

Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea
Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 27th February 2019

Committee Present:

President:	Val Dromgoole
Vice President	Peter Allin
Acting Secretary:	Jacqui Rogerson
Treasurer:	Mick Cox
Groups Coordinator:	David McClure-Whybrow
Communications Officer	Ian Rogerson
Membership Secretary	Stan Staines

Apologies:

None

Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting convened at 11.00am

Welcome & President's Report

Val welcomed everyone to the meeting, saying that all the committee were present. Val appealed for members to cast their votes in the Executive Committee elections. She pointed out that all current committee members were standing unopposed apart from the post of President and she introduced to the assembled audience John Morgan, who was standing against her for the position. Val made an appeal for a Travel Team leader to come forward to coordinate monthly meetings. Roy Brown, who stood down as Secretary in November, was presented with a cheque for his work.

Vice President

Peter Allin announced that speakers are arranged for all the general meetings in 2019. He also reminded members to look at the latest Discounts List on the website.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mick Cox reported that the current bank balance was €30,589.88, which included monies held for charity, Spanish Culture & Cuisine and Travel groups.

Membership Secretary' Report

Membership Secretary Stan Staines said that 90 members had renewed their membership today and 64 new members had joined. At the end of 2018, there were 1,408 members – and already in January 867 had renewed and 136 new members had registered. He also thanked all the helpers who assisted him at monthly meetings.

Groups Coordinator's Report

Group Coordinator David Whybrow said that a FitSteps group had been launched and was "definitely for ladies only!" He reported that a member had asked if there was anybody who could lead a new sign-language group and he appealed for anybody with expert knowledge to get in touch with him.

David said he was delighted that the forthcoming May Ball at Salones Carrasco on May 31 was already about two-thirds subscribed and urged members not to miss out on this prestigious event and book their places as soon as possible.

David also appealed for somebody to lead the Travel Team, which he said was not an onerous task. It did not involve leading trips, but to chair Travel Team meetings.

Communications Officer's Report

Communications Officer Ian Rogerson reported that good progress was being made on an exciting new Javea U3A website, thanks to the work put in by the IT team of project leader Margaret March together with Piotr Azia and Acting Webmaster John Wilde.

Ian appealed for anybody who was not receiving his regular bulletins to make sure he had their correct email addresses and to let him know if they changed their email addresses.

Ian reported the ongoing success of our Facebook page, with membership approaching the 500 mark. He promised that there would be a prize for Member No. 500.

Cheque presentation to charity

President Val Dromgoole presented a cheque for €3,113 to our nominated charity of the year, Todos Juntos Javea, together with €117 raised from the sale of Christmas cards and calendars.

The charity's president, Carmen Alesanco and secretary Marion Kenworthy, expressed their gratitude for the donation.


Our chosen charity for 2019 is Help of Denia and Marina Alta, and its representative, Catherine Perez, came along to explain to members the voluntary work it carries out in the area.

Speaker Ray Wilcox

The meeting finished with an enlightening talk by former prison officer and governor, Ray Wilcox, on his career in the prison service and the problems the service is currently facing. U3A members were also able to buy copies of two novels Ray has written, based on "inside" information.

Ray was thanked for his interesting talk by U3A Vice-President Peter Allin.

The meeting closed at 1.20pm

Proposed by (print name) JOSEPHINE DRAPER Signed: 

Seconded by (print name) DAVID WATTS Signed: 

President Secretary Rogerson

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Annex

Committee Present:

President:	Val Dromgoole
Vice President	Peter Allin
Acting Secretary:	Jacqui Rogerson
Deputy Treasurer:	Sally Rush
Groups Coordinator:	David McClure-Whybrow
Communications Officer	Ian Rogerson
Membership Secretary	Stan Staines

Auditors:

Roger Barkley
Irene Charlesworth

Apologies:

Treasurer Mick Cox

Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting convened at **10.30am**

First Calling

Val opened the meeting by announcing the first calling to members.

Break in proceedings

Second Calling

Val announced the second calling to members.

Welcome & President's Report

Val welcomed everyone to the meeting, saying that all the committee were present except for Mick Cox, who sent his apologies.

Approval of February 2019 minutes

The minutes were duly signed by members David Watts and Josephine Harper and counter-signed by the President and Acting Secretary.

Announcements and Presentations

Val announced that the new website was ready to be launched. It would enable group leaders to make their own updates, which is quite exciting ... and the Members' Database would ensure better data protection. David presented chocolates to Travel Team leader Jan Wylie on behalf of her predecessor Joni Hills, who has retired from the team after many years of service

Communications Officer's Annual Report

Ian informed members that he had been their Communication Officer for the past three years and Publicity Officer for 6 years. Ian also explained that he had been particularly busy in the transitional period from the old website to the new website. Ian said it was as exciting time for Javea U3A with the imminent launch of a bright new website and Facebook reaching the 500 members mark. There was a special gift of a bottle of wine for Facebook member number 500, Stephen Ellis, and in his absence, his partner Jo collected the prize on his behalf.

Groups Coordinator's Annual Report

David explained that he got involved with Javea U3A soon after arriving in Spain and where he was made to feel welcome in a strange place with new friends and social gatherings. He soon decided that he would like to put something back into the association by volunteering to be Groups Coordinator when the position became vacant last year. David announced that there were now 61 Javea U3A groups including recent additions – Australian Canasta, Mexican Train and Electric Bikes. There was also interest in starting a Sign Language group and he appealed for any member who is expert in this field to come forward and lead it. David added that it was the members who were key to the success of the association and that the committee was irrelevant.

Membership Secretary's Annual Report

Stan thanked all those people who had assisted him during the year and gave special thanks to Linda Coughlin (Meet & Greet Officer), Shelia (Deputy Membership Secretary) and his wife Margaret. Stan reported that there are currently 1,279 members, with 25 renewing and 22 more joining on the day. Over the years a pattern has emerged which shows that approximately 250 new members join and 250 members to not renew.

Treasurer's Annual Report

Sally (Deputy Treasurer) informed everyone that the year had gone well, and we have achieved our objective of supporting Groups and Events. Sally reported that the U3A current bank balance was €49,619, which included €18,439.54 being held for Events, Travel and Charities etc, leaving a balance of €31,179,95. Finally, Sally thanked everyone for supporting the Association – and delivered a Brexit-themed joke following in the footsteps of Mick's obligatory offering!

Vice-President's Annual Report

Peter was delighted to announce that there were speakers booked for every general meeting in 2019 and included talks on cyber security, the adventures of a Concorde pilot and a UN peacekeeper who was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize for his services to peacekeeping. Our own Angela Chantry would also be giving an insight into the history of Javea. Finding good speakers is always difficult, so any leads from members would be appreciated. He also urged members to keep an eye on the Discounts List on the website, which was regularly updated and added to. Finally, he concluded that it had been a good, successful year.

President's Annual Report

Val said that, contrary to what David had said, the executive committee was indeed relevant: Sally and Mick have to count the shekles; Ian has to tell you what the hell is going on; David has to organise the groups and any problems that occur; if we didn't have Stan, how would members join? Peter is very important because sometimes the only reason members come to these meetings is because we have decent speakers. So it would appear that I am the only irrelevant person! I can't honestly say I have enjoyed this last year. It has been horrible one way or another. We have had many quarrels in the committee – we are like a dysfunctional family! We shout at each other, we send emails - you can't believe the number of emails we send to each other over some tiny little things - so one way or another I hope it changes for the next year. Val also announced that the association will be changing banks – from La Caixa to Sabadell – in order to obtain more favourable terms.

Questions from the floor

There were no questions from the floor.

Approval of Audited Accounts for 2018

Members agreed acceptance of the approved audited accounts

Executive Committee leave their seats and join the floor

Executive Committee election results from Election Auditors for 2019/2020

Auditor Peter Barkley reported that 190 votes had been cast. He then announced the results of new committee members. With Presidential candidate John Morgan having withdrawn from the contest, Val Dromgoole was re-elected as President; Also re-elected: Peter Allin, Vice-President; Mick Cox, Treasurer; Ian Rogerson, Communications Officer; David Whybrow, Groups Coordinator and Stan Staines, Membership Secretary. The results of the voting was: Val Dromgoole, President, 84; Peter Allin, Vice-President 175; Mick Cox, Treasurer, 177; David Whybrow, Groups Coordinator, 173; Stan Staines, Membership Secretary, 177; Ian Rogerson, Communications Officer, 165.

The new elected executive committee members returned to their places

Appointment of new Secretary

Val asked members to ratify the appointment of Margaret March as Secretary to the committee by a show of hands. There were no objections to this appointment.

Deputy Positions

David announced that Krystyna Stefanczyk agreed to be Deputy Groups Coordinator. Volunteers were called for the positions of Deputy Communications Officer and Deputy Membership Secretary.

New President's Objectives

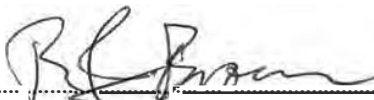
Val stated that she only had one objective and it was the same objective as last year – 'to have a friendly, coordinated U3A Javea'. "I don't want to hear any more personal squabbles. We've tried to deal with these things and it doesn't work. The committee is not here to deal with personal squabbles. We are here to run a U3A and that's all we are here for. If you've got a group problem, you go to David; if you have a membership problem you go to Stan. These are the things we can deal with – nothing else! So let's all be nice to each other."

Questions from the floor

Questions were raised about what was going to happen when the Parador closes for refurbishment. Peter assured members that the committee had this matter in hand and are considering options, including SeeMontgo (formerly Laguna Ribs). The Javea Social Centre in the port was suggested as it would involve no costs.

Auditor Irene Charlesworth reminded members that there were collection boxes at the general meetings for our nominated charity, Help of Denia and Marina Alta.

Meeting closed at 11:40

Proposed by (print name) R. F. BROWN Signed: 

Seconded by (print name) C. PAMES-BROWN Signed: 

President  Secretary 

Dated 24/4/2019

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Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 24th April 2019

Committee Present:

President: Val Dromgoole (VD)
Deputy Secretary: Jacqui Rogerson (JD)
Treasurer: Mick Cox (MC)
Groups Coordinator: David Whybrow ((DW)
Communications Officer: Ian Rogerson (IR)
Membership Secretary: Stan Staines (SS)

Apologies:

Vice-President: Peter Allin (PA)
Secretary: Margaret March (MM)

Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting convened at 11.00am

1: Welcome & President's Report

VD welcomed everyone to the meeting, saying that all the executive-committee were present except for Vice-President (PA) and Secretary (MM), who had sent their apologies.

2: Approval of March 2019 AGM Minutes

These minutes were agreed and signed.

3: Announcement

VD stated there were no announcements this month.

4: President's Report

VD said that plans for the forthcoming May Glitterball were well in hand with tickets selling well. The next big event is a Hallowe'en Party on October 31. VD added that the Dine & Dance Group had collected €150 for our chosen charity, Help of Denia and Marina Alta.

5: Treasurer's Report

Treasurer (MC) reported that there was

Current bank balance	€49,695.87
Heled by Travel, SC&C etc	€18,640.95
Net Balance	€30,904.92

He said we were in the process of changing banks and would notify members when the move was complete.

6: Communications Officer's Report

Communications Officer (IR) reported that the new website was now up and running and he hoped members had looked at it and approved of all the new features. He thanked (MM) and Piotr for their hard work in setting up the new website and running training courses. IR appealed again for someone to come forward and help him in a deputy communications/publicity role, assuring members that it would be fun and rewarding.

7: Groups Coordinator's Report

Group Coordinator (DW) thanked group leaders for sending their lists of members in their groups – this will help make groups communications easier. He also announced news of three new groups – Fitsteps, Motorcycles and Photography.

8: Membership Secretary's Report

Membership Secretary (SS) welcomed 9 new members who had joined this month, which now brings the total up 1,294 members, which was 100 down on last year. So far this year, 203 new members had joined. SS introduced and thanked Julie Robson, who has been appointed the new Deputy Membership Secretary, for her help.

9: Questions from the floor (AOB)

There were none.

