

THE OLIVA U3A VOICE

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Welcome to our June edition of the Voice, in this issue you will find information on forthcoming events plus reports on trips and events which have taken place during the past month. You will also find additional information which it is hoped will be of interest to all our members.

Please be advised that you can now renew your membership for the coming year. If you renew now your membership will run until 31st August 2017. The approved membership fee for next year will be only 7 euros, this was agreed by the members at our last months AGM.

I am always looking to improve this your newsletter and would ask you to send me any item you feel would be of interest to our fellow members, which could be included in future issues. Please send these to me by the 5th of each month. All items received will be reviewed and where possible included in the following edition.

June Monthly Meeting.

This will be our annual SHOWCASE

It will be held on THURSDAY 23RD of JUNE

at the C.P.C. in Oliva

Come and join us for an exciting morning

This special showcase will start at 11.00am prompt.

The doors will be open at 10.30am when Coffee, Tea and Wine will be available, plus you will have the chance to chat with old and new friends.

This Showcase will hopefully help you in identifying which of our Groups on show is right for you. Group Leaders will be available to help you to find out more information about them.

The following Groups will be taking part in the Showcase.

Line Dancing, Choir, Sing and Play, Ballroom (Sequence Dancing), Poetry and Creative Writing.

For details of how to get to the C.P.C.

[Click Here](#)

We look forward to seeing all our members both old and new at this meeting.

End of Year Summer Party

this will be held at Moli Canyon in Potries.

on Thursday June 30th 2016 starting at 19.30h

After another long but enjoyable U3A year it is time for us to celebrate before saying goodbye until September.



We have arranged a very special event at the beautiful venue of Moli Canyon. Starting with a cava reception in the charming gardens, we will move on to dine in their private function room. After dinner we will be entertained by the well-known duo TIMEWARP, with music and dancing to suit every taste.

There will be a Raffle with some superb premium Prizes. All profits from this will go to Charity. You will not only have a really great time, but also help our Charity for the evening which is Make a Smile.

This event is open to members, their family and friends, at the very attractive price of €20 per person. There will be a maximum of (100) places available.

Due to the large demand for tickets we have increased this to a maximum of 120 places.

Sorry this Party is now full booked, please register on the waiting list in case someone is unable to attend

Full registration details are on our website [click here](#)

Events organised by Ajuntament d`Oliva and the Tourist office.

Click on this link to view the ongoing events throughout JUNE in Oliva and

area in English -----> [Tourist office](#)

This Link <http://oliva.es/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Programa-Fira-i-Festes-Oliva-2016.pdf> is the Valenciano version of the Fira I Festes in Oliva on 17th,18th and 19th of June.

Trip and Event Reports.

Report on our May AGM.

On Thursday 26th of May our U3A held their AGM, at this monthly meeting 65 members attended. As the assembled members did not form a quorum as the constitution requires, the AGM meeting was suspended for 30 minutes.

During this initial 30 minutes Daniel Herranz a Lawyer gave our members an update on changes in the law etc the main topics covered were:-

- 1) IVA: The general rate stays at 21%, and 10% for food and some other products, while bread and basic products stays at 4%
- 2) RESIDENTS INCOME TAX:; Scales for income below 30.000 euros per year has gone slightly lower, depending on personal circumstances
- 3) NON RESIDENT INCOME TAX and CAPITAL GAINS TAX ON HOUSE SALES OF NON RESIDENTS: 19%, while Non-European Union citizens is 24%
- 4) INHERITANCE TAX: Reductions apply to husband, wife and biological children, either residents or not, as far as they are European Union citizens

The members found his advise to be enlightening and useful.

At the start of the AGM our President Mr John Melville gave his annual report. The main points he raised were, our organisation now has 496 registered members, there are at present 40 groups for members to join. The Travel team had organised and ran various interesting trips during the past year with more being arranged for the coming year. John reminded members that the booking arrangements were changed at the beginning of the year, now for the first two weeks of a trip booking period, is for members only.

Members were brought up to date to website changes, John praised our retiring Web-master Iain Mungall for his sterling work in rebuilding the website over the past 18 months to an excellent and user friendly standard. He also introduced our new Web-master Mr David McFarlane, David succeeded Iain on the 22nd of May, he was wished every success in his new role.

Our Secretary Mike Dunkley presented the minutes of last years AGM,

which were accepted by the assembly.

It was reported that Robbie Gordon our Treasurer was unable to attend following a cycling accident 3 days prior to the meeting, Robbie was wished a speedy recovery. In Robbie's absence John gave the assembly an update on the finances. The audited accounts which can be found on the website were agreed and accepted by our members.

A proposal was tabled for the membership fee to be held at 7 euros, this was agreed by the members for the year 2016-2017.

The above was followed by the election of officers and 2 committee members. The nominations were President John Melville, Vice President Mick Goy, Secretary Mike Dunkley, Treasurer Robbie Gordon, and two ordinary committee members Alan Robinson and Jonathan Knights. As there was no one standing in opposition to the above nominees the election was passed unanimously by the assembly.

In addition the following co-opted members of the committee will be Iain Mungall, Rosa Jones, David McFarlane, Anja Homberg and Ron Colcombe.

Our President closed the meeting by thanking all the members for their attendance, participation and support in the mornings proceedings.

