

THE OLIVA U3A VOICE

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL OUR MEMBERS.

The following is an extract from a letter received from the British Ambassador regarding the forthcoming UK Referendum.



British Consulate
Alicante

I am writing to you because the British Embassy and Consular network in Spain is supporting a global campaign, led by the Electoral Commission, to encourage British citizens overseas to register to vote in the referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union.

The Ambassador Simon Manley launched the `Register to Vote` campaign at an event in Javea Alicante on 1st February.

At the General Election last year nearly 106.000 Britons worldwide were registered as overseas voters, three times more than at the previous Election in 2010. But this compares with an estimates 3.5 to 5.5 million Britons who live abroad, Very large numbers may be eligible to vote yet be unaware that they can have their say in this historic referendum.

The Electoral Commission will be grateful for any activity that will make British expatriates in Spain aware that they have a right to vote and that encourages them to register, quickly and easily at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

Thank you,

Kind regards,

Sara Munsterhjelm

If you would like to receive the full version of this letter, complete with guide notes please email me at: vice-president@u3a-oliva.org

Forth coming Trips and Events

Day Trip to Oceanographic and Science Museum. on February 16th 2016

Unfortunately due to the lack of interest our Travel Team have found it necessary to cancel this trip. It is hoped that a similar trip can be rescheduled for later in the year. The few registrants who wished to go on this trip will receive a full refund. Our Travel Team sincerely apologise for this decision.

February Wednesday 24th

A presentation on Exidus by Davis Rohl.

This will be at the [LibraryL'Envic](#) which can be found along the Paseo in Oliva (library nearest to the Polivalent).

We are in for a treat ! in sharing David's enthusiasm, passion and knowledge and it is **FREE** to Oliva U3A members. David Rohl is a member of the Vall de Pop U3A and a highly influential and internationally acclaimed historian who has spent a lifetime examining the chronology of the ancient world.

David has kindly offered to share his knowledge with us all. His expertise and knowledge is legendary including his insight into the impact upon the historicity of the Bible and the identification of the pharaohs of the Famine and Exodus.

This event is now open on the website so please register and book your place as these are limited to 75 seats.

February Monthly Meeting

Will be held on Thursday 25th of February

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 Gloria Herriero from Lextax in Javea. Gloria's presentation will be to bring you our members upto date information on the 720 requirements as it affects on all Expats here in Spain.

There will be our usual book stall along with tea and coffee to enjoy with your old and new friends.

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 can now book yourself and your guests places on this trip, please go to our website and register.

There is only a few spaces left on this Trip

March Monthly Meeting

Will be held on WEDNESDAY 23rd of March

Please note the change of day, our monthly meeting this month will be held on a WEDNESDAY, this is due to Easter Holidays and the closure of the CPC.

The speaker at this meeting will be Mr Wayne Martin from Blacktower Financial Management Services. Wayne also writes on financial matters in some of the Free English newspapers.

Trips and Events being planned

In the last 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 are listed. **If we are to offer the widest variety of events possible we would like you to consider acting as the travelling host for one of the proposed events but which is 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 with the organisation of any such events. Please contact me on travel-co-ordinator@u3a-oliva.org to discuss how

you may be able to help. It is important, however, that all events are accompanied by a host in order to ensure that each aspect of the Event goes according to plan. Below we have highlighted the events and those that already have a travelling host.

Alan Travel Co-ordinator.

- April** Treasurer Hunt (Host JS)
- April 17th** Visit to the historically fascinating city of Segorbe with additional visits to a local Olive Oil Mill and **(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 Spain's historical past and its current importance as a centre of global tourism. (Host BC)

Event Report

Our speaker at the January meeting was Anja Homberg who gave a talk on the Life and Work of Salvador Dali. The following is brief resume about Dali supplied by Anja.

Salvador Dali was born in 1904 in Figueres, Catalonia, Spain.

His father was a notary and both his parents supported him from early on in his artistic endeavors. He attended the Art Academy in Madrid where he was educated in the classic style of painting and where he met Federico Lorca and Luis Bunuel with whom he made 2 surrealistic films.

In 1929 he went to visit Paris where he met again with Picasso whose works influenced those of Dali, but not only Picasso: many other artists influenced his works. In that same year he met his future wife, muse and inspiration Gala Eluard who was of great importance for the development of his surrealistic way of painting. Shortly after he joined the surrealist movement which together with the ideas by Freud gave him the opportunity of translating many of his own and unique images, hallucinations, trauma's and dreams onto canvas.

From 1940 till 1948 he and Gala lived in the USA. Upon his return to Spain Dali decided to become "Classical" and painted his big master works, like "The Discovery of America by Christopher Columbus" and "The Hallucinogenic Toreador" and more.

