

**MINUTES OF THE U3A GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 16th OCTOBER 2014
AT THE SOL IFACH HOTEL, CALPE**

John Pickford, President, welcomed 149 including 9 new members to the meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER:

Our speaker today was Eric Taylor, a presenter from Pure Gold radio station (www.puregold.fm) who gave us a most entertaining resume of his working life beginning with his time in the Royal Navy, then on cruise ships and now in Spain working firstly for Onda Cero and now Pure Gold radio station. The audience was obviously enthralled by his talk judging by the many questions which were answered in depth by Eric.

A vote of thanks was given by Rod Anderton and Eric was presented with a bottle of brandy.

APOLOGIES FROM THE COMMITTEE: Diane Putnam

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: A letter from Judy Manning, an abridged version being read out. The full version was available for anyone who wished to read it.

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The minutes which had been circulated were accepted without comment, proposed by David Stockton, seconded by Peter Purvey and signed by John Pickford.

MATTERS ARISING SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

- Newsletter: Everyone stated they had received their newsletters and various correspondence which had been circulated prior to the meeting
- Results of the Newsletter Quiz:
 - The Hundred Years War was 116 years
 - Cat gut comes from sheep, horses, goats
 - The Russians celebrate the October Revolution in November
 - Camel Hair brushes are made of squirrel
 - The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after dogs
 - King George VI's first name was Albert
 - The purple finch is crimson in colour
 - Chinese gooseberries come from New Zealand
- The black box in commercial aircraft is orange.
- Committee for next year: We have given the required 30 days' notice of the AGM which will be held at the Ifach on 20th November. Members were reminded the AGM is for paid up members only and we will be checking on the door that subs are paid up to date. Members were reminded that we would welcome new committee members and would be delighted if anyone wished to put their names forward. Nomination forms were available at the meeting.
- Kutxabank: We have now had clarification of the requirements to have our fees paid by members opening a Kutxabank account. You have to open both a savings and a current account to qualify and names were taken of members present who thought they would qualify. These names will be added to the list which Edith is preparing for Maite at the bank.

REPORTS:

Social: Report by Tina Wallis:

- The annual quiz will take place on 24th October. Everything is in hand and all places taken
- Christmas formal Dinner Dance to be held at the Ifach. Sign up sheets available. Price 35€ per person (40 for guests). All details of the menu circulated and on the website

- Tina publicized MOFTAG ladies fundraising and social group. 29th October promotional afternoon in Calpe
- Groups: Diane was not present owing to Keith's surgery in the UK. No report was received from Diane but groups are functioning as usual with no obvious problems.

Travel:

John thanked his team for their hard work over the time he has been Group Leader. His last trip (the trip to Cartagena) went well despite a few setbacks from the weather.

Ellen Mitchell gave this month's report and introduced 2 new helpers on the travel team (Rose and Norma)

- 2 days Valencia 10 December with a central city hotel. A few places remain
- Visit to Benidorm Palace in Feb next year to include a coach from Calpe
- Cruise Canaries/Morocco by Norwegian Cruise Line from Malaga and return to include visit to Granada 13 March to 24 March. Cost from €950 to €1410 depending on the choice of cabin
- Beginning of June next year Costa Brava €385 pp

More trips in the pipeline and all details on booking conditions on the website.

Culture and Publicity: Rod Anderton gave his report details of which have already been sent to the Cultural Interest Group.

Some items include: Moors and Christians this weekend
 Octoberfest has a sparkly new venue
 Careline Theatre 'Lest we Forget' 24 October
 Footlights (1/2 a Sixpence) 12/13 November at Casa.

The Choir was delighted to present a cheque for €500 to Missouri for the AECC (cancer charity).

Membership: Val Osborne reported 9 new members today. Val was presented with a gift for her services to the committee as she is standing down and this was her last meeting as Membership Secretary.

Treasurer: Edith reported a healthy balance of around 6K.

AOB:

- Sequence dance at Marcia's studio 4-6 pm today
- Flu jabs starting next week at the Salud. No need to see the doctor: just make an appointment at the desk for anyone over 55 years.

NEXT MEETING:

The AGM will be held on 20th November at the Ifach followed by tapas and drinks. 10.00 for 10.30.

Janet Bond, Secretary
 18 October 2014

Proposed: Marion Fisher
 Signed: John Pickford

Seconded: Anne Melling
 Date: 20 November 2014