

**MINUTES OF THE U3A GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 14 JUNE 2012
AT THE BOLERO RESTAURANT, CALPE**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Pickford, acting President, welcomed over 100 members to this 2nd social meeting of this term held at the Bolero restaurant. Several new members joined and also a number of summer visitors. We aimed to hold a short business meeting to allow members time to chat to their friends.

Apologies from the Committee: Joy Lally is recuperating from an unscheduled stay in Denia hospital. We are delighted that she is now at home and improving. She was sorry that she wasn't able to be with us but Peter, her husband was glad of the opportunity to thank everyone who had sent good wishes.

Correspondence Received: A letter from the mayor saying how much he had enjoyed the exhibition. He was sorry to have missed the official opening but was very glad to have had a private viewing and was very impressed with the standard of all the exhibits, so well done to everyone.

Minutes of the last General Meeting (17 May):

Once again the Secretary had photocopied the minutes and they were circulated with the Newsletter for June. The minutes will be put on the website in due course. The minutes were proposed by Barbara Turner, seconded by Rod Anderton and signed by the acting President John Pickford.

Matters arising from the last General Meeting : Nothing to report.

New Business:

- We are seeking a volunteer to check out discounts for U3A members. We used to have such a list and we would like to update it for members' reference. Hopefully it would involve local shops, insurance companies and other businesses. Jan Newark kindly offered to take on this task.
- The chairman reminded everyone that subscriptions for the coming year were due in April. Our records indicate a number of members have not yet renewed and the Committee would be grateful if any monies due could be paid as soon as possible. Perhaps members of Groups could arrange to collect payments from members unable for whatever reason to get to the meetings?

Reports:

Travel : John Pickford has decided to step down as Travel Group leader with immediate effect and has handed this task over to Elizabeth (Liz) Sanderson who commenced her duties today. She was welcomed to the role and we hope she will enjoy it.

Before handing over the reins John reported that 107 members enjoyed a very successful subsidized trip to Valencia visiting the Bioparc, Oceanographic Centre, shopping malls and the historic heart of the city. John thanked his team of helpers, Rod Anderton, Tina Wallis, Jenny O'Neill (travel treasurer and number one helper) along with Giovanna Wallis, Lee O'Neill and of course his wife Teresa who all contributed to the seamless running of this trip.

This leaves John with 2 outstanding trips: Galicia at the end of September and finally the Honey Festival on 13/14 October in Ayora. Details of these two trips can be found on the website and members wishing to go on them should sign up now as hotels need to be booked and the next meeting in September will be too late.

Culture and Publicity: Rod Anderton gave this report

The Jubilee concert was very well supported and just over €500 was collected. After today's meeting there would be a trolley dash to Mercadona to spend the money and Mercadona will deliver the goods to the food bank. It is very nice for us to be able to help local people in this way.

Social: Tina Wallis has again been busy on our behalf on the social scene:

- There will be a party in aid of Emaus on Saturday 23 June at Jacaranda in Moraira. 15 euros including buffet and wine
- 12th October (Friday) a quiz night at the Bolero. Chicken and chips supper with wine, bread and alioli. 10 euros for members (12 euros for non-members) to cover the supper and prizes. Tables of 6 with a team name. John Pickford will be the quizmaster and Tina and Giovanna will be adjudicators
- 8th December (Saturday) Christmas party at the Bolero: menu and sign up sheets at next mtg.

Tina reminded the membership that there are a number (35) of noticeboards outstanding from the exhibition and we need to keep track of them.

Groups: Presented by Sandy Bianco

- JUGS (Just us Girls). Sue Longley has volunteered to lead this popular group. She has organized her first lunch at the Caprichio restaurant on Thursday 21st June. 10 euros to include a half bottle of wine. She had a sign up sheet for this and also a contact sheet for future JUGS events.
- The indoor swimming pool in Calpe is offering discounts to groups of U3A members. They also have a sauna and steam room. We have had some volunteers to lead this group but we will leave it for the summer and resurrect it again in the autumn.
- The next mens' dining will be on Thursday 28th June at the Basecamp Nepalese restaurant. Miles Jaekel is organizing this.

Sports : Presented by Keith Cherry

Bowls: Wednesday 9 – 11 and Monday 6 – 8

Table Tennis and Badminton: The Sports Hall is closed to us until 4th Sept and 6th Sept respectively.

Skittles: A new group to be run by Miren : sign up sheets next time

Golf Day: To be organized by Mary Anderton: sign up sheets next time

Keith reminded participants that he will be doing a card-check to ensure everyone is a paid-up member.

AOB: Mary Anderton had written to the Queen on behalf of U3A Calpe, Spain, congratulating her on her Diamond Jubilee and was delighted to receive a signed plaque from the 'Palace'. Thanks to Mary for doing this and, again, putting us on the map!

Next Meeting: Thursday 13th September. By unanimous decision of the members present this will again be a social meeting at the Bolero.

After the meeting we all enjoyed a glass of wine and tapas to mark the 'end of term'. John Pickford on behalf of the Committee wished everyone a lovely summer and asked that the date and venue of the next meeting be well-publicised among our friends and neighbours. He noted that we have changed the venue from that in the Newsletter. Thanks to Christian at the Bolero for hosting us.

Janet Bond, Secretary
14 June 2012

Proposed: David Osborne

Seconded: Keith Wildman

Signed: John Pickford

Date: