

# Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea

## Minutes of General Meeting held on 27th February 2013

### 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>Deputy Groups Coordinator</b>	Jenny Wessendorf

### LOCATION:

Parador Hotel, Jávea

The meeting commenced a little late at 11:12 as the Membership team were still extremely busy.

#### 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

The previous meeting was the Open Day held in January, which is not minuted.

### **President's Report**

#### Forthcoming Social Events

Peter outlined forthcoming social events which are planned. The May Ball will be held at Salones Carrasco in Jávea on 17th May. Tickets are on sale now at 40€, which Peter feels is good value for money given the increase in IVA and inflation. Also, as the event will be held in Jávea people will incur lower transport costs. Stephen Burke, our new Events Organiser, will welcome volunteers to assist at the Ball - please contact Stephen or any Committee member. It is planned to hold a further 3 events during the course of 2013.

#### Appointment of Deputy Membership Secretary

Peter notified the membership of the appointment of David Mason to the position of Deputy Membership Secretary. In addition David will also take over the management of the Welcome Team. Peter extended a warm welcome to David.

## AGM Voting Procedures

Peter reminded members of the voting procedure to be followed. Sam Wells will issue an email with details early in March. Votes can be cast either via email (preferred) or by ballot slip, but not both. Questions to the Committee should be submitted by 15th March, as should questions on the Audited Accounts.

## Committee Vacancies

The following are standing for the position noted:

Vice-President	Ron Hughes
Treasurer	Mick Cox
Membership Secretary -	Howard Parker
Secretary	Valerie Dromgoole
President	Peter Allin

There are four vacancies to be filled:

Groups Coordinator (Peter stressed what an important position this is)

Communications Officer (Peter noted that a key element of this role is the Newsletter, which Sam Wells is looking after on a temporary basis)

Deputy Secretary

Deputy Communications Officer

## Volunteers

Peter advised that volunteers are sought to store and manage various items of U3A equipment; without someone looking after the crockery, cutlery and glassware then it will not be possible to rent these out.

Peter finished by expressing his thanks on behalf of the membership to all the "background" workers who make the U3A a success. In particular he highlight the role played in maintaining the website by Clive White, and the work Tom Miller carries out as our Official Photographer.

## **Vice President's Report**

Ron advised that since summer 2012 very few new companies have been added to the Discounts List. He requested that members approach suitable companies and if the company is interested let him know and he will follow up.

The list of Speakers for the 2013 programme is now complete and published on the Website. Ron is now seeking Speakers for the 2014 programme. Please let Ron know of any suggestions for potential speakers.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Mick advised that the accounts are good. We have a bank balance of 29,930.70 Euros, of which 3,141.80 Euros relate to Events and Travel, leaving a net balance of around 26k Euros. Members are using the new facility to make payments online, which is good.

## **Membership Secretary's Report**

Howard advised that there were 38 new members today, compared with 105 in January, and welcomed them to this meeting. Currently we have just over 1300 paid-up members. Howard reminded members that they need to let him know of any changes to their personal details else they may not receive the Newsletter.

## **Communications Officer's Report**

None.

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

Jenny advised that John could not be present today, and will be standing down at the March AGM. She reminded members that Groups are the essence of the U3A, there are currently 53 with new Groups for Badminton, Table Tennis and Cycling. There are others in the pipeline such as Floristry and an additional Art Group. Requests have been received for a Canasta group. Details of these new Groups are on the website and in the Newsletter.

Jenny encouraged anyone who may be interested in the position of Groups Coordinator to come forward.

## **AOB**

Brenda Bates thanked everyone who had contributed to the book swop table. Brenda passed 70 Euros to the Treasurer today as a donation the Charity Fund. Peter in turn thanked Brenda for her work with the book swop.

Krystyna advised that the Rummikubs session had been changed from the Dance Cafe to restaurant L'Echalot.

Peter then read out a letter from CREAMA, who are seeking additional English language teachers in Jávea. Peter encouraged anyone who would be interested in this very worthwhile activity to come forward and volunteer. Full details are available on the Website.

## **Speaker**

Peter introduced our speaker, the Deputy Alcalde of Jávea, Oscar Anton. Oscar explained the organisation in the Ayuntamiento of Jávea which is governed by a coalition of three political parties. Oscar's responsibility is the Finance Department. He talked about the difficulties raised by the loss of IBI income following the recent court ruling and the steps the Ayuntamiento have taken to minimise the impact. He explained that the overall objective of the Ayuntamiento was to move forward and invest in the town. He described some of the initiatives being undertaken and emphasised that the aim was to finish small things, some of which have been outstanding for a long time. Not to engage in big infrastructure projects which also have large costs associated with them.

Oscar then took questions from the floor. Many members availed themselves of this opportunity, and Oscar responded to some thirteen queries.

Peter drew the questions to a close and thanked Oscar for sharing both his time and information with us. As a token of our thanks he presented Oscar with a bottle of wine.

Peter finished by reminding members that there will be no speaker in March as the AGM will take place. He thanked everyone for attending, reminded members to vote and also encouraged them to register on the Padron.

The meeting closed at 12.19 pm.

Proposed by (print name) CHRISTINE COX Signed 

Seconded by (print name) BRENDA BATES Signed 

Signed 

Signed 

**President**  
**Jávea U3A**

**Secretary**  
**Jávea U3A**

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

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**Held on March 27<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the Parador de Jávea**

**PRESENT:** President: Peter Allin  
Vice President: Ron Hughes  
Treasurer: Michael Cox  
Secretary: Tom Stevenson  
Membership Secretary: Howard Parker  
Deputy Groups Coordinator Jenny Wessendorff

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

Peter opened the meeting at 11:08 by welcoming all attendees, especially new members. He explained that by law this is the one meeting the Asociación must have each year. Peter 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 Christine Cox and seconded by Brenda Bates.