10: Guest Speaker, Ray Bryant

The meeting finished with an enlightening and thought-provoking talk on 'Cyber Security Worldwide'. This was followed by some interesting questions from the floor. Ray was thanked for his talk by Groups Co-ordinator (DW) and presented with a gift.

The meeting closed at 12.40pm

Proposed by (print name) P. BELLS Signed: P. Bells Dated 29/05/2019

Seconded by (print name) R. BELLS Signed: R. Bells Dated 29/05/2019

President: U. A. Dungeles Secretary: John

**Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea
Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 29th May 2019**

Committee Present:

President:	Val Dromgoole (VD)
Vice-President:	Peter Allin (PA)
Deputy Secretary:	Jacqui Rogerson (JPD)
Deputy Treasurer:	Sally Rush (SR)
Communications Officer	Ian Rogerson (IR)
Groups Coordinator:	David Whybrow ((DW)
Deputy Membership Secretary	Julie Robson (JR)

Apologies:

Treasurer:	Mick Cox (MC)
Membership Secretary:	Stan Staines (SS)

Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting convened at **11.00am**

1: Welcome & Apologies

VD welcomed everyone to the meeting, saying that all the executive-committee were present except for Treasurer (MC) and Membership Secretary (SS), who sent their apologies.

2: Approval of April 2019 General Meeting Minutes

Last month's General Meeting minutes were agreed and signed.

3: Announcements

VD presented much-loved member Betty Guinness with Honorary Membership together with a special gold membership card and some beautiful homemade chocolates in recognition of her 100th birthday . Betty stood up and replied that she felt 'very honoured'. She went on to say: "Having lived for 16 years on my own, the U3A has meant so much to me. The many events and activities have kept me going. I am always meeting people who stop and say hello to me and when you live on your own it means so much. Thank you for just being you." A big round of applause for Betty followed.

VD informed members that Carole Drinkwater (author) was launching her new book 'The House on the Edge of the Cliff' on June 7 at 5pm in Pedreguer with wine and tapas at for €15. Tickets available from Humpty Dumpty. VD showed the audience collection tins which were available for members to donate small change for our nominated charity of the year, Help of Denia and Marina Alta.

4: President's Report

No report was given.

5: Vice-President's Report

PA said that the Discount List has continued to be updated. Latest addition was a new hair & beauty salon opened in the Plaza, offering Javea U3A members a 10% discount. He confirmed that the Parador Hotel would not now close in October 2019 and was likely to remain open until at least April 2020. This means that the Christmas Extravaganza could go ahead if we were able to find a new director or team to run the event.

6: Treasurer's Report

Deputy Treasurer (SR) reported that the U3A had a healthy bank balance of €40,609. This figure also includes monies held for Travel, Spanish Culture & Cuisine and special events. SR finished with the customary treasurer's jokes, much to the amusement of the audience!

7: Communications Officer's Report

IR reported that it had been a busy month on the communications front and he had covered a number of events, with reports and photos appearing on the website, the U3A Facebook page and in the local press. He promised that, with the ongoing development of the website and database, there would be improvements in the way he delivered his email bulletins. IR said he could not finish without mentioning the B-word No, not Brexit, but the Ball the following day! He hoped those attending would have a great time and said he would be there, armed with his camera, taking photos of members in their finery to publish in the usual places.

8: Groups Coordinator's Report

Groups Coordinator (DW) stated that the U3A now had 61 groups plus four new groups in the pipeline: Photography, Motorcycling, Yoga and Chess, although he added that we still needed leaders for Yoga and Chess. He asked that anyone else who had ideas for new groups to please let him know.

9: Membership Secretary's Report

Membership Secretary (JR) welcomed 10 new members who had joined on the day and three members who had renewed their membership, which brought the total to 1,307 members.


10: Questions from the floor (AOB)

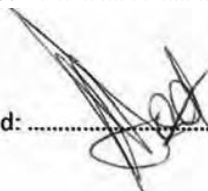
There were no questions from the floor. Charo gave a brief account of the RADAR Project, formed by Xabia Ajuntament and local associations, business owners and pharmacies. She outlined its aims as being a network to help senior citizens living alone in Javea. The objective is to help and enable senior citizens to continue to live independently and reduce loneliness, isolation and social exclusion. She asked members to pick up one of the leaflets and urged members to join the project.



