

**MINUTES OF THE U3A GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 18TH JUNE 2015
AT THE SOL IFACH HOTEL, CALPE**

John Pickford welcomed the 125 members who signed in and 4 new members. This was to be our last General Meeting before the summer break.

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER:

Our speaker today was Michael Bulleid who drew on his vast experience as a criminal barrister and presented a talk entitled 'Historic Sex Crimes of Today'. He was a most fluent and entertaining speaker and gave some enlightenment into why historic sex offenders seemingly 'get off lightly' since they can only be sentenced according to the laws pertaining at the time of their crimes which of course in many cases was over 40 years ago. Michael informed us that we have not heard the last of various famous names and that we should expect more prosecutions. The numbers of offenders yet to be prosecuted were huge, including politicians, media personnel, sports personalities, TV, music world etc.

After the question and answer session Michael was thanked by Hugh Stewart and presented with a bottle of brandy.

APOLOGIES FROM THE COMMITTEE: Jenny O'Neill

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: None

MINUTES OF THE MAY GENERAL MEETING:

The minutes had been put on the website and circulated. They were proposed by David Stockton seconded by Barbara Turner and signed by the President John Pickford.

MATTERS ARISING SINCE THE LAST MEETING:

- Pat Spencer has kindly organized some First Aid cards for those playing sports which can be handed out as an aide memoire. She also reminded us that we need to wear a hat for protection in the sun (and for the ladies to protect our hair colour!).
- New page on the website The new 'Items for sale or wanted' page is now up and running and we have items already showing, one of which has now achieved a sale. Anyone wishing to add anything should let John Pickford know.

NEW BUSINESS:

Everyone has been sent an email stating that Tina Wallis is no longer Vice President or Social Groups Leader. She was voted off the committee at their meeting on June 11th 2015.

The Secretary read out a statement concerning the Vice President post:

Calpe U3A statutes deem that we need 4 different Executive Committee members (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) and therefore the three remaining officers (President, Secretary and Treasurer) have asked Diane Putnam to step into the breach as a co-opted Vice President. We are delighted to say that she has accepted. We are sure Diane will do an excellent job in the interim period and provide us with the necessary continuity.

REPORTS: To save time this month the reports were read out from the front:

Social:

- Change of date for the Quiz: start sign-up at the September meeting. New proposed date TBA.
- Cancellation of the Summer Lunch: collect refund from the Treasurer
- The Committee will look after Social Events until the AGM in November.

Groups:

All group details and news are on the website. Items of note are:

- Badminton: Last session today before the summer break: sessions resume on Thursday 10th September
- Table Tennis: Last Tuesday/Friday session was Tuesday last. There will be Table Tennis at the Sports Hall on Saturdays from 20th June to 25th July. No Table Tennis in August. Tuesday/Friday sessions recommence on Tuesday 8th September
- Men's Dining: Next meal on 25th June at the Everest Tandoori in Calpe
- JUGS: Next lunch at International Restaurante on the promenade in front of Agua Marina
- Canasta: Owing to a change of telephone provider the leader is without a landline so for contact use her mobile: 655 118 347

Diane is working on an Insurance Waiver form and will obtain committee approval. Ready for the autumn startup

Groups Page is being redesigned. This too will be ready for September.

Travel:

Thanks to everyone who joined the travel team on the recent trip to the Costa Brava. It was very much enjoyed. Thanks given also to the trip organizers.

- 24 June Manises/Albufera/Cullera: trip full 08.00 start from Esmeralda
- 24 September a subsidised day trip to Elche. Do as you please (Palm gardens, or the Elche historical sights. Still places available
- Med Cruise in October. A few places available with price on request
- Unfortunately planned trip to Budapest is unavailable due to no direct flights but instead a trip is being planned for December to visit their famous Christmas market. 3 night/4 day break in 3 star hotel, half board with wine. 260€pp single supplement 70€.

All complete trip details are on the website and there is a suggestion box available at the travel desk.

Culture and Publicity:

Little cultural interest at this time of year but last month's events and general meeting news had been sent to the press. Rod will continue his posts to the Cultural Interest Group during the summer and is happy to receive any info which he will pass on throughout the break. He publicized a free Footlights event at the Casa de Cultura.

Membership: Teresa reported 550 paid up members and 4 new members today. Teresa is emailing 'overdue' members on a regular basis.

Treasurer: Edith reported a healthy balance of around 6,000€.

AOB:

Concerning Tina Wallis we had printed an explanation and there were copies for members on the front desk for members to read the reasons for her dismissal. (These notes will be filed with these minutes for the record).

The Committee deemed it not appropriate to discuss this matter until after the summer break when members will have had time to absorb the information.

Tina had been sent thanks from the Committee thanking her for her service

NEXT MEETING:

The first meeting after the summer break will be 17th September when we will be having a glass of cava and cake after the meeting.

As stated in the Newsletter the October meeting has been changed to 8th owing to a clash of dates with the cruise.

The President, along with the rest of the Committee wished everyone a very pleasant summer.

The meeting closed at 11.20.

Janet Bond, Secretary
18th June 2015

PROPOSED : Dvid Farmer

SECONDED; Marilyn Fisher

SIGNED : John Pickford
President

Date : 18th September 2015