

## U3a OLIVA WALKING GROUP

<p><b>Walk:</b> Alpatro circular walk via Benissili and Font de la Mata</p> <p><b>Date:</b> 20 March 2019</p>	<p><b>Walk Leaders:</b> Mike &amp; Bev Keen</p> <p><b>Land Line:</b> 96 640 67 44</p> <p><b>Mobile:</b> 660 462 617</p> <p><b>Email:</b> mike.hpk@telefonica.net</p>
<p><b>Start time:</b> 10.30 am</p> <p><b>Mike's Walk:</b></p> <p><b>Ascent:</b> 300 m</p> <p><b>Length:</b> 7.5 kms</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 3.5 hours</p> <p><b>Bev's Walk:</b></p> <p><b>Ascent:</b></p> <p><b>Length:</b> 5 kms</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 3.5 hours</p>	<p><b>Duration:</b> We will meet for coffee in Bar Keles, Alpatro, at 10.00 am before starting the walk promptly at 10.30 am. We will return to Bar Keles at 2.00 pm for those who have booked the lunch.</p> <p><b>Please let us know by 13 March if you will be staying for lunch and your menu choices.</b></p>
<p><b>Route and Description:</b> This walk offers two choices – one led by Mike and the other led by Bev. You will be able to choose which group you wish to go on as you will be able to see the route for Mike's walk when you leave Bar Keles after coffee. Both groups of walkers will get together in Benissili for the second half of the walk.</p> <p><b>Group led by Mike:</b> There is a fairly steep climb at the start of the walk, mostly on a rocky path north west out of Alpatro onto the plateau above. There are some short sections which are a bit of a scramble but these can be taken slowly. The route then continues on a more or less level track and road before it descends on a stony path into Benissili. From Benissili, it joins a stony track leading west, gently uphill, to the Font de la Mata, before returning to Alpatro on very quiet back roads. There were some processional caterpillar nests seen during the reccy for this walk in January.</p> <p><b>Group led by Bev:</b> Bev will take her group on a guided tour round Alpatro and the local villages, pointing out places of interest before meeting up with Mike's group at Benissili for the second half of the walk.</p>	
<p><b>How to get there:</b></p> <p><b>Alpatro</b> From Pego, take the CV700 going west to Adsubia. Stay on the CV700 for 18 km to reach Alpatro. Leaving the village, still on the CV700, take the right hand turning to Llombai/Benissili, passing the village Lavadero (wash house), turn right into Carrer de Joan Fuster, where you can park.</p> <p>GPS:- 38° 49' 13.6" N 0° 15' 46.4" W</p> <p><b>Bar Keles</b> Continue on foot along Carrer de Joan Fuster taking the first right up Calle Major to reach the Church. Turn right into Calle Purissima - Bar Keles is on the right.</p>	<p><b>Things you will need:</b></p> <p>Walking boots and sticks recommended. Water.</p> <p>Participants need to be reasonably fit, sure on their feet and not suffer from vertigo to enjoy Mike's walk.</p> <p><b>Points of Interest:</b></p> <p>Old rock markings, natural springs, old threshing floors, ruins of a Moorish village, old olive oil press, and good views.</p>