

THE OLIVA U3A VOICE

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A message and a request to all our Members

I would take this opportunity to ask all members to ensure their **Membership Badges** are collected at our next Monthly Meeting on April 28th.

At this present time we are still holding cards for members who renewed their membership at the beginning of this U3A year and for new members who have joined since September 2015.

At this time we are holding 217 or 46% of membership cards that have not been collected this year. Uncollected badges are a valuable resource both financially and materially which is going to waste and needs to be addressed urgently.

In order to help identify members quickly, we require members attending all Monthly and Group Meetings to wear their badges in order to be easily identified. This will also help to identify Guests who may require help/assistance or who have attended in excess of two meetings without registering for membership, which is a U3A requirement.

I personally always like to identify and talk to members using their name and by wearing your badge this is another problem we can overcome.

Please help in resolving this problem by collecting your badges now and also again in September following renewal of your membership, when the new 2016-2017, U3A year commences.

PLEASE NOTE all members attending the AGM in May will be required to wear their membership badges as only these genuine members will be eligible to attend and vote.

April Day Trip on Tuesday the 19th

THIS TRIP IS NOW FULLY BOOKED

OUR TRAVEL TEAM HAVE ARRANGED A DAY TRIP WITH A DIFFERENCE FOR YOU

You are invited to join them for a wonderful day exploring the home of the Valencian Rice Production!

Our coach will depart from the Polivalent ([directions](#)) in Oliva on Tuesday 19th April at 09.00h, and travel to El Palmar. After lunch the coach will take us to Lladro in time for our appointment at 15.30h.

We have arranged an opportunity for you to take a leisurely boat ride near to the home of Valencian rice production - The Albufera - travelling in traditional boats, this is an opportunity of seeing first hand the variety of wildlife that live in this vast lagoon;

After an invigorating morning's boat ride through the many waterways and reed-beds of the Albufera we'll visit a traditional Barraca or thatched house, typical of this part of Valencia. Following this we hope to gain special permission to visit the historic threshing mill or 'trilladora del Tocaio' located in the centre of the village, the restoration of which is in the safe hands of a local historic & ecological foundation.

Following this great morning we'll be able to sample the culinary delights of one of the many restaurants to be found throughout the town. There are so many to choose from we will let you make your own choice of lunch.

After this early lunch our adventure will take us into the City of Valencia where we have arranged a tour of the world renown porcelain and ceramic manufacturer Lladro.

Here you'll be able to see some of the many processes involved in the production of their fine figures and figurines, made here in Valencia and sold throughout the world. At the end of this tour we will be taken to their superb shop and display areas.

Here you will have the opportunity to view their range of products and buy some of the fine porcelain if you wish.

April Monthly Meeting

This will be held on the 28th of April at the CPC.

Our speaker at this meeting will be Tony Grande representing the Help a Smile and Emmus Charities. Tony's main charity is Help a Smile and will be giving us an overview of their work with Under Privileged Children and the homes they run. He will also

be telling us about the farm run by the residents, which help to sustain the food supply for the charities homes. If there is enough interest a trip can be arranged to this farm, when you will be given a tour of the facility, meet some of the people who live at the farm plus enjoy a lunch (at a cost). The Lunch will be made from locally sourced produce along with that grown on the farm.

This meeting will be one not to be missed as Tony is a great ambassador for these charities.

Our Monthly Meetings are arranged for the benefit of you our Members. Each month we arrange a different speaker to advise on important matters and sometimes to entertain you.

At each meeting there will be travel updates from our Travel Co-ordinators Alan and Anja so you know what is planned and being planned for your enjoyment. There is also new information about our Groups given to us by Rosa our Group Leader Co-ordinator, so if you wish to know what New Groups are planned or just wish to know more about Group activity updates, the Monthly Meeting is the place to be.

You will also be given general and/or important information relating to our U3A activities.

Since the beginning of 2016 we have opened the last part of our meetings for you our members to have your say or ask for more information regarding our Organisation. By having this question and answer session we are genuinely seeking your feedback and ideas. This is an important part of your committees open and transparent communication policy. There is also a Suggestion Box available at each meeting so you can leave your ideas or feedback anonymously. All important and interesting suggestions will be raised for discussion at the following committee meeting.

Please come to our forth coming Monthly Meetings to meet new friends or just have a chat over a cup of Tea or Coffee, (all donations for tea and coffee go to our designated charity).

Remember each meeting will be different, so please come along and enjoy a great morning.

Sunday April 24th

YOU ARE ASKED TO JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF GREAT FUN

The U3A Treasure Hunt is on Sunday April 24th 2016. Members are invited to register a team for a stimulating ramble around Denia, a great time weather permitting is guaranteed.

Your hosts will be John and Gill Stent.

Your team can include a mixture of Members and Guests

As a Team you will be seeking to unearth the hidden secrets of old Roman settlements of Dianum, following in the footsteps of the Duke of Lerma.

You are invited to enter a team of 4 members/friends. On registering you will be asked to pay 5â,- per team. The registration limit is 9 teams of 4 people.

Teams are expected to travel to Denia in their own vehicles. A meal has been arranged in Denia after the event at which prizes will be given.