The meeting closed at 11.46am

A TASTE OF NOVELDA

On Tuesday 17th of May our coach left Oliva early in the morning to take us to Novelda, a town about 26 km inland from Alicante where 3 industries made this town very important: Marble/ Stones, Wine and Spices/Saffron. We arrived at 10:00 and were welcomed by our guide. Our first stop was at the Sanctuary Maria Magdalena, who is also the patron Virgin of Novelda. The Sanctuary was designed by the Spanish architect Jose Sala Sala, a resident of Novelda who was very much influenced by Catalanian Modernism. On the same hill there is an old castle originally built by the Moors and later reformed by the Christians who built a perfect triangular tower, very rare.

After this first stop we moved on to the Casa Museo Modernista, a house unbelievably decorated from top to bottom in the Spanish Modernist style by Antonia Navarro, a very wealthy lady from Novelda. This Casa is hard to describe.....one has to admire it oneself!

There was a little free time before we were expected in the winery Casa Cesilia for a delicious and abundant lunch. Besides wine they grow Olives and make their own olive oil.

Our last stop was to Marble Spain, a showroom with different slabs of Marble from all over the world, combined with an eclectic collection items, a hobby of the owner of the company.

We experienced a truly enjoyable day and visited places which will be hard to forget.

Report by Anja Homberg our Travel Co-ordinator.

Visit to the Make a Smile Charity Farm

On Thursday the 2nd of June four members of the Oliva U3A visited the Make a Smile charity Nr Villajoyosa. The main reason for the visit was to present Tony Grande an Ambassador for the charity with 200€ towards their sponsor a Chicken project.



In the centre of the picture is Lynda Goy from Oliva U3A with Tony Grande of the Make a Smile charity. Also in this picture are some of the Make a Smile volunteers

This money was donated by a number of our members over the past month who also gave a name to their sponsored Chicken. The money was collected on behalf of our members by Lynda. Tony Grande sent all members who sponsored a chicken a BIG thank you for helping their charity.

We have been asked by the charity Make a Smile if our members could save their empty egg cartons, these are required for the eggs produced by their sponsored Chickens.

Please bring your cartons to any of our monthly meetings starting with the Showcase, we will ensure the charity receive these without delay.

A date for your Diary.

SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER.

This event is organised by our Line Dancing Group, if you attended the previous one of these dance events you know what to expect. So if you missed out why not book your seat now by calling one of the numbers below.

The profits from this evening will be going to their selected charity.



Oliva USA Line Dancers

Invite you to outside Music and Dancing
Saturday 24th September



Country,
Rock and Roll
Disco



BBQ with Wine



Dancing from 6pm.
with



ROUTE 66 COUNTRY ROCK Disco

at
EL-Cid Restaurante, Benidoleig

Tickets only €15.00

- Tel. Betty 962808471
- Tel. Paddy 962893206
- Tel. John 604131424
- Tel. Charlie 966404364



you are invited to come and join us and have a great night

Group Information.

The committee are urgently asking for help.

We have a Vacancy for a Groups Co-ordinator

We are urgently seeing a member who feels he or she could fill the position of Groups Co-ordinator. Unfortunately our present Co-ordinator Rosa has found it necessary due to personal circumstances to step down from this important position.

We are looking for a person who can communicate effectively with different people and posses good organisational skills. The ability to speak Spanish is a big advantage but this not essential.

The Group Co-ordinators responsibilities are, (1). to communication with Group Leaders, (2). organising venues for group activities and (3). along with the assistant Groups Co-ordinator answer emails from Group Leaders and Members. You do not have to become a committee member but this would be an advantage as this will aid effective communication between yourself and the committee and help solve any problems that may arise far more effectively and quickly.

Training and effective ongoing backup will be given to the successful person.

I would ask all interested members to please contact me on vice-president@u3a-oliva.org to arrange a meeting or seek more information. This is an important position within our U3A and we wish to fill it as quickly as possible.

New Group Information

Spanish Lessons starting September!

We have a great Spanish Teacher (native speaker) ...

We have a classroom ...

All we need is ...*you!*

We plan to limit numbers to 10 so everyone can participate.

With 10 people the cost should average out at about 20 Euros per person per month.

That's for 1.5 hours per week plus homework (no extra charge)

The level will depend a bit on who comes, but we are aiming at intermediate level - so you will be able to speak/read/write a little and want to take it further.

Probably Tuesday or Wednesdays based in Oliva.

So don't hesitate contact **mike** at secretary@u3a-oliva.org

Remember ... only a few places remaining ...

Please, Please, Please, I am asking for your help.

If any member can assist me in identifying possible speakers for our Monthly Meetings, during the forth coming U3A year I would ask you to contact me at vice-president@u3a-oliva.org or on 634453459

I wish to see our future meetings include more interesting topics which will have a benefit for all of us.

The second part of my request is to ask all of you who do not at present attend our Monthly Meetings to come and join us at the Showcase on 23rd June at the CPC. This will be a great morning and a superb opportunity to have a good time.

I would take this opportunity to remind all our members of the Members Benefits section. This you can find under the Members tab on the home page of our website. Here you will find companies who offer members a discount on the services they provide. ***So why not check this out and start saving.***

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.

The next edition of the Voice will include reports on the Showcase and Summer Party, plus a plan from our Travel Team on future Trips and Events for the coming year 2016/2017. Issue 13 will be with you on the 15th July.

Please remember if you have any ideas and/or suggestions please send them to me at:- vice-president@u3a-oliva.org, or use the suggestion box which will be available at all our Monthly Meetings.

Thank you for your time in reading this edition.

Mick.

Vice President

