny Wessendorff

## **LOCATION:**

Parador Hotel, Jávea

The meeting commenced at 11:08

## **President's Report**

### Welcome

Peter welcomed everybody to the meeting.

### Apologies

Peter noted that Howard Parker, Carol Pilgrim and John Bellinger-Smith had submitted their apologies for this meeting, in all cases due to family illness. Peter would speak to the Membership and Communications reports later in the meeting, and Jenny would give the Groups Coordinator report.

### Minutes of the last meeting

These were the minutes of the AGM held in March, 2012. There were no items raised relating to these minutes and they were duly proposed by Malcolm Neill and seconded by Sam Wells.

### Appointment of Vice President

Peter advised the meeting that in accordance with the powers vested in the Executive Committee Ron Hughes had been appointed to this position at the March Committee meeting. Peter invited Ron to join the rest of the Committee at the main table and introduce himself, which Ron did. Peter welcomed Ron and said that he looked forward to working with him.

## Retirement of Deputy Membership Secretary

Karen White is retiring from the above position after more than five years service. Peter thanked Karen on behalf of the Committee and presented Karen with a gift in appreciation of all her work.

Wendy Main has volunteered to fill this position, but sadly due to a family death is unable to attend today.

## Events

Peter reported on the very successful Tea Dance and extended thanks to Shirley King and Peter and Pauline Speer, whose efforts made it such a success.

There are only 11 tickets left for the May Ball and sales are now open to friends and guests. The profits from the Tombola will be donated to Cancer Care Jávea. There are only 7 places left on the coaches, and Peter outlined the pick-up points. Organising such a large event requires a lot of hard work and Peter thanked all those involved.

The date for the Garden Party has now been put back to July, from June. A definite date will be announced in the Newsletter and on the website.

For members' information, the Costa Blanca Floral Club are holding a Tea on 4th May at 3pm.

The following items were raised from the floor:

Pat Robinson had asked for more donations to the DVD table and she reported a very good response. So far this year 90 Euros have been raised for charity through the sale of the "freebie" DVDs.

Two travel trips have been arranged. On 6 June to Alicante to visit the Silk Exhibition and in September a visit to Alzira with a boat trip on the Albufera lagoon.

## **Vice President's Report**

Peter advised there would be no report as Ron had just taken up the post.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Our bank balance is currently 29,600 Euros, less 500 Euros committed for the May Ball.

## **Group Coordinator's Report**

Jenny made this report on behalf of John. A successful Group Leaders' lunch took place, with 47 GLs attending who enjoyed a good meal and service from Plaza No 6. The Committee are currently looking at additional ways in which to support Groups. Pilates are looking at starting a second group, and Travel are looking at running more trips. Anyone interested in volunteering to assist Travel please contact John.

## Membership Secretary's Report

Given by Peter, with assistance from Karen. Currently 1112 members, plus 7 renewals and 21 new members today giving a total of 1140.

## Communications Officer's Report

Given by Peter, from a document provided by Carol.

To protect the privacy of member's private emails all contact addresses on the website and in the Newsletter are now javeau3a.org addresses. Any email sent to a .org address will reach the appropriate Committee member or Group Leader in the usual way, but it is up to Group Leaders which email address they use to communicate with members.

The next "Donation Day" for Cancer Care Jávea will be at the June meeting.

Note that if you are involved with other charities we can put events you may be planning on to the U3A website.

## AOB

Mike Pinfield – are volunteers required to assist with the May Ball? Peter Speer responded yes, to sell raffle tickets. See Len Bicheno.

## Speaker

Peter introduced Dawn Perrier-Baker who gave a fascinating presentation on the raising of the Mary Rose, Henry VIII's flagship. Dawn not only talked about the raising, but she also gave us some of the history of the ship and the context in which it was built, the artefacts found on board and the role of the Mary Rose in reminding people of Tudor History. Dawn then took several questions from the floor, which she answered very well. This was followed by a light-hearted quiz of the members present on key facts surrounding the Mary Rose, with the winners being rewarded by replicas of the gold coins found on board.

Peter thanked Dawn and presented her with a gift of some wine on behalf of the membership.

Peter concluded by advising members that The Parador now have a set menu at 20.11 Euros which is well worth trying.

The meeting closed at 12.15 pm.

Proposed by (print name) MALCOLM NEILL Signed 

Seconded by (print name) CHRISTINE COX Signed 

Signed 

Signed 

**President**  
**Jávea U3A**

**Secretary**  
**Jávea U3A**



# **Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea**

**Minutes of General Meeting held on 30th May 2012**

## **COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

<b>President</b>	Peter Allin
<b>Vice President</b>	Ron Hughes
<b>Secretary</b>	Tom Stevenson
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mick Cox
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Howard Parker
<b>Communications Officer</b>	Carol Pilgram
<b>Groups Coordinator</b>	John Bellinger-Smith

## **LOCATION:**

Parador Hotel, Jávea

The meeting commenced at 11:05

## **President's Report**

### Welcome

Peter welcomed everybody to the meeting, especially new members.

### Apologies

None

### Minutes of the last meeting

These were the minutes of the General Meeting held in April, 2012. There were no items raised relating to these minutes and they were duly proposed by Malcolm Neill and seconded by Christine Cox.

### Appointments

As previously advised Karen White is retiring from the position of Deputy Membership Secretary. Wendy Main has been appointed to this position. Peter introduced Wendy to the members present.

Tom Miller is standing down as Publicity Officer. Peter thanked Tom for all his hard work as Publicity Officer and in particular commended him for obtaining a page in The Grapevine dedicated to U3A Jávea news. It is customary to make a presentation to long-serving officers, however Tom has asked that the monetary value of the gift be donated to the U3A charity. Ian Rogerson has been appointed to the position of Publicity Officer. Peter introduced Ian to the members present and noted that he was previously the editor of a UK

## **Communications Officer's Report**

Carol welcomed Ian to the Communications Team and asked that members, especially Group Leaders, support him by providing information and ideas.

Each month the U3A receive many requests from charities far and wide to appear on our website. The Committee have agreed that only charities relevant to Jávea should be put on the website.

Carol finished by encouraging members to look at our website regularly, as it is updated frequently and contains the most up-to-date information.

## **Group Coordinator's Report**

John advised that Diane Ord has volunteered to take over the running of the Travel Group from himself.

John offered apologies to both Gwen and the membership for incorrectly indicating that she was organising the trip to Alicante - this is being run by Barbara and there are still a few places left on the coach.

Pilates Group was so popular a second group has been formed, although the number of people joining is disappointing compared to those who indicated an interest.

A Cycling for Pleasure group has been proposed by Philip Gauron.

All Group Leaders are asked to respond to John's email on group funding.

## **AOB**

Sue Neill volunteered to run the CD Swop Table at The Parador Meeting.

A lip gloss and a set of reading glasses were left at the May Ball - the owner should contact Pauline Speer.

The Friends of Avenença have two trips planned, the first to the fiesta at Algemesi and the second a 5 day trip to The Pyrenees. Contact Paul Pruden.

John Wilde has demonstrated access to the U3A Jávea website using a Smartphone.

The Discussion Group will meet at The Social Centre on Friday the first, not the third.

newspaper and also has existing contacts with the local press here on the Costa Blanca. Both will be very useful in his new position.

Tom Miller has agreed to continue as the official U3A Jávea Photographer.

Peter Speer, Events Organiser, has intimated he intends to stand down at the AGM in 2013, as do most of the members of his sub-committee. Shirley King has advised she would be interested in filling this role, however she would need help and is seeking 4-5 volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please see Peter after the meeting.

### Death

Peter advised of the sad loss of Peter Coombe and gave a brief summary of Peter's many accomplishments both before and during his time with the U3A.

### Events

Peter reported on the very successful May Ball with 351 attendees and extended thanks to Peter and Pauline Speer, Valerie Dromgoole, Shirley and Richard King, Len Bicheno and Michael and Theresa Pinfield whose hard work made it such a success.

Future events planned are An Evening of Dance and Music (July), Tea Dance (early October) and Barn Dance (November).

Peter reminded members that the opportunity exists to hire the U3A crockery and cutlery for their own events. See the website.

Peter warned members that there are a number of "Scams" operating in this area. Be vigilant. The website contains details of those known to U3A Jávea.

### **Vice President's Report**

Ron advised that 5 businesses had been added to the Discounts List this month, and reminded members to check if businesses offer a U3A discount. He asked that members let him know of any additional companies who may wish to offer the U3A a discount and he will take care of the formalities.

