

WE WISH ALL OUR MEMBERS A HAPPY and HEALTHY 2016

THE OLIVA U3A VOICE

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Welcome to our first issue of the U3A Voice in 2016, and we the Committee wish all our Members a Healthy and Prosperous New year.

During this coming Year we hope you enjoy all the Activities and Events on offer plus the ones we are still planning .I would recommend that you visit our group activity section at [ACTIVITYGROUPS](#) and check out the different groups that are available for you to join.

The Travel and Events co-ordinators are planning trips and events for you to enjoy over the coming months, starting with the trip to Oceanografics and Science Museum in February, (see the information below). The team would ask you to read the new travel terms and conditions at, [Travel & Events Terms & Conditions](#) so you can be fully aware of the requirements and procedures when booking trips or events.

Please have a great year and thank you for your support over the past 6 months.

New Webmaster.

The committee are pleased to announce that a New Webmaster has been appointed. Mr David Mcfarlane who is a U3A member will be taking up his new post full time in early February. David has an extensive back ground with computer websites, trouble shooting, setting up new websites and training.

We wish David every success in his new role as our Webmaster and I am sure he will receive full support from everyone in our U3A organisation.

We would also take this opportunity to thank Iain Mungall for all his hard work in resurrecting our website and improving it over the last 12 months.

New Group.

Our new Art Group: Painting and Drawing has had a good start. The response to our email blast right at the beginning of the year, has been excellent and the Group is already full and working from Tuesday 12 January. The Group Leader Graham Flowerdew is already helping budding artists with their painting – using a wide range of media – and drawing. He was happy to be able to offer the use of a proper art studio – on the Paseo in Oliva. If you wish to be placed on a waiting list, please contact the leader. There is a new Web page [Painting and Drawing](#) where you can find more information. *Rosa Group Co-ordinator.*

Forth coming Trips and Events

Our first General Meeting for 2016 will be on:- Thursday 28th of January

This will be held at the CPC in Oliva, the doors will be open at 10.30am and the meeting will start at 11.00am. The speaker at this meeting will be Anja Homberg, who will be presenting her talk, about the Life and Work of Salvador Dhali.

There will be our usual book stall along with tea and coffee to enjoy with your old and new friends. If you have any suggestions and or ideas on how our meetings could be changed or improved, please leave these in the suggestion box which will be in prominent location in the hall.

Day Trip to Oceanografic and Science Museum. will be on February 16th 2016

Come and join us for a day of discovery at the "City of the Arts and Sciences" in Valencia.

We will visit the Oceanografic and Science Museum.

At the Oceanografic we will be seeing the amazing aquatic world of wonders and can become a part of it. Did you know that the Oceanografic houses are the largest rescue center for Turtles and Dolphins in Europe?



And did you know.....on all these questions you might find an answer during this trip.

With a visit to the Science Museum we can be like children again feeling the excitement of learning new things by touching and playing on the exhibits yourself.



All this for the incredible price of 30 Euros.

The coach will be departing from the Polivalent in Oliva at 9.00am, and plan to be back in Oliva at around 6.00pm,

We feel that it's important to point out that this trip will involve a reasonable amount of walking, please take this into account before booking your place.

Please read the Travel Terms and Conditions during registering

Please go to the Registration page at:- [Oceanografic and Science Museum](#) and book your place today.

February General Meeting

This will be held on February Thursday 25th at the CPC. The speaker at this meeting will be Gloria Herriero from Lextax in Javea. Gloria will be advising us on present tax issues and requirements.

Trip to the Fallas in Valencia on March 17th. St Patrick`s Day.



This will be an afternoon/evening trip to see the Fallas in Valencia. We will arrive in time for the mascletás at 14.00h. You will have plenty of time to enjoy the day and see as many of the Fallas as possible. After a great day we will leave Valencia at around 21.00h en route to Oliva.

You will be sent the full details by email towards the end of January this will be about 2 days before the registration is opened.



Trips and Events being planned

In the December issue of THE VOICE Anja and I highlighted a number of trips and events that had been suggested to us as trips & Events that our members might enjoy. Regrettably, as a result of other personal commitments Anja and I are only able to host a number of the proposed trips that have been proposed. Therefore, if we are to offer as wide a variety of events as possible we'd like you to consider acting as the travelling host for one of the events proposed but which are currently without a host i.e. (Host TBA). This doesn't mean that you'd be doing this on your own as Anja and I are very happy to help you with the organisation of any such events. It is important, however, that all events are accompanied by a host/bus monitor in order to ensure that each aspect of the event goes according to plan. Below we've highlighted the events and those that already have a travelling host. *Alan Travel Co-ordinator.*

February 18th Presentation from our distinguished local Egyptologist Dr. David Rohl (Host AR) Max 70 Guests, venue to be arranged.