Dali died in 1989 in Figueres where he built and designed his very own museum; another museum with only his works is located in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Whatever your opinion is about the works by Dali, he is a craftsman in the way he painted and a prolific artist.



During this Meeting John our President along side Michael Taylor the Group Leader of the Petanque Group, presented the Alice Mcdade Trophy to the winner of the singles competition. The winner on this occasion was Lisa Caro.

Insurance Information compiled by Mike our Secretary

What happens If

Sorry not your favourite subject I am sure - but the Committee has been looking at the topic of *insurance*. The news so far:

- * We must be clear - if you undertake any activity with the U3A you do so at **your own risk**.
- * *The U3A* does carry insurance, but it is **third party only** - that means if a member damages a passer-by or his/her property in the course of a U3A activity and the member is sued, our insurance policy may offer some protection.
- * Members need to look at what insurance they need (and can afford) - you may find that your existing house insurance in Spain covers for more than you think. Don't forget to consider **personal accident insurance** - your SIP card: EHIC card or personal health policy may help with the medical bills but probably won't assist with any other incidental costs - taxis if you can not drive; help around the house if you are incapacitated etc. We are seeking a discount for U3A members and will let you know if this comes off.
- * It pays to carry your health card with you - especially on a trip - one member was air-lifted off a mountain but had her SIP card with her which made everything much easier and free.

Group Information

We ask all our Group Leaders and members to make a note of these holiday closure dates.

The CPC will be closed for Fallas from Friday 18th to Monday 21st March. The centre will be open Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd the Wednesday is already booked for our monthly meeting.

It will be closed again for the Easter Holiday from Thursday 24th to Monday 28th March. It will be open again on Tuesday 29th.

The CPC will also be closed on Monday 4th April for San Vicente's Day.

Thanks to Rosa GL co-ordinator for this information.

Spanish:

A message from Mike Dunkley who is the Group Leader for Spanish Intermediate 1.

hablas castellano?

There is currently an opportunity to start another spanish class - probably at intermediate level subject to demand. Our current class is full and going strong.

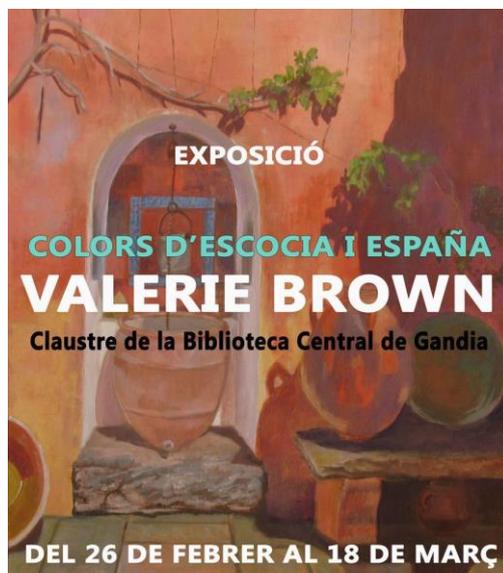
This would take place in Oliva on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings for 90 minutes - probably some homework would be set. It would be led by Maria - an excellent teacher and native spanish speaker (she also speaks English fluently).



We need 8-10 people to bring the cost down whilst giving everyone a turn to practise their language skills. The likely cost is 4 to 5 Euros per week per person - payable monthly in advance. The class would probably run to June and recommence in September.

If interested please email Mike as soon as possible at

spanint1@u3a-oliva.org



Forth coming Events in the Oliva Area

Valerie is one of our U3A Members whose art work is really worth seeing. So why not visit her exhibition in Gandia

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Dissabtes, de 10.00 a 13.00 hores

which runs from the 26th of February until the 18th of March

Monday to Friday 10.00 - 20.30h

Saturday 10.00 - 13.00h

February Thursday 18th and Friday 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 the MABS. charity.

Saturday 26th March

OLIVA U3A

LINE DANCING GROUP

Invite you to enjoy a Country and Western Evening

To be held at the Restaurant El Cid Benidoleig. on

Easter Saturday 26th March from 7.30pm.

The price is 15 euros and will include either a

Fish & Chips or Pie & Chips Supper

plus a choice of 3 Postre

This will be a Great Evening with Great Music

Everyone will be made very welcome

Tickets are available from:-

Paddy on 962893206 or Betty on 962808471

Oliva Tourist Office

This is the place to find all the Tourist projects for Oliva in February/March 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.

Thank you for your time in reading this issue on hope you have found the contents interesting. Our next issue will be out on 15th March 2016.

Mick.

Vice President