Ron reported that he had inherited an excellent Speakers programme from Peter. He is now working on speakers for 2013 and again if members are aware of any good speakers please let him know and he will follow up.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Our bank balance is currently 28,026.57 Euros and the accounts are in good order.

### **Membership Secretary's Report**

Currently we have 1166 members, including 18 new members who joined today and 6 renewals.

**Speaker**

Peter introduced Peter Atkinson who took us through 2,788 years of Olympic History, from the earliest beginnings in the City States of Greece, through the resumption at the end of the 19th century and then up to date with the London 2012 Olympics. Peter added many interesting facts and thoughts along the way, supported by a first class slide show.

Peter thanked Peter and presented him with a gift of some wine on behalf of the membership.

Peter concluded by advising members that The Parador now have a set menu at 20.11 Euros which is well worth trying.

The meeting closed at 12.24 pm.

Proposed by (print name) R. Paul Signed Robin Race

Seconded by (print name) S. Humphrey Signed S. Humphrey

Signed [Signature]

Signed [Signature]

**President**  
**Jávea U3A**

**DEPUTY**  
**Secretary**  
**Jávea U3A**

# **Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea**

Minutes of General Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012

## **COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

<b>President</b>	Peter Allin
<b>Vice President</b>	Ron Hughes
<b>Deputy Secretary</b>	Val Dromgoole
<b>Deputy Treasurer</b>	Malcolm Neill
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Howard Parker
<b>Communications Officer</b>	Carol Pilgram
<b>Groups Coordinator</b>	John Bellinger-Smith

## **LOCATION:**

Parador Hotel, Jávea

The meeting commenced at 11:10

## **President's Report**

### Welcome

Peter welcomed everybody to the meeting, especially the 13 new members.

He also reminded everybody of the necessity to register their presence at the Parador.

### Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Tom Stevenson and Mick Cox.

### Minutes of the last meeting

These were the minutes of the General Meeting held in May, 2012. There were no items raised relating to these minutes and they were duly proposed by Robin Race and seconded by Shirley Humphrey.

### Forthcoming events

The Hog Roast/evening of dance and music on the 14<sup>th</sup> July – all the tickets (120) are now sold or reserved. There is also a waiting list for members who wish to put their names on it.

A Tea Dance is proposed for October but no further details are yet available.

There will be a Barn Dance in November with the tickets for that going on sale in September.

As previously advised Peter Speer and his team will be standing down at the end of 2012 and Shirley King has volunteered to take over. Volunteers were sought at the May general meeting and 7 came forward – a tremendous result.

### Update of registration

The registration of new committee officers has been approved by the Diputación de Alicante and now has to be processed by the Jávea Ayuntamiento and the Agencia Tributaria.

The change of fiscal address also has to be registered.

### Website maintenance and update procedures

The committee has established some clearer processes for updating and maintaining the website. Job Descriptions are now being written for the web management team and the web master. So that anyone taking over will be clear as to the duties involved.

An email address is now in place for all updates to the web site, which will be required to be accessed by all committee members, group leaders and members. The email address is **web.update@u3ajavea.org**. All requests for web updates or articles for inclusion in the newsletter should be sent to this address.

### **Vice President's report**

Ron advised that the discount list is growing with 4 to 5 new entries each month. He asked members to send him any information of companies or individuals who offered a good service, whom he could then contact with a view to including them on the discount list.

Ron has started to build a list of speakers for 2013 and again requested members to either volunteer themselves or to let him know of any interesting speakers who he could then contact.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Malcolm announced that there is in excess of 27,000€ in Barclays Bank. The Caixa Bank balance is now zero. There is a cash float of 2000€.



## **Membership Secretary's Report**

Howard reported that 13 new members joined today, which makes a total of 1174 active members.

He asked that members please remember to let him know when there are any changes to email, addresses or telephone numbers, via email address [membership.secretary@u3ajavea.org](mailto:membership.secretary@u3ajavea.org).

## **Communications Officer's Report**

Carol thanked the welcoming team for doing a good job, saying that several new members had emailed her to commend the welcome and help they had received after joining Jávea U3A.

She also thanked everybody for their donations to Cancer Care and reminded them that the Cancer Care charity shop will be open, for any donations and larger pieces of furniture, throughout the summer.