Peter announced that tickets for the May Ball are now on sale and represent good value for money. Also, Valerie Dromgoole has organised a Tea Dance for 26th April in the Jávea Baptist Church. Later in the year three events are planned, a Hog Roast, a Barn Dance and possibly a New Year's Eve event.

Sam Wells has stepped down from the position of Webmaster after six years involvement in this role. Peter extended thanks to Sam for all his hard work over the years in making our website such a useful resource. Peter announced that Clive White has agreed to take on the Webmaster role and will join the Full Committee.

Peter appealed for a volunteer to store and manage the U3A crockery, cutlery and glassware.

He advised that Krystyna is collecting plastic tops to assist a local disabled child and encouraged members to collect these to help Noa.

Peter announced the recent death of one of our members, Wendy Turner, on the 16th March at her home in England. Wendy will be missed by her many friends both in the U3A and locally.

Jean Miller announced that there is no box for stamps today, please pass stamps directly to her.

The Vice-President, Ron Hughes, then made his annual report to the Asociación, a copy of which is appended.

The Treasurer, Michael Cox, made an appeal for members to come forward and fill the vacant committee positions and give something back to the Asociación. He reported that our financial position is good, with no problems arising over the previous 12 months. As at 26th March our net bank position is 23,328 Euros. The accounts for 2012 were audited by Ken Robinson with no problems arising. Mick presented Ken's wife Pat with a gift as a thanks from the Asociación for all the time and work he had put into the audit.

The Membership Secretary, Howard Parker, reported that 17 new members had joined today, bringing total membership to 1134 fully paid up members. 852 of our members live in Jávea, 115 in Benitachell, 36 in Moraira and even 1 in Alicante. Howard encouraged members to remember and let him know about changes to personal details, especially changes to email addresses.

The Deputy Groups Coordinator, Jenny Wessendorff, gave a report on the status of Groups, a copy of which is appended.

The President, Peter Allin, then gave his report on Asociación activities during 2013, a copy of which is appended.

No questions were raised on any of these reports by the membership present.

Peter then asked for any other questions.

- Brenda Bates asked if the Committee had given any thought to nominated charities for future years. Peter responded that Caritas is the nominated charity for 2013 and that a decision will be taken in November on the charity for 2014. Peter asked that anyone with suggestions email these to him.
- Gerald Dobson asked if we could have a box for the collection of plastic tops next month. Krystyna showed the collection box to the membership and advised it will be available each month. Joanne O'Keefe asked why we are only collecting tops? Krystyna explained that these are of a different plastic to the body of containers and are treated separately. Any hard plastics can be collected.

Peter noted that Tom Stevenson, Secretary was stepping down today.

Peter then announced the results of the voting for committee positions (see attached voting table). The following were elected to the noted position.

- President - Peter Allin
- Vice-President - Ron Hughes
- Secretary – Valerie Dromgoole
- Treasurer – Michael Cox
- Membership Secretary – Howard Parker

The accounts for 2012 were approved.

Tom stepped down and the new committee took office.



Peter welcomed the new committee to their positions and said he was looking forward to running the affairs of the Asociación for the next 12 months. He then outlined his objectives for the year:

- To maintain a healthy financial position. The rate of subscriptions was reduced in 2012, but will have an impact in 2013 and forward. The aim is to reach a working level of 12-13,000 Euros and establish a subscriptions rate to maintain this. It may be necessary to increase subscriptions in future years.
- Continue Central Funding for Groups and Social events, striking a balance between supporting activities and retaining a prudent balance of funds.
- Perform a review of our Statutes to take account of today's needs and situation.
- Provide social and non-profit (charity) events under our Events Organiser Stephen Burke.
- Although the Asociación is not a charitable fund raising organisation, provide support to our nominated charity Caritas Jávea through some social events. There will be food collection days at the June, September and November General Meetings.
- Organisational aspects of the Asociación will continue as in 2012.
- Seek volunteers for the vacant Committee positions. Volunteers are desperately required for Groups Coordinator and Communications Officer positions, as well as Deputy Secretary and Deputy Communications Officer. These vacancies have been advertised for the last three months with no results. Peter said he was shocked and disappointed at the apathy shown by members. There is a risk of being unable to fulfil the day to day running of the Asociación due to a lack of Committee members. If this trend continues, there is a risk the Asociación will cease to function. Please step forward to fill these positions; members need to give as well as take from the Asociación.


Peter thanked the membership for placing their trust in him to lead the Asociación over the next year. The Asociación is run to support the membership - please remember the Committee are also volunteers. We would appreciate any ideas or constructive criticism on how the Asociación should be run.


No questions were raised to the new committee by members.

Peter then presented gifts to Sam Wells and Tom Stevenson as thanks for their work on behalf of the Asociación.

Peter thanked everyone for attending and advised that he will not be present for the April General Meeting. Ron Hughes will chair the meeting in his absence.

The meeting was formally closed by Peter at 11:58.

Proposed .....  .....

Seconded .....  .....

S.F. STAINES

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 27 MARCH 2013**  
**PRESIDENT'S END OF YEAR ADDRESS**

It seems such a short time since I was telling you all 12 months ago, what we as the Committee were going to do over the coming year!! I will try to keep this report as brief as possible to prevent any loud snoring noises amongst the audience!!

**Subscription Rates.** Following a review of annual subscription rates last year, it was agreed at the last AGM to reduce subscriptions for 2013 to €5 per member, in order to reduce the sizeable bank balance we are presently holding. It only during the course of this year, will we see what impact the reduction in subscription rates has had on the finances of the Association. A further review will take place at the end of this year.

**Increased Central Funding.** We promised last year to increase the level of central funding for our events and group activities. During the year, we have funded the purchase of additional equipment for a number of groups and also for the Association. We will continue to fund additional support for groups in order for them to conduct their activities effectively. We have already planned to increase funding for our social events, which will help reduce the overall costs of those events, as well as those that relate to charity fund raising, thereby further increasing the level of funds raised by this means.

**The New Members Welcoming Team.** This was the brainchild of our former Communications Officer, Carol Pilgram, who set up the New Members Welcome Team over two years ago. A team of volunteers come forward at each of our monthly Parador meetings to greet new members when they join and to advise them on how to join our various group activities, as well as being introduced to members of the committee and Group Leaders. There have been a few tweaks here and there over the year to fine tune the process and from the feedback I have received, the New Members Welcome Team is proving to be successful and an essential element of the joining process for new members. I would like to thank Carol and all the volunteers who have worked so hard to make the New Members Welcome Team so successful. I am sure that this team will be well used over the coming year and beyond.

**Social Events.** We ran an ambitious social events programme for 2012 – we had an extremely successful May Ball at El Canor, a Hog Roast charity fund raising evening in June, very kindly hosted by John Bellinger-Smith and Carol Pilgram 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 did so much to set up, organise and then run these events. My personal thanks go to them both, and to the hard-working team that supported them.



**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 **5,329 Euros** in aid of the Cancer Care Charity. This was in addition to the huge supply of clothing and various items so willingly donated to that charity over the year by you all. We received in February, a letter from the Cancer Care Charity 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.

**The Website.** We promised to establish new working procedures for the Website Team and these have now been implemented. Job descriptions were also prepared. We have a fabulous website available to us and an immense amount of work is constantly done by Clive White and Sam Wells in updating and maintaining this facility to the high standard it is. My huge thanks to you both for what you have done and achieved for us over the last year.

**Publicity.** Carol Pilgram, together with our Publicity Officer, Ian Rogerson, have been pro-active in this area and in conjunction with Tom Miller, our Official Photographer, the publicity of our events and activities in the local press has improved greatly. We are also now well known to the Jávea Ayuntamiento. This work will be on-going, and should do much to let the local communities know something of all the good work and significant contributions our members are making to events and activities in and around Jávea.

**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 received 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 their support and assistance, 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.

Significantly and most importantly, 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. To our Group Leaders, thank you all so much for the continued support you have provided over a long period of time.

Finally, the support we have all had from the membership has been equally amazing and thanks go to you all for helping to make the Association what it is today. Long may all of this continue!! Thank you all.

## **VICE PRESIDENT ANNUAL REPORT - AGM 27th MARCH 2013.**

During the last year, other than the usual administrative responsibilities involved in the day to day running of the Association, I have devoted my time to two main areas.

These have been arranging the speaker programme for our meetings at the Parador and reviewing and publicising on the website, the discounts offered to members by local business agencies in Javea and the surrounding area.

### **Speakers.**

We have been most fortunate this year to have had an unparalleled list of interesting and enthusiastic speakers.

Beginning in April 2012 with Dawn Perrier-Baker who gave a very interesting talk on the raising of Henry the VIII's flagship the Mary Rose supported by a number of coins and other artifacts found on the wreck.

In May it was the turn of Peter Atkinson who covered 2,788 years of Olympic History from its beginnings in Greece to the 2012 games to be held in London.

In June Alan Blake offered an amusing and somewhat fascinating insight into what makes a Budget Airline "tick"

September Carlos Baos of White Baos talked about EU Inheritance Tax Law and pending changes which would affect ex-pats.

October we experienced something of a nightmare scenario when the scheduled speaker Chris Duffin fell ill and Terry Saville stepped in at very much the 11th hour to talk about the Cancer Care Charity. For this Terry we will be eternally grateful. Chris has kindly agreed to give us more of her amusing anecdotes entitled "Jail Tales" in October of this year.

Finally in February 2013 we were able to secure the services of Oscar Anton, Deputy Alcalde (Mayor) who was able to share his insights into the future plan for Javea and to answer the many questions which our members wished to ask. Many thanks Oscar for once again giving us some of your valuable time.

For 2013 we hope we have planned an interesting and diverse mixture of speakers which will serve to enhance the normal monthly meetings. Our objective to find topics that will be interesting and informative to the

majority of our members. Don't forget however that your input is invaluable if we are to be successful in our efforts. Please let us know what you think of the speakers you have heard and provide suggestions for new speakers that you have been made aware of which could be unknown to the committee.

Finally I wish to offer my sincere thanks to all those speakers who have given a lot of their time and effort to provide you with such enthralling presentations. We very much look forward to those who have agreed to provide talks in the coming year the details of which are fully available on the U3A website.

We are already working on the 2014 programme which we hope will cover matters of medical interest, Dietician, Spanish Civil War and perhaps a further insight into the wonders of the Marie Rose. If you have other ideas please let me know and we'll see what can be arranged.

### **Discounts.**

The members discount list appears on the website and is updated on a monthly basis. During 2012 the number of businesses offering goods and services has grown to around 90 companies an increase of around 15%. However it must be said that during the second half of this period the new additions showed only marginal growth and that since last Autumn we have been at something of a plateau. It is for this reason that at recent meetings I have been encouraging members to recommend suppliers to me.

### **Finally.**

I think we can all agree that the last year has flown by (perhaps an age thing?), but in U3A terms I think much has been accomplished for the benefit of all our members. I look forward to continuing with the programs I have managed in 2012 and hope to make a positive contribution in the coming year.

5 groups are full, and cannot take any further members at the moment.

New Groups that have recently been suggested are Vocal Harmony, Sofa Art, and a new Beginners Pilates Group.

We have members who are interested in forming a Canasta group and we have a volunteer to run the group but not until September. If there is anyone who would like to start it earlier than that, then please get in touch with me.

The Group Leaders are doing an amazing job in running their groups, and all of them devote a lot of their time and effort in doing so. Please do give them all the support you can.

## PARADOR ADDRESS – AGM 2013

As Deputy Groups Coordinator I am currently filling the role of Groups Coordinator until someone else is appointed.

I recently did a survey with our group leaders to see what group activities we currently offer our members, and to identify any problems that they may have in running their group. Here are some of the results.

We currently have 46 groups of which 19 meet weekly. The average attendance at each group is around 50% of their individual group membership, although obviously this varies from group to group.

There are 12 groups with more than 50 members registered, of which 6 have over 100. Several of these are limited to numbers attending meetings because of the venue size. Currently the largest group we have has some 180 members.

At the other end of the scale, we have 8 groups with 15 or less members. Some of these, such as Beginners Art, Snooker, Table Tennis, would have difficulty in running a larger group because of the limitations of what they do, and the venue they use. However, some need members to join them. Some examples are Bridge, Digital Photography, Spanish, and Poetry. So if anyone has an interest in any of these groups, then please do get in touch either with me, or with the group leaders involved.

All groups have had new members joining them in the last year, so it would appear that members new to the U3A are taking an interest in joining groups.

# Javea U3A AGM 2013- Voting Returns

**U3A JAVEA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**27 March 2013 Parador Hotel, Javea**

**VOTES CAST**

Total entitled to Vote

1132

Votes Received

341

(30.1%)

**SECTION A**

**COMMITTEE**

President

Peter Allin

	Yes	No	Abstain	% Yes	% No
President	336	3	2	98.5%	0.9%
Vice President	341	0	0	100.0%	0.0%
Secretary	338	0	3	99.1%	0.0%
Treasurer	339	0	2	99.4%	0.0%
Membership Secretary	340	1	0	99.7%	0.3%

Vice President

Ronald Hughes

Secretary

Valerie Dromgoole

Treasurer

Michael Cox

Membership Secretary

Howard Parker

**SECTION B**

**APPROVALS**

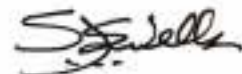
Accounts 2012

	Yes	No	Abstain	% Yes	% No
Accounts 2012	302	3	36	88.6%	0.9%

COMPILED BY

S.J.S. Wells

Signed



Date

27 March 2103



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

**Minutes of General Meeting held on 24<sup>TH</sup> April 2013**

## **COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

<b>Vice President</b>	Ron Hughes
<b>Secretary</b>	Val Dromgoole
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mick Cox
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Howard Parker

## **LOCATION:**

Parador Hotel, Jávea

The meeting commenced a little late at 11:05

### Welcome

Ron welcomed everybody to the meeting.

### Apologies

Peter Allin

### Registration

Ron reiterated how important it is for the membership to register their presence at the Parador. For various reasons, most importantly in the case of fire, the U3A Jávea has committed to register the persons present, this should be done at the registration table just outside the main salon.

### Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting have been displayed on the website and as there were no matters arising the minutes were accepted. Proposed by Shirley King, Seconded by Stan Staines.

### **President's Report**

Ron Hughes gave the President's report in Peter Allin's absence.

### Appointment of Groups Coordinator

Ron introduced David Groves as the Groups Coordinator. David introduced himself and took his place on the committee table.

## Appointment of Deputy Secretary

Ron introduced Theresa Pinfield as the Deputy Secretary and thanked her for accepting the role.

## Crockery

Ron introduced Donald Watts, who will be taking charge of storing and hiring out the U3A crockery, cutlery and glasses.

Crockery hire, which has had to be curtailed for the last few months will now re-start from May 1<sup>st</sup>. Donald will update the website with details of hire.

## Other committee positions

Ron informed the membership that there was a person willing to become the Communications Officer from June and further details will be revealed in due course.

A volunteer is required for the Deputy Communications position. This is a non-exec committee position, interested persons should contact the President.

David Mason has resigned as deputy membership secretary and a volunteer is now required for this non-exec committee position. Interested persons should contact the President

Jean Miller has resigned as meetings assistant and a volunteer is required to take her place in looking after the notice boards and the 'For Sale' notices and bring them to the meetings. Interested persons should contact the President.

Full details of the above vacancies will be on the Website.

## Forthcoming Social Events

Ron informed the membership of the Tea Dance to be held on Friday, tickets available from Val Dromgoole.

The May Ball to be held at Salones Carrasco in Jávea on 17th May still has tickets available at 40€. The Ball tickets are now being offered to other U3As and non-members. Tickets available from Stephen Burke, Events Organiser.

Ron also informed the membership that the Hog Roast will be held later in the year at his house.

## **Vice President's Report**

Ron advised the CBBA (Costa Blanca Business Association) had approached him with regard to putting some of the companies involved on the U3A discount list. Ron sent application forms and has received 8 or 9 back; these are now on the discount list on the website. There are now a total of 95 companies on the discount list.

## Treasurer's Report

Mick advised that the accounts are good. We have a net bank balance of 20,523.11 Euros as at start of business on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Which shows that the overall balance is dropping in line with policy.

## Membership Secretary's Report

Howard advised that there were 17 new members today and 11 renewals. Currently we have just over 1155 paid-up members. Howard reminded members that they need to let him know of any changes to their personal details else they may not receive the Newsletter.

## Group Coordinator's Report

David thanked Jenny Wessendorff for holding the fort during the absence of a Groups Coordinator. He also advised the following groups would welcome more members, Backgammon, Bridge, Digital Photography, Poetry and Spanish; information for these groups is on the website.

There are also 4 suggestions for new groups;  
Pilates – Carol Pilgram is willing to set up another group.  
Ladies who Lunch – Sally Wells and Katrina Frost.  
Floresry for begginners has a demonstrator but requires a group leader.  
Sofa Art Group – Mike Frost – this is a 'live model' art group.

## AOB

Travel – There will be no Travel Team members attending the May General Meeting. The visit to Tabarca must be paid today.

Another reminder to buy tickets for the May Ball.

## Speaker

Ron introduced Mike Rendell who will talk about Entertainment in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.

Mike gave a very amusing talk, with illustrations, covering all types of entertainment during the Georgian period, from food and wine, fisticuffs and various types of animal fighting, sex and gambling. He then took questions. The many members' questions were very lively.

Ron thanked Mike and presented him with a gift of wine.

The meeting closed at 12.13 pm.

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

Seconded by (print name) ... SALLY WELLS ... Signed ... 

Signed .....  .....

**President**  
**Jávea U3A**

Signed .....  .....

**Secretary**  
**Jávea U3A**

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

**Minutes of General Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

## **COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

<b>President</b>	Peter Allin
<b>Vice President</b>	Ron Hughes
<b>Secretary</b>	Val Dromgoole
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mick Cox
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Howard Parker
<b>Groups Coordinator</b>	David Groves

## **LOCATION:**

Parador Hotel, Jávea

The meeting commenced at 11:01

### Welcome

Peter welcomed everybody to the meeting, especially Hugh Martin of Denia U3A.

### Apologies

Peter apologised for the fact that there was no book or DVD swap tables at this month's meeting. Unfortunately Brenda was unable to attend the meeting at very short notice and no replacement was available.

There will be no more CD swaps as there has been no interest shown and the stock has been donated to a local charity shop.

Peter urged the members to look on the web site to ensure the facilities they require are actually available at each meeting.

### Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting have been displayed on the website and as there were no matters arising the minutes were accepted. Proposed by Malcolm Neill, Seconded by Sam Wells.

## **President's Report**

Peter extended the U3a's condolences to the families of Bob Mather and Ken Vickers

Peter announced the retirement of:-

Jean Miller, Meetings Assistant, who is retiring from this position after 4 years  
David Mason, who for a very short time was the Deputy Membership Secretary, has had to return to the UK.

Which now leaves 3 vacancies within the non-executive committee, the above 2 positions plus Deputy Communications Officer.

Angela Chantry, who has given valuable service for over 7 years as the Cultural Arts coordinator, producing the monthly Cultural Arts Newsletter has also announced she is retiring at the end of June

Anyone who is interested in any of the above positions should contact the President ([president@u3ajavea.org](mailto:president@u3ajavea.org)) for the full job description.

Peter reported that the 176 people who attended the May Ball at Carrasco had a fantastic time, there were a few complaints about the food, mainly the fish course, but that the band, Strikland, was very, very good, better than the previous year's group. The Committee would be interested to know why the attendance was down and would appreciate a confidential email to [President@u3aJavea.org](mailto:President@u3aJavea.org) with any ideas.

Peter then offered thanks to Stephen Burke, who took on the task in February, much later than planned and ran with it. Peter apologised for the 'fast' raffle, which he finds boring and wanted to get it over with asap. He then thanked Stephen Burke, Jo Burke, Peter Burke, Carole Burke, Yvonne Smith and Sam Hunt. He also thanked Tom Miller and Clive White for taking and getting the photos onto the website so quickly and Tom Stevenson for printing the tickets etc.

Peter also informed the membership of future events:-

The Summer Party, Hog Roast, will take place around the 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August. Ron and Pru Hughes will host it in their fantastic gardens. Tickets will be for sale in July or from [tickets@u3ajavea.org](mailto:tickets@u3ajavea.org)

The next Tea Dance will be the 26<sup>th</sup> July at the Baptist Church Centre. Tickets available now, either at the Parador or via [tea.dance@u3ajavea.org](mailto:tea.dance@u3ajavea.org)

This year's Barn Dance will be on 8<sup>th</sup> November at Los Arcos with the same band, Los Rancheros, as have entertained us for the last two years. Tickets will be on sale later in the year.

Peter reminded the members that the Cutlery and Crockery was once again available for hire from Donald Watts.

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

Ron advised that 10 companies of the CBBA (Costa Blanca Business Association) are now on the U3A discount list.

He is now organising speakers for 2014 and asks the members if they know of any other speakers to contact him. He would then be able to contact those people and ask if they would be willing to give a short talk at the General Meetings and include them into the schedule.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mick advised that the accounts are good. We have a net bank balance of 20,747.19 Euros.



## **Membership Secretary's Report**

Howard advised that there were 17 new members today and 12 renewals. Currently we have 1184 paid-up members. Howard reminded members that they need to let him know of any changes to their personal details if they want to continue to receive the Newsletter.

## **Group Coordinator's Report**

David reported that there are 51 groups.

Ladies who Lunch – will have their first lunch this week and have a membership of 60 ladies  
Live Model Art - will have their first meeting this week.

3 groups have ceased to exist:

- Car Treasure Hunt, leader has retired.
- Play reading had insufficient numbers to continue
- Let's Talk Javea, leader has retired.

There are 5 proposed new groups:

- Tenpin bowling – needs a leader
- Canasta – needs someone to teach the game
- Tai Chi
- Railway Enthusiasts
- Learning Guitar, basic and intermediate from September.

## **AOB**

Food donations to Caritas should be made at the June General Meeting.

The U3A Brother A3 printer is offered for sale at 30€ as it is surplus to requirements, anyone interested should contact a committee member. Nick Winter indicated he had an interest.

## **Speaker**

Peter introduced Brett Hanson, Blevin Franks, who will talk about the implications for individuals on the new laws designed to combat tax fraud in Spain . This will specifically cover the new world wide asset declarations and other important changes that have occurred in the last year.

Brett gave a very informative, and amusing, talk and answered numerous questions.

Peter thanked Brett and presented him with a gift of wine.

The meeting closed at 12:25 pm.

Proposed by (print name) ..... *Jessie McKus* ..... Signed ..... *JL* .....  
Seconded by (print name) ..... *BRENDA BATES* ..... Signed ..... *B. Bates* .....  
Signed ..... *[Signature]* ..... Signed ..... *U. a. Diogo* .....

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

**Minutes of General Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

## **COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

<b>President</b>	Peter Allin
<b>Vice President</b>	Ron Hughes
<b>Secretary</b>	Val Dromgoole
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mick Cox
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Howard Parker
<b>Communications Officer</b>	David Woodhall

## **LOCATION:**

Parador Hotel, Jávea

The meeting commenced at 11:05

### Welcome

Peter welcomed everybody to the meeting, especially Hugh Martin, vice chairman of Denia U3A and all new members.

Peter introduced David Woodhall as the new Communications Officer. David then gave a short presentation of his life and skills. He recommended that members should make an effort to volunteer for one of the vacant posts.

### Apologies

Apologies were received from David Grove.

### Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting have been displayed on the website and as there were no matters arising the minutes were accepted. Proposed by Graciela Kaplan, seconded by Benda Bates.

### **President's Report**

Peter announced that the May Ball raised a total of 435.38€ for our current charity. (This amount was later corrected to 573.67€ via email from Stephen Burke). Peter also announced that the Cheese and Wine Party hosted by Robin Race and Krystyna Stefanczyk raised 1,483€, which Krystyna split, giving 750€ each to Caritas Pueblo and Caritas Puerto. Peter thanked Robin and Krystyna for a great event with entertainment from Barry the Swingman.

Peter announced that the Summer Garden Party would be held on the 31<sup>st</sup> August. There are 80 tickets available, at 15€ each, to those members who had previously reserved them via email to the organiser. Ron Hughes later extended the number of people to 100, allowing Stephen to sell further tickets to those on the waiting list.

Peter reminded members that the Barn Dance would be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> at Los Arcos, with music supplied by Los Rancheros. Again the tickets should be reserved via email to the organiser.

The Statutes, which are well out of date, are being reviewed by a sub-committee of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Tom Stevenson (the previous Secretary)

Peter then asked Krystyna to present her cheques to the representatives from Caritas. The Caritas representative thanked both Krystyna and the members for their valued support.

Peter then thanked and presented the following gifts to the retiring committee member and group leaders:-

Jean Miller, Meetings Assistant – flowers

Al Knight – Mountain Walks for 8 years – wine

Angela Chantry – Cultural Arts for 7 years and previously Travel – wine

Peter then reiterated that the vacancies now requiring volunteers are:-

Deputy Membership Secretary

Deputy Communications Officer

Deputy Secretary

Meetings Assistant

Cultural Arts Coordinator

He went on to strongly express that surely there are 5 people out of a membership of 1184 that could take these positions.

Anyone who is interested in any of the above positions should contact the President ([president@u3ajavea.org](mailto:president@u3ajavea.org)) for the full job description.

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

Ron reiterated that any members who were currently on the waiting list for the Summer Garden Party should see Stephen Burke after the meeting, as he had extended the numbers to 100.

Ron advised that several more companies of the CBBA (Costa Blanca Business Association) are now on the U3A discount list, making a total of 15-18 CBBA companies now on the discount list. The discount list now contains around 110 companies.

He still requires one or two more speakers for 2014 and asks the members if they know of any other speakers to contact him. He would then be able to contact those people and ask if they would be willing to give a short talk at the General Meetings and include them into the schedule.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Mick advised that the bank balance is 19,416.14 €, nett of monies held for travel and events.

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

Howard advised that there were 18 new members today and 1 renewal. Currently we have 1204 paid-up members.

**AOB**

Pat Robinson appealed for more people to make the Marina d'Or trip viable. See the web site for details.

There was a hat left at Krystyna's party

Peter read out an email from Rosa Mansell, regarding CREAMA looking for volunteers to teach English to Spanish unemployed people. There are 3 levels: Basic and Intermediate levels also need the volunteer to speak some Spanish. It requires availability of 1 morning per week. The next course starts in September.

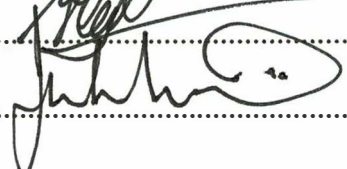
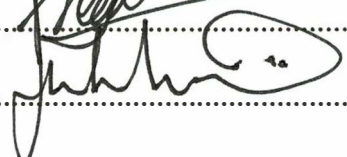
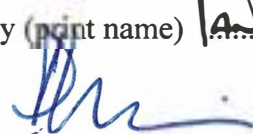
**Speaker**

Peter introduced Graciela Kaplan, who is also the secretary of Denia U3A, to talk about her career as a ballerina and pilates instructor. The talk was entitled 'My Life in Four Acts' and was very entertaining with many questions afterward.

Peter thanked Graciela and presented her with flowers.

Peter then wished the members a good summer and reminded them that the next meeting wouldn't be until September 25<sup>th</sup> and there would also be a food collection for Caritas at that meeting. He reminded members to keep watching the web site for information on various activities during the summer because no newsletter will be produced until September.

The meeting closed at 12:22 pm.

Proposed by (print name) .. MARCO NELL .. Signed ..  ..  
Seconded by (print name) .. IAN MACKENZIE .. Signed ..  ..  
Signed ..  .. Signed ..

**President**  
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**Secretary**  
**Jávea U3A**

# Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea

Minutes of General Meeting held on 25th September 2013

## COMMITTEE PRESENT:

<b>President</b>	Peter Allin
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mick Cox
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Howard Parker
<b>Groups Coordinator</b>	David Grove
<b>Communications Officer</b>	David Woodhall
<b>Vocal</b>	Tom Stevenson

## LOCATION:

Parador Hotel, Jávea

The meeting commenced at 11:01.

### Welcome

Peter welcomed everybody to the meeting, especially new members, and also Tom Stevenson for standing in as Vocal.

### Apologies

Vice President Ron Hughes, who is moving house  
Secretary Val Dromgoole, who is on holiday overseas

### Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and seconded by Malcolm Neil and Ian Mackenzie respectively.

## **President's Report**

### Retiring Group leader

Peter advised the return of Pat Barlow to the UK. Pat ran the Cards Group, one of the longest running groups in the U3A Jávea and Peter formally thanked her for the many years she has put into running this Group. Shirley King has agreed to take over the running of the Cards Group.

### Appointment of Deputy Membership Secretary

Peter notified the membership of the appointment of Sheila Giacomelli to the position of Deputy Membership Secretary. Peter extended a warm welcome to Sheila, who unfortunately had had to leave the meeting for a short time.

### Committee Vacancies



Peter reminded members that there are still a number of vacancies on the Committee. He is in the process of interviewing a volunteer for the role of Deputy Communications Officer. Without volunteers there would be no Committee and the Association would cease to exist.

Looking forward to the next AGM, Peter advised he must stand down after serving on the Committee for three years. The Vice President would have offered himself for the position of President but this has changed as a result of his house sale. We really need volunteers to come forward to these positions as otherwise the Association will no longer be able to function legally and may have to be dissolved. Peter assured us that the role of President is easy and great fun. The AGM may be six months away but intervening events mean that there are only two more General Meetings before the AGM.

### Summer Garden Party (Hog Roast)

This was exceedingly successful. 94 members attended. Thanks to Ron and Pru for making their home available. Also thanks to Stephen and Jo and their team of helpers for all the hard work they put into organising the event. 899.27 Euros were raised for Caritas. And a special thanks to Tom Miller for all his photos.

### Forthcoming Events

Barn Dance on Friday 8th November at Los Arcos, with the same band as last year, Los Rancheros. Reservations can be made at [tickets@u3ajavea.org](mailto:tickets@u3ajavea.org), the price 25 Euros per ticket.

### Raffle Prizes Sub-committee

Stephen is organising a team to deal with this, to avoid any last-minute rush to find prizes. He is looking for volunteers, contact him on [events@u3ajavea.org](mailto:events@u3ajavea.org).

### Notice Board

The physical notice boards will no longer be displayed at General Meetings. This facility is now available on the U3A website on a "Members Only" page where items can be advertised as For Sale or as Wanted.

### Review of Statutes

A review of our current statutes took place over the summer. One aim is to give additional flexibility as to how long people can serve on the Committee. Work on this is continuing.

### Miscellaneous

Two of our members were robbed in Mercadona recently. The thieves used a distraction technique, please be alert. Also, another member reported that he had received a "Missed Call" from an unknown number. Upon investigation he discovered that if he had called it back it would have been an extremely expensive call.

Shirley King will be selling cards at the October General Meeting in aid of Caritas.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Mick advised we have a bank balance of 17,101.34 Euros, net of prepayments relating to Events and Travel. The funds will be boosted once money comes back in from the Peniscola trip and the Garden Party. Everything is running OK, there are no problems.

## **Membership Secretary's Report**

Howard advised that there were 34 new members enrolled today and he welcomed them to this meeting. Currently we have 1274 members

## **Communications Officer's Report**

David reported that the September Newsletter was the first he had produced, he experienced some problems but it was issued on time.

The Dine and Dance Group advised the coach will leave on 4th October for Viva España from Interiors at 18:20, not at 16:20 as previously indicated.

David thanked members for all the assistance he has received during his first month and appealed for members to come forward and fill the various Committee positions which are, or will be, vacant.

## **Groups Coordinator's Report**

David advised that the numbers in the new Canasta Group were increasing rapidly and beginners are welcome. The Bridge Group have struggled to raise enough numbers to play so if you are interested please come along (not suitable for beginners). Both the Bridge and Backgammon Groups meet here in The Parador Hotel.

The History Group has changed from Mondays to the second Tuesday of each month. The Guitar Group has now been formed. The initial meeting of the Railway Enthusiasts will be held on 1st October.

Pat Ainsley and Shirley King are the new Group Leaders for Pilates and Crafts (Card Making) respectively.

Three new Groups have been suggested - Ten Pin Bowling, Flower Arranging and T'ai Chi.

## **AOB**

Peter advised:

- The next Donation Day for Caritas is November
- MABS Ball tickets are still available for Saturday
- There has been an outstanding level of donation of plastic tops for Noa and it is hoped this will continue. Krystyna said that the requirement will exist for the indefinite future.

Tom Miller wanted to record his appreciation of Clive White's role in putting his (Tom's) photographs on the website.

Brenda Bates will be unable to attend the October General Meeting and asked for volunteers to look after the Book Table. Details to Jenny Wessendorf please.

Tim Ladd reported that the Jávea Town Plan has reached the Public Consultation stage. The Ayuntamiento are interested in meeting with local associations and Tim asked if the U3A would like to form a sub-committee to provide input. Peter to discuss this at the Committee.

Angela Chantry mentioned that no one has come forward to fill the vacant Cultural Arts position. Peter asked for a volunteer and noted that Angela is happy to assist in the handover.

### Speaker

Peter introduced the speaker, our own Peter Atkinson. Peter provided a fascinating and at times humorous presentation on "*What did the Romans do for Spain*", including excerpts from Monty Python's "Life of Brian".

Peter Atkinson then took many questions from the floor and responded diligently and with great knowledge. Peter drew the questions to a close and thanked Peter Atkinson for providing such a good topic for our meeting. As a token of our thanks he presented Peter with some bottles of wine.

Peter finished by reminding members that the speaker in October will be Chris Duffin with "More Jail Tales".

The meeting closed at 12.20 pm.

Proposed by (print name) J. BUTCHER ..... Signed J. Butcher

Seconded by (print name) J. O'KEEFE ..... Signed J. O'Keefe

Signed [Signature] .....

Signed [Signature] .....

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

**Minutes of General Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

## **COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

<b>President</b>	Peter Allin
<b>Vice President</b>	Ron Hughes
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mick Cox
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Howard Parker
<b>Communications Officer</b>	David Woodhall
<b>Secretary</b>	Val Dromgoole

## **LOCATION:**

Parador Hotel, Jávea

The meeting commenced at 11:02.

### Welcome

Peter welcomed everybody to the meeting, especially new members.

### Apologies

Groups Coordinator David Grove.

Deputy Groups Coordinator Jenni Wessendorf, who was taken ill but left notes to be read.

### Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and seconded by Ineke Butcher and Joanne O'Keefe respectively.

## **President's Report**

### Retiring Group leader

Peter thanked Gillian Breen for being The Foodies group leader for many years and presented her with a voucher.

The Foodies group now needs a new leader.

### Appointment of Deputy Communications Officer

Peter notified the membership of the appointment of Jeanne Southworth to the position of Deputy Communications Officer. Peter extended a warm welcome to Jeanne, who has had experience of writing for a newspaper and is a member of the Jávea Players.

## Committee Vacancies

Peter reminded members that there is still a vacancy for a Deputy Secretary on the Committee.

Peter reminded the membership that he must stand down after serving on the Committee for three years. The Vice President is unable to step into the President's role as his circumstances have changed. He called again for volunteers to come forward to these positions to enable the Association to continue to function legally. Peter wants these positions filled so the handover from the current incumbents to the new would be smoother.

## Forthcoming Events

- Barn Dance on Friday 8th November at Los Arcos, with the same band as last year, Los Rancheros. There were still tickets available from Stephen Burke.
- Christmas Lunch at La Masena restaurant on 21<sup>st</sup> November is now fully booked.
- May Ball 2014 will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> May at Carrasco. The tickets will be 40€ per head, which includes a choice of 2 starters, 4 main course (including 1 vegetarian), 2 desserts, all drinks are free until the desserts course and the group Strikland, who were excellent last May. The tickets may be ordered for members and guests, but in February tickets will be offered to other U3A groups and organisations in the area.

## Raffle Prizes Sub-committee

Stephen Burke, the Event's Organiser, is still looking for volunteers to form an events sub-committee to acquire raffle prizes, contact him on [events@u3ajavea.org](mailto:events@u3ajavea.org).

## Nominated Charity for 2014

The Committee, after much discussion, decided to support EMAÚS. This is a children's support charity, with 9 children's shelters housing 90 children, support for teenagers, support for families and a shelter for abused women with children.

## Change of Address of the Association

The official social and fiscal address of the Association is now at the offices of LexTax in Carrer D'Avall 31, 03730 Javea. LexTax is dealing with this free of charge.

## Obituaries

Peter announced the deaths of Maria Buxton and Brian Walthew and extended our condolences to their families. The full obituary can be read in the current Newsletter.

## **Vice President's Report**

Ron announced that there is a significant increase in the Discount List and encourages the membership to check with the list.

From the 50 plus groups only half made a report in the Newsletter. David encourages the group leaders to send in reports, but keep them brief.

**AOB**

Peter advised that the proceeds from the November Extravaganza raffle would be donated to Bomberos Voluntarios to help them replace the hoses and other equipment that they lost in the recent Grenadella fire. The members approved.

Peter introduced the first speaker, Pat Johnson, who invited the members to an open day at Benitachell Bowls Club on 9<sup>th</sup> November at 10:00. She explained what the day would consist of. She went on to say that if this day wasn't convenient you could put your name down for another day.

Peter then introduced the main speaker, Chris Duffin, with more amusing tales from her prison experiences.

Chris gave an interesting talk starting with some facts and figures about the current UK prison system followed by some amusing anecdotes.

Peter thanked her and presented her with a bouquet.

Peter then reminded the membership that the November General Meeting would be the Christmas Extravaganza, with the Costa Blanca Choir, other entertainment, mince pies and sherry. There will also be a Caritas food collection.

The meeting closed at 12.25 pm.

Proposed by (print name) ANGELA CHANTRY Signed A Chantry

Seconded by (print name) TONY DEARIE Signed Tony Dearie

Signed .....

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