11: Guest Speaker Pete Carrigan

The meeting finished with an excellent presentation on "What made the Concorde so special" by former Concorde flight engineer Pete Carrigan. His talk was greeted with enthusiastic applause and sparked some interesting questions from his appreciative audience.
Pete was thanked for his talk by Vice-President (PA) and presented with a gift.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm

Proposed by (print name) MALCOLM MARLIS Signed:  Dated 26/6/2019

Seconded by (print name) JOHN BOER Signed:  Dated 26/6/2019

President:  Secretary: 

Asociación Social de la Tercera Edad de Jávea Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 26th June 2019

Committee Present:

President:	Val Dromgoole (VD)
Vice-President:	Peter Allin (PA)
Deputy Secretary:	Jacqui Rogerson (JPR)
Treasurer:	Mick Cox (MC)
Communications Officer	Ian Rogerson (IR)
Groups Coordinator:	David Whybrow ((DW)
Deputy Membership Secretary	Julie Robson (JR)

Apologies

Membership Secretary: Stan Staines (SS)

Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting convened at 11.00am

1: Welcome & Apologies

VD welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were sent by the Membership Secretary (SS). The President (VD) apologised for the fact that she would not be at the September General Meeting as she will be away on a cruise.

2: Approval of May 2019 General Meeting Minutes

Last month's General Meeting minutes were agreed and signed by two members from the audience.

3: Announcements

VD requested that members stop using the old .org website and now use the new u3ajavea.com website. If you wish to write to a committee member, you are able to do this quite easily by logging onto the new website .com address and then hovering over the picture of the committee member - then their email address will appear where you can directly write to them. VD emphasised that all trips and group activities are for U3A members only, although, in the event of places becoming available, non-members may be invited to attend.

4: President's Report

VD reported that Hallowe'en Party tickets are still available. VD appealed for members to donate more raffle prizes in order to raise money for our chosen charity. VD reminded members that many U3A events take a break during the summer months and the next General Meeting would be in September. She wished everyone a lovely summer.

5: Vice-President's Report

PA stated that the next two speakers for September and October General meetings would be Angela Chantry (History of Jávea) and John Hopwood (The History of the Bicycle) respectively. He appealed to members to let him know of any other good speakers for next year. The Discount List continues to be updated regularly.

6: Treasurer's Report

Treasurer (MC) reported that Jávea U3A currently has €65,587.97 in the bank, of which €35,511.80 is being held for Travel, special events etc as well as €150 for charity. This leaves a balance of €29,926,09. MC reported that the U3A was transferring its bank account from Caixa to Sabadell and that an announcement would be made when the move was finalised and the account up and running. He urged members to ensure that, when making bank transfers, they use the .com email address. MC did not finish with the customary treasurer's jokes out of respect for the loss of his wife Val's daughter, Sharon, who had sadly passed away on Monday morning, aged just 41.

7: Communications Officer's Report

IR reported that the May Glitter Ball had been a great success and he had taken over 250 photos, many of which had been posted on Facebook, on our new website and in local newspapers. Members wishing to attend the Hallowe'en Party would still be able to purchase tickets at the September meeting. In closing, IR wished everyone a good summer.

8: Groups Coordinator's Report

Groups Coordinator (DW) said there had been considerable interest in forming a new Chess Group, but appealed for someone to volunteer as group leader. Marion Monsell is retiring as group leader of Sunday Singles and Netta Tyler will be taking over in July. DW said that our Gesters, LexTax, will be handling sports centre bookings over the summer. DW thanked all group leaders for their hard work throughout the year and wished them a good summer.

9: Membership Secretary's Report

Deputy Membership Secretary (JR) welcomed 10 new members who had joined today, which now brought the total membership to 1,317.

10: Questions from the floor (AOB)

There were no questions from the floor.