Carol reminded the members that as there will be no newsletters now until the end of September they should check the website, which will be updated throughout the summer. A new page called 'Did You Know' has been created. This page contains snippets of information which could be useful. She also asked the members to send any more information of this type to the website update email address [web.update@u3ajavea.org](mailto:web.update@u3ajavea.org).

## **Groups Coordinator's Report**

John reminded members that the group 'Friends of Avinenca' have two trips planned for September.

The Play Reading group has had problems getting started but they now hope to have regular meetings starting in September.

A further reminder that Cheda Panajotovic's group 'Tuesday Talks' will now be known as 'Art Appreciation'

## **AOB**

None

## **Speaker**

Peter introduced Alan Blake who spoke about Budget Airlines. Alan spoke amusingly about the various budget airlines, with a lot of facts and figures gleaned from current web sites, showing that the first fare seen is not

necessarily the cheapest. He also added a little history of how and where they started. This was followed by a lively question and answers session.

Peter thanked Alan and presented him with a gift of wine on behalf of the membership.

Peter concluded by advising members that the Parador had a special menu for the San Juan Fiesta priced at 25€, which was good value.

The meeting closed around 12:20

Proposed by (print name).....MALCOLM NEILL..... Signed.....

Seconded by (print name).....PETER SPER..... Signed.....

Signed.....

Signed.....

**President**

**Deputy Secretary**

**Jávea U3A**

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# **Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea**

**Minutes of General Meeting held on 26th September 2012**

## **COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

<b>President</b>	Peter Allin
<b>Vice President</b>	Ron Hughes
<b>Secretary</b>	Tom Stevenson
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mick Cox
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Howard Parker
<b>Communications Officer</b>	Carol Pilgram

## **LOCATION:**

Parador Hotel, Jávea

The meeting commenced at 11:06

## **President's Report**

### Welcome

Peter welcomed everybody to the meeting, especially new members of whom we have a lot today.

### Apologies

John Bellinger-Smith. ,

### Minutes of the last meeting

These were the minutes of the General Meeting held in June, 2012. There were no items raised relating to these minutes and they were duly proposed by Malcolm Neill and seconded by Peter Speer.

### Forthcoming Social Events

Peter outlined forthcoming social events which are planned. Details are available on the Website. Peter noted that tickets for the Barn Dance would be made available to family and friends from the second week of October. The Costa Blanca Flower Group are holding a Fete at L'Ancora on the 6th October. Mike Frost will be holding his "Christmas" lunch on 21st November at Masena restaurant. Payment is due at the October meeting.

Peter reported that 120 people attended the "Evening of Music and Dance", which was held at the home of John Bellinger-Smith and Carol Pilgram. Nearly 1,500 Euros were raised for our charity. Peter expressed a big vote of thanks to Peter Speer and team for organising the event, and to John and Carol for hosting it. Peter's wife Lorraine presented a gift of flowers to Carol to say thanks.

The formalities of registering the new Executive Committee (reflecting changes at the AGM in March) are almost complete. The one item remaining is outside our control.

Peter Speer and his Events team are retiring after the Barn Dance. Shirley King has offered to undertake this role, subject to the availability of sufficient volunteers to assist. Two "types" of volunteer are required and details are in the Newsletter. Please contact Peter if you wish to volunteer.

An email address has been created through which changes to the information on the Website can be requested. This is operating well. Peter is working with our Webmaster, Sam Wells, on revisions to job descriptions in support of the Website. Peter urged members to look at the Website regularly.

### **Vice President's Report**

Ron advised that there have been a few additions to the Discounts List.

Ron reported that he is working on speakers for the 2013 programme. If anyone is aware of any potential speakers please let Ron know and he will follow up.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mick welcomed us in Spanish and then advised us in English that our finances are healthy. We have a bank balance of 29,548 Euros, of which 3,569 Euros relate to our charity funding.

### **Membership Secretary's Report**

Howard advised that there were 39 new members today, and welcomed them to this meeting. Currently we have 1218 members. Howard reminded members that they need to let him know of any changes to their contact details.

### **Communications Officer's Report**

Carol appealed for 5 or 6 more volunteers to join the Welcome Team. For example, 39 new members joining today stretched the existing team. The commitment of volunteers is to help at one meeting each in summer and winter, so it is not too onerous.