[Click here](#), for more information

Tuesday May 17th

Our Travel team are advising us that this will be our last trip of the U3A year and will be:

A FLAVOR OF NOVELDA

Novelda is a town in the province of Alicante and has many diversities to offer, actually too many. This trip is meant to be an introduction to all those different flavors of Novelda. And if you are tickled for a return trip, we are sure Novelda will wholeheartedly welcome you again!

Our day will start with the coach leaving the Polivalent in Oliva at 8:30 hrs, arriving in Novelda @ 10:00 hrs at the Sanctuary Maria Magdalena and the La Mola Castle. Here we can stretch our legs and enjoy a coffee, plus admire the location. From here the coach will take us into Novelda where we will meet our English speaking guide who will show us around the centre, with the stunning beauty of the: Casa Modernista Museo as the focal point.

Casa Modernista Museo

Following this we will enjoy an opulent lunch (not included) at the Casa Cesilia Winery here you will have the opportunity to visit their store where one can buy delicious wines and local herbs and teas.

We will top this all off with a visit to Marble Spain, showroom/museum which is a unique experience in itself.

The coach will leave Novelda at around 18:00hrs and arrival back in Oliva at around 19:30hrs.

The cost of this superb trip is 15 euros

PLEASE GO TO THE REGISTRATION ON OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION. or [click here](#)

May Monthly Meeting

This will be held on Thursday May 26th

This will be our A.G.M. so please clear your calendar for this date. At this meeting there will be an update on this years U3A and your committees activities plus reports from the President and Secretary.

You will also have the opportunity to raise any point you feel require clarification and answers.

Following this section of the A.G.M. you will have the opportunity to elect your new committee for the coming year 2016-2017.

If you are interested in joining the committee, now or before the A.G.M. please contact me at vp.u3a.oliva@gmail.com or one of your committee members who will be only to pleased to answer your questions etc. I can assure you that you will be made very welcome as we wish to increase and diversify our thinking and planning over the coming year/s.

May 22nd to 26th 4 Day Break

Join us on a luxury 4 * Break to the spiritual home of the Spanish Moors "Andaluc a!"

Working closely with a highly respected Barcelona Based Travel Agency we have arranged to spend 4 glorious nights exploring the wonderment of Andaluc a by visiting the very heart of the Moorish kingdom in Seville and Cordoba

We  ve arranged a customised trip to Seville

and Cordoba to include a detailed and entertaining visit to these two key centres of Moorish culture.

Our adventure will involve the following itinerary.

Trip runs between 22nd-26 May 2016

Staying in Seville @ the Hotel Melia lebreros 4*
(<http://www.melia.com/es/hoteles/espana/sevilla/melia-lebreros/index.html>)

On the fourth night in Cordoba @ the Hotel Macia Alfaros 4*
<http://www.maciaalfaros.com>

Included in the Price is

- 3 nightsâ€™ accommodation in Seville on BB basis
- 1 nightâ€™s accommodation in Cordoba on BB basis
- 1 dinner in a local restaurant in Seville (1 drink & water included)
- Half day official guided tour in Seville and in the evening an atmospheric visit to Seville Cathedral (tickets included)
- An evening Equestrian show in Cordoba
- Half day official guided tour in Cordoba including a visit to the Mesquita (tickets included)
- Transportation for the whole tour
- English speaking tour Manager for the duration of the tour.

For the Full information of this trip please go to our website [click here](#)

Report from our March Monthly Meeting.

At our March Monthly Meeting Mr Wayne Martin from Blacktower Financial Management Services was our speaker. Wayne`s presentation was about to the Brexit which could affect each of us living here in Spain. This presentation gave an over view and insight into both staying in and also leaving Europe. The members who attended found this to be of great interest and presentation generated a number of questions from the floor.

For more information on his presentation please [click here](#)

Group Information.

Group Leader: Riaz Missaghian

This group has now a new leader, Jazz lover and ex-drummer Riaz Missaghian, who is looking forward to meeting old members of this Group and having new members joining.

Our first meeting will take place at the CPC and we will discuss what group members like and wish.

Meeting Date: 3rd Thursday of the month, at 16:00 hours. Our first meeting will be on

April 21st at 16.00 hours

If you are interested in joining this group Riaz can be contacted by email at: jazz@u3a-oliva.org or by telephone on 633381430

Why not come and join us and have a great afternoon.

Boot Sale information

Our Web-master is requesting that once you have sold your item through the Boot Sale you send him an email asking for the item be remove from the website.

Please note that items listed on our Boot Sale will remain on the list for two months, after this time the listing will be automatically removed without prior notice. Following this period if your item is not sold you are asked to re list it using the normal listing procedure.

Oliva Tourist Office

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

UK REFERENDUM

I have included the website address again to help our members who haven't registered to vote in the forth coming referendum.

The following link is for you to register for your vote: www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Our next issue will be out on the 15th May 2016. and will include details of our A.G.M which will be held on May 26th at the CPC. We look forward to seeing you all at this meeting. Your Committee are asking you to wear your Membership Badges so they will know who is eligible to be at the meeting and vote for your New Committee Members.

We now have links to all the past issues of the Voice on the front page of our Website. From here you can copy them or just read them again.

Thank you for your time in reading this issue and hope you have found the contents interesting.

Mick.

Vice President