11: Guest Speaker – Robert Van De Loo

The meeting finished with an extremely interesting and entertaining talk by guest speaker Robert Van De Loo on his career as a UN peacekeeper. He talked about his experiences in some of the most dangerous war zones throughout the world, but said it had been tremendously rewarding and he had no regrets. He was grateful to his wife and daughter for their support, not least for their patience having to move home 37 times! There were several interesting questions from the audience. Robert was thanked for his talk by Vice-President (PA) and presented with a gift.

The meeting closed at 12.20pm

Proposed by (print name) CAROLINE PEREZ PINTO Signed: [Signature] Dated 25/9/2019
Seconded by (print name) TERESA PEREZ PINTO Signed: [Signature] Dated 25/9/2019
Vice-President: [Signature] Secretary: [Signature]

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Committee Present:

Vice-President:	Peter Allin
Secretary:	Margaret March
Treasurer:	Mick Cox
Communications Officer:	Ian Rogerson
Groups Coordinator:	David Whybrow
Membership Secretary:	Stan Staines

Apologies:

President: Val Dromgoole

1. Welcome

Peter Allin welcomed members present to our first meeting after the summer break. He said a special welcome to new members.

He asked members to turn off or put mobiles in silent mode and respectfully asked that members do not leave the meeting before it was formally declared closed.

2. Approval of General Assembly Minutes June 2019

The minutes were agreed and signed.

3. President Report

There are a number of Group Leaders who have decided to step down. These are:

- Marion Monsell, Group Leader of the Solos On Sunday Group has decided to return to the UK in October. Marion has been Group Leader since 2005, when the U3A Jávea was first formed and she has done a wonderful job of running the Solos On Sunday Group. Huge thanks go to Marion for all her hard work and we have a gift or two in recognition of her sterling service to the Association.
- Marion came forward to accept a gift of a rose and voucher for a local restaurant. She thanked everyone for the gifts for their kindness, Marion said: "The best thing that ever happened to Jávea is the U3A. I have made so many friends through it and it has resulted in many friendships and even some romances over the years. She added "I do hope I have made a contribution to this and helped make Jávea a happier place. I will miss you all."
- Angela Chantry & Tony Dearie, who due to their heavy commitments running the Spanish Culture & Cuisine Group, have decided to step down as Group Leaders of the History Group after the group's December meeting. They have done an excellent job over the past three years, for which many thanks, so we have a little gift for them in

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recognition of their hard work. Angela and Tony were presented with a rose and a bottle of wine for which they thanked everyone.

- We now hope a volunteer will come forward soon to be the Group Leader of the History Group.
- Pam Coombe, Group Leader of the popular Petanque Group, has done an excellent job of running that group for the past 9 years or so. She has now decided it is time to step down. Again massive thanks go to Pam for all her hard work and in recognition of her hard work we have a couple of gifts for her. Pam was not present at the meeting but another member came forward to receive the gifts on her behalf.

VACANT COMMITTEE POSITIONS

- We still have a vacancy on the Committee for Deputy Communications Officer.
- In addition we need volunteers to assist David Butt on the Travel Team, due to other members of the Travel Team having unexpectedly to step down for personal reasons or ill health.
- We therefore urgently need volunteers to fill these vacancies as soon as possible. Anyone who is interested, please contact any member of the Committee.

4. Vice-President Report

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

- **Hallowe'en Dinner Dance** – Organisers Chris and Andrew McPhee now have 117 members attending this event which will be held at the Dance Café, Toscamar. The event will feature the excellent Brink Band. Members who have not yet paid for their tickets should do so as soon as possible.
- **Extravaganza** – this will take place here in the Parador Hotel on Wednesday 27 November. Organiser Shirley King has organised a number of amusing acts, booked the English Choir made up of 30 people, mostly women but with some men also and a short panto.
- We also have Bob Johnson aka Bobby Valentine acting as compere for the event. President Val Dromgoole is arranging the mince pies and sherry, so all we need now are volunteers to run the raffle in aid of HELP of Denia & Marina Alta. Any volunteers will be greatly appreciated. Contact me immediately after the meeting or by email to vice.president@u3ajavea.com that will be great.
- **The U3A End of Year Christmas Party**– Organised by Mike Frost to take place on Thursday 28th November at Restaurante Masena for a cost of €28 pp. There are