Each month the U3A receive many requests from charities far and wide to appear on our website, some of these are from our own members who are also members of these charities. Due to the very high volume of these requests the Committee have agreed that:

- only our own annual charity will be included in the Newsletter and main Website
- only charities relevant to Jávea will be included in the Website

Exceptionally, the President may authorise an exception due to particular circumstances.

Carol reported that Ian Rogerson, our Publicity Officer, is doing a wonderful job. The Costa Blanca News are about to celebrate their 200th edition and wish to feature Jávea U3A. Any members who date back to the early days are asked to send anecdotes to Ian. Also, Ian would like to identify more groups to be "featured" groups, again please contact Ian.

Carol finished by encouraging members to look at our website regularly, as it is updated frequently and contains the most up-to-date information.

**Group Coordinator's Report** (Carol, on behalf of John)

Carol welcomed new members on behalf of John and said they should feel free to contact the Group Leader of any activity in which they are interested.

The Scrabble Group are seeking a new Leader, please contact John.

The Bridge Group are seeking more members, again please contact John.

The proposed new Cycling Group has been well received. Philip Guaron will be available after this meeting to talk with anyone who is interested in the group.

Pilates Group is now using the International Baptist Church. The venue is highly recommended.

Rummikubs are now using the Dance Cafe at Toscamar. Krystyna has details.

**AOB**

Peter reported that Elizabeth Collins advised that Xabia Bella have produced their first in-house magazine, and Peter read two very touching poems from the magazine. The entry for 2010 mentioned Jávea U3A and the very high level of support we provided to XB, around 5,200 Euros in total to be used for materials and free-time activities. Peter will arrange for the material to be placed upon our Website.

Val Parris is looking for a piano teacher. If you can help please contact Peter.

**Speaker**

Peter introduced Carlos Baos of White and Baos, and welcomed him to the meeting. Carlos outlined to the members recent changes in EU Inheritance Law and the potential changes which can affect ex-pats. Carlos presented his material in a very clear and down-to-earth fashion, and this was clearly a topic close to members hearts as question ran for 30 minutes. Carlos made available to the members present a written summary of the changes in the law.

Peter thanked Carlos and presented him with a gift of wine on behalf of the membership.

Peter concluded by advising members that our October speaker will be Chris Duffin. Her talk will be preceded by a presentation by Cancer Care Jávea on progress so far.

The meeting closed at 12.35 pm.

Proposed by (print name) ...MALCOLM NEILL Signed .....

Seconded by (print name) ...STAN STAVES Signed .....

Signed .....

Signed .....

**President**  
**Jávea U3A**

**DEPUTY Secretary**  
**Jávea U3A**

T. H. Stevenson



# **Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea**

**Minutes of General Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012**

## **COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

<b>President</b>	Peter Allin
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mick Cox
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Howard Parker
<b>Communications Officer</b>	Carol Pilgram
<b>Group Co-ordinator</b>	John Bellinger-Smith
<b>Deputy Secretary</b>	Val Dromgoole

## **LOCATION:**

Parador Hotel, Jávea

The meeting commenced at 11:00

## **President's Report**

### Welcome

Peter welcomed everybody to the meeting, especially new members of whom we have 24 today.

### Apologies

Ron Hughes  
Tom Stevenson.

### Minutes of the last meeting

These were the minutes of the General Meeting held in September, 2012. There were no items raised relating to these minutes and they were duly proposed by Malcolm Neill and seconded by Stan Staines.

### President's Report

Peter announced that due to personal circumstances Shirley King would not be taking the position of Events Organiser and appealed for a new Events Organiser to come forward. Please contact Peter Allin for further information at [President@u3ajavea.org](mailto:President@u3ajavea.org).

He also appealed for more volunteers to help organise the events. So far 4 members have volunteered to take an active and continuing role and 11 members have volunteered to help 'on the day'. Please contact Peter Allin for further information at [President@u3ajavea.org](mailto:President@u3ajavea.org).

Three members of the Executive Committee will be standing down at the next AGM in March 2013.

Tom Stevenson – Secretary

Carol Pilgram – Communications Officer

John Bellinger-Smith – Groups Co-ordinator

Peter announced that Valerie Dromgoole is willing to take over from Tom Stevenson leaving the non-executive committee position of Deputy Secretary vacant.