March 17th Visit to Valencia to marvel @ the 'Fallas' incorporating Celebrations of St. Patrick's Day. (Host TBA)

April Treasurer Hunt (Host JS)

April 3-4 Day Visit to Barcelona & Cataluña including Gaudies Sagrada, Guell Park, Olympic Stadium, a historic tour of central Barcelona, Monastery of Montserrat and a visit to a Cava Vineyard plus much, much more. (Host AR)

April 17th Visit to the historically fascinating city of Segorbe with additional visits to a local Olive Oil Mill and (Host TBA)

April A fantastic evening dinner and top 'West-End' style floor show @ Benidorm Palace (Host TBA)

May 10th A fascinating visit to the town of 'Novelda' famed for its mining and creative use of marble and its involvement in this historical period of Modernist Architecture (Host AH)

Late May 3-4 day extravaganza exploring Seville's importance in Spains historical past and its current importance as a centre of global tourism. (Host BC)

Event Report

Children's Christmas Party



On Wednesday 16th December, Oliva U3A opened its doors to give a Christmas Party for 50 of Oliva's under privileged Children.

The Party was held at the CPC in Oliva. After their initial welcome the children enjoyed the party food and drinks on offer. Following the food they enjoyed a great activity period with Bouncy Castle, Painting, uni-cycles and juggling equipment, kindly supplied and supervised by Atul and his

helpers. All the children enjoyed playing with the different equipment and trying out new skills. At 7pm Santa made a surprise appearance with little Elf his helper. He was invited to give a box of presents to every child who also had their photograph taken with Santa. The evening proved a great success with all the children enjoying themselves and having a great time. Our thanks go to all our helpers and also to El Bastador for their help with the Children.

Our organising committee wish to thank every member who donated a box of presents for the children this was very much appreciated.

We would also take this opportunity to thank all the volunteer helper who gave of their time to make this evening a great success. I would personally thank all my fellow party committee members for their help and support in organising and planning this superb party.

Group Information

BADMINTON

Group Leader Alan Robinson

During the two years since the Badminton Group was introduced as a U3A activity collectively we've created a wonderfully positive social learning environment. The group is highly supportive of all its members no matter whether or not they have previous experience of playing Badminton.

We are fortunate to have two qualified coaches and a number of very experienced members so we're able to help members gain the most from each session. We place an emphasis on playing games with as wide a variety of partners each week in a friendly atmosphere.

We meet regularly throughout the year and have negotiated a playing fee of 2 Euros per person per hour which is paid on the days that you take part in the sessions.

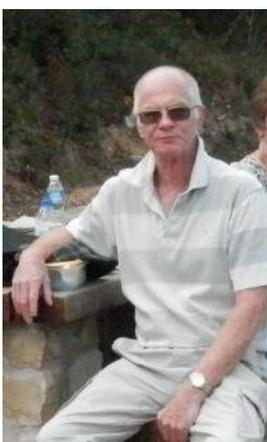
We are always pleased to see new and returning players whether you haven't played since your school days or have never played before and are keen to see if Badminton is for you. With this in mind I'd love to hear from you or even more pleased for you to join us on Friday morning.

For more information about our Group please contact me on:- [Badminton](#)



AMBLERS

Group Leader Iain Mungall



Amblers meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from late September to Mid May.

Our walks are designed to be easy on mostly flat roads or tracks.

The walks last between 2 & 3 hrs with breaks for drinks of water & taking pictures of the beautiful countryside.

We normally meet up in the morning at Cafe/Bar for a coffee then start walk.

After walk we will have lunch at a restaurant close by to end of walk. If a suitable restaurant is not available we will have a picnic on the walk.

Please contact me on:- [Amblers](#) if you wish to join our group.

CHOIR

Group Leader Lynda Goy

Our Choir enjoy singing hymns and song right through to show stoppers plus we have a great time learning all these songs

We sing without instrumental accompaniment at times and with the keyboard when appropriate.

Rehearsals are with our musical director and are fun, light hearted and very enjoyable.

Why not come along on a Friday afternoon from 16.00h to 18.00h and start an enjoyable time singing with like minded people. If you are not 100% sure this is for you, just come and check it out and surprise yourself.

Remember singing is good for the brain and the heart.

Please contact me on:- [Choir](#) for more information about our Group.



A Polite Reminder.

Vedama Dog Charity. Following their request/appeal in last months Voice for your help to give them old Blankets, old Towels and Dog food. This is to help keep their dogs warm this winter. One of our members and Vedama supporter will be at the General meeting on January 28th to accept your donations..

Forth coming Events in Oliva

February 18th and 19th 2016

The Oliva Drama and Cultural Association, will be presenting Cinderella at the Teatro Olimpia in Oliva. The doors open at 19.30h and the curtain goes up at 20.00h. The ticket price for each night is 5 euros these can be purchased from the box office at: HONEY DUKES bar in Oliva, or olivadramagroup@gmail.com. Profits from the performance on the 18th will go to MABS.

Oliva Tourist Office

This is the place to find all the Tourist projects for Oliva in November and throughout the year. Just use the link below to log on to the Oliva't website:

<http://oliva.es/arees/economia/turisme/events-turistics/>

Enjoy the items on their agenda, plus check each month for their latest offerings.

Remember the Tourist Office can be contacted on 962855528 or at : www.tourist-oliva.com or just visit their office which can be found next to the Central Indoor Market in Oliva.

Please remember

If you have any ideas, suggestions or proposals that can benefit our members or the Oliva U3A as a whole, please send them to me at:-

vice-president@u3a-oliva.org

or place them in the suggestion box at our next General Meeting.

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Vice President