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only 15 places left. If you wish to attend please check out the website for full details here https://u3ajavea.com/info/event/end-of-year-lunch/?instance_id=87

OTHER MATTERS

- We will close down our old website U3A Jávea.org at the end of this month or very soon after. Please be sure to use the u3ajavea.com address in the future when navigating to our new website.
- I hope you have noticed that there are a number of collection tins scattered around this meeting hall for our nominated charity for this year, HELP of Denia & Marina Alta. It would be jolly nice, if members could find it in their hearts to put some spare coins in these containers, so they have a purpose and not just stand there as items of decoration.
- In addition HELP have an office in La Xara, which supplies various items to assist people and they have just moved their charity shop from Moraira to Teulada where it is easier to park.

5. Membership Secretary Report

Stan reported that there were 16 new members who joined today, plus a further 5 who had paid online. There were 8 renewals bringing our total membership to 1359.

Stan informed the meeting that all renewals for next year 2020 should be made in January or February. Renewals after that date will not be eligible to vote. Renewals after April will be required to pay a joining fee in addition to the renewal fee.

Stan then apologised to the meeting in general and the Speaker in particular for having to leave the meeting at that point as he had a hospital appointment at Denia.

6. Groups Coordinator Report

David gave his own thanks to the Group Leaders who were retiring and wished to reiterate the urgent need for Travel Team volunteers because Travel events form such an important part of U3A Jávea's activity program.

He added that 3 new groups had been formed:

- Sea Fishing by Colin Olver
- Chess by Roy Brown which has 7 members but needs at least one more to make up pairs
- Gardens by Marilyn Staus

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The Camino Walking Group led by Charo Tames-Brown is no longer under the travel Team remit and can be found as a separate group on the website here <https://u3ajavea.com/info/camino-walking-group/> - a new contact email has been created so check out the group page for details.

Finally David made a plea for all Group Leaders to send him their lists of members so we can annotate the Membership Database **and** for Group Leaders to change over to using their new email addresses because the old ones will not work after 30 September.

7. Communications Officer Report

Ian said he tried to keep everyone up to date with information about activities but that he depended on members keeping their email addresses up to date and also checking their 'spam' folders in case Newsletters were mistakenly put in those.

He added that comments had been made that the Newsletter should feature articles about more of the Groups. For this he needs input from Group Leaders and urged them to send him photos and information that can be included.

He also urged members to check the website www.u3ajavea.com regularly for updates on all the activities U3A Jávea has to offer.

8. Treasurer Report

Mick reported that the new account with Sabadell was working well and that the old account with Caixa would be closed soon.

Finances are in a good state as follows:

Total held	54,034.01€
Travel, SC&C	23,750.00€
Charity	1,122.23€
Balance available	29,211.28€

He announced that Benitachell Bowls Club was looking for new members is anyone was interested.

Mick finished with his customary joke which met with much laughter from members.

9. Any other business

There were no questions or topics raised by members.

10. Guest Speaker

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Peter introduced John Hopwood who gave a very interesting and informative talk about the History of Bicycles with some interesting and amusing slides illustrating bicycles and their varied and unique riders, who appeared to come in all shapes and sizes!

A little-known fact about the U3A's own vice-president, Peter Allin was revealed at the end. His forefathers owned and ran the successful Allin Cycles business in London, which only ceased in 2000 when the family sold up. The business was renamed Chain Reaction!

Peter thanked John for his entertaining talk and presented him with a gift for himself and a rose for his wife.

11. Closure

Peter closed the meeting by reminding members that at the next meeting in October, our speaker will be our own Angela Chantry who will be talking about "The History of the Royal Town Of Xàbia/Jávea".

He added that this talk will be very interesting indeed, in that there is a lot to discover about Jávea and Angela always researches her subject meticulously.