Peter appealed for members to come forward to fill these roles. For descriptions of the responsibilities please contact Peter Allin at [President@u3ajavea.org](mailto:President@u3ajavea.org)

The U3A Javea now has 100 sets of glassware to compliment the crockery and cutlery. There are 100 glass tumblers and 100 wine glasses for hire on a similar tariff to the crockery tariff. See web site for details.

The crockery has paid for itself by being hired to members over the summer months.

There are Barn Dance tickets still available. This is a fun evening with a 3 course meal and wine plus a live band brought over from the UK. See web site for details.

There are still tickets available for the Christmas lunch at La Masena on the 21<sup>st</sup> November. See web site for details.

There are still tickets available for the Dine and Dance Christmas Dinner at the Dance Café, Toscamar on the 5<sup>th</sup> December. See web site for details.

Once again John Bellinger-Smith was thanked for holding the Hog Roast in his garden, but as he was unavailable at the previous meeting Peter presented John with a gift of wine at this one.

Peter announced that rehearsals have begun for the extravaganza to be performed at the November General Meeting by the Committee and supporting cast. The Costa Blanca Choir will also be singing.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mick announced that the accounts are OK.

Current bank balance is 30,648.90€ of which 3,571.80€ is held for the Cancer Care Charity.

Mick reminded members that any Bank Transfers to pay for membership renewals MUST contain the membership number and Bank Transfers to pay for events or travel need to contain the member's no. and the name of the event.

### **Membership Secretary's Report**

Howard advised that there were 24 new members today, and welcomed them to this meeting.

Howard reminded members that they need to let him know of any changes to their contact details.

## **Communications Officer's Report**

Carol announced a new feature of the 'Did you know' page on the web site will contain a regular newsletter produced by the British Consulate in Spain.

Carol appealed for 3 more volunteers to join the Welcome Team, as she has lost 4 volunteers who have returned to the UK.

## **Group Coordinator's Report**

The Canasta Group is proposed and requires a group leader, there is currently someone willing to be assistant group leader. Anyone interested should contact John Bellinger-Smith at [groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org](mailto:groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org)

Derek Schofield is considering starting a vocal harmony group, all interested members should contact John Bellinger-Smith at [groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org](mailto:groups.coordinator@u3ajavea.org)

Joe Jeffrey is starting a flower arranging group. If there is enough interest the first meeting will be in January 2013.

Dodie and James Hodgkinson have taken over the leadership of the Curry Group.

## **AOB**

Yvonne Brown of the Costa Blanca Flower Club sent thanks to the members who supported the Fair at Lancora in October. They raised over 1100€ for various charities.

A pair of sun glasses has been left in the membership room of the Parador. Please contact Peter Allin.

Paul Pruden advised of a gas bottle scam, where the large blue/orange bottles of gas were being replaced by empty ones. Members are advised to check any replacement gas bottles have the seals intact.

Peter drew members attention to the fact that the Diamond Jubilee Concert by Montgo Chorale on 18<sup>th</sup> November was on Sunday, not Saturday as shown on the poster.

## **Speaker**

Unfortunately the scheduled speaker, Chris Duffin, was unable to attend as she woke up with a bad throat and couldn't, in fact, speak.

Peter introduced Terry Saville of Cancer Care Charity who explained the up-to-date position of ECMOR.

Terry explained in some detail the events that lead up to one of the original partners in ECMOR, the Catholic University of Valencia, no longer being involved but he had other sponsors in the form of the Medical University of Castellón. The sequencing machine and

supporting agreements should be in place at Denia Hospital, hopefully, before Christmas 2012.

Peter thanked Terry on behalf of the membership.

Brian Matthews from the Charity Library in Javea was then introduced by Peter.

Brian explained that the Original Charity Shop and Library was opened in the 1970s and raised money for various charities. They raised 50,000€ in 2011. He then went on to explain that to borrow 3 books for up to 4 weeks costs 12€ for 4 months and 30€ for the year. That there were in excess of 14,000 books available plus DVDs, talking books and large print books.

Peter then introduced Cheda Panajotovic, who entertained us with stories of his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday surprises.

Peter thanked Brian and Cheda for filling in the gap left by Chris Duffin

The meeting closed at 12.00 pm.

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<b>President</b> <b>Jávea U3A</b>		<b>Deputy Secretary</b> <b>Jávea U3A</b>	