Finally Peter thanked all for coming along today.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm

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Minutes of General Assembly Meeting 30th October 2019**

Committee Present:

President:	Val Dromgoole (VD)
Vice-President:	Peter Allin (PA)
Deputy Secretary:	Jacqui Rogerson (JPR)
Treasurer:	Mick Cox (MC)
Communications Officer	Ian Rogerson (IR)
Groups Coordinator:	David Whybrow (DW)
Membership Secretary	Stan Staines (SS)

Apologies

Secretary: Margaret March (MM)

Location:

Parador, Jávea Arenal

The meeting convened at **11.00am**

1: Welcome & Apologies

VD welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were sent by the Secretary (MM)

2: Approval of May 2019 General Meeting Minutes

Last month's General Meeting minutes were agreed and signed by two members from the audience.

3 & 4: President's Report & Announcements

VD highlighted forthcoming events including the Christmas Extravaganza (which would include mince pies and sherry for all!) and Mike Frost's End-of-Year-Lunch at La Masena restaurant, which would include a collection of loose change for the 'Pennies from Heaven' charity appeal. VD pointed out that there were also collection tins at the meeting for the U3A's nominated charity of the year, Help of Denia and Marina Alta, and for the Poppy Appeal.

VD appealed for volunteers to join the Travel Team.

VD reminded members that renewals for 2020 were due from January and, if renewals were not made by the end of April, members would have to rejoin and pay the €10 joining fee.

Nominations for Executive Committee positions were now welcomed and should be sent to Election Auditor Roger Barclay by the end of November. VD announced that she would not be standing for re-election.

VD said PA works hard to arrange speakers for the general meetings, but said that it was a shame there was not as good a turnout as there was today. Members are missing some very good talks, she added.

5: Vice-President's Report

PA welcomed new members and said he was delighted to see so many people at the meeting. He suggested that many were attracted by speaker Angela Chantry, but emphasised that, although the titles of some of our talks may sound boring, the content was very interesting. He urged members to support our guest speakers next year.

6: Communications Officer's Report

IR said he was delighted at such a good turnout, which he hoped was due in some part to the fact that everybody had received his 'Invitation to the Meeting' email. He explained that he had been trialling a new system of issuing emails, feeding directly from the members' database, which seemed to be working well. He urged more members, especially group leaders, to use the new website, which enabled them to post their own information. IR reiterated his appeal for help on communications and publicity and urged anybody interested to contact him.

7: Groups Coordinator’s Report

DW welcomed such a good turnout of members. He reported that Geoff Allen had taken over as group leader of the Monday Cribbage Group and he said that another member was interested in starting a Pickle Ball group, which apparently originated in the USA.

8: Membership Secretary’s Report

SS reported that 17 new members had joined on the day, bringing the membership total to 1,386, which was only 20 fewer than at the end of last year. SS emphasised that if members did not renew by the end of February, they would not be eligible to vote in the Executive Committee elections and if they did not renew by the end of April, they would have to rejoin and pay the rejoining fee.

9: Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer (MC) reported that Jávea U3A currently has €56,454.48 in the bank, of which €27,470.48 is being held for Travel, Spanish Culture & Cuisine, special events and charity. This leaves a balance of €28,984. He pointed out that the U3A had now transferred its bank account from Caixa to Sabadell and urged members not to make any further payments through Caixa.

10: Questions from the floor (AOB)

There were no questions from the floor but Member Gary Johnson announced that the Jávea Players are staging ‘Look Out, He’s Got A Gun’ in December, a 1950s crime thriller spoof, and urged anyone interested to hurry because tickets were selling fast.

11: Guest Speaker – Angela Chantry

Well-known member Angela Chantry gave an extremely enlightening presentation on ‘The History of Jávea and its Royal Connections’, which was well received by the audience. Angela took members on a journey through time from the Palaeolithic period (30,000-10,000BC), through the Iberian period (800-300BC) and Roman times (300BC-400AD) all the way to the tourist town that Jávea has become today. During her talk, she revealed that King Philip III granted Xabea (Jávea) the status of ‘Royal Town’ with its own coat of arms. Angela surprised members with some generally unknown information such as the fact that Jávea once had an airfield, a bullring and a castle mansion! With the boom in tourism, the town’s population doubled between 1975 and 2000 from 10,000 to around 20,000.

Angela was thanked for her talk by Vice-President (PA) and presented with a gift.

The meeting closed at 12.30pm

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Vice-President: Secretary: