

The Oliva U3A Voice

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Dear Member,

We are fast approaching the festive season, and am sure you have all started to enjoy the different Carol Services and range of events now on offer from the different organisation in the area.

Whatever your plans for Christmas and the New Year, whether you are going, back to the UK to see your family and friends or just taking a short break over the Christmas period, I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 2017.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Monthly Meeting on Thursday the 26th of January at our new venue the Polivalent in Oliva, [click here](#) for directions, doors will be open at 10.30am. The presenter will be Philip Ashley our U3A Choir Director.

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Why not join us for an alternative to the traditional Christmas?

This is for Amblers & Walkers or anybody who would like to do something different on Christmas day. Friends and family of members are welcome. This years venue for our Alternative Christmas is on the: La Plana Cap de Sant Antonio, between Denia & Javea. [Map and Directions](#) Oliva to Cap de Sant Antonio.

We have a nice gentle walk approximately 7 to 8 km's on a flat route on the La Plana. For more information and to register [click here](#)

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Report on our Christmas Party

On December the 6th we held our U3A Party at Moli Canyar, where 107 of our members and guests had a great time. The evening commenced with a Cava reception, followed by dinner at 8pm. This dinner started with 4

different Tapas, followed by either a Meat, Fish or Vegetarian course, this was dependent on choice, the meal finished with an ice cream postrie. Following this superb dinner the Timewarp Duo entertained everyone with an evening of music and singing.

[click here](#) for the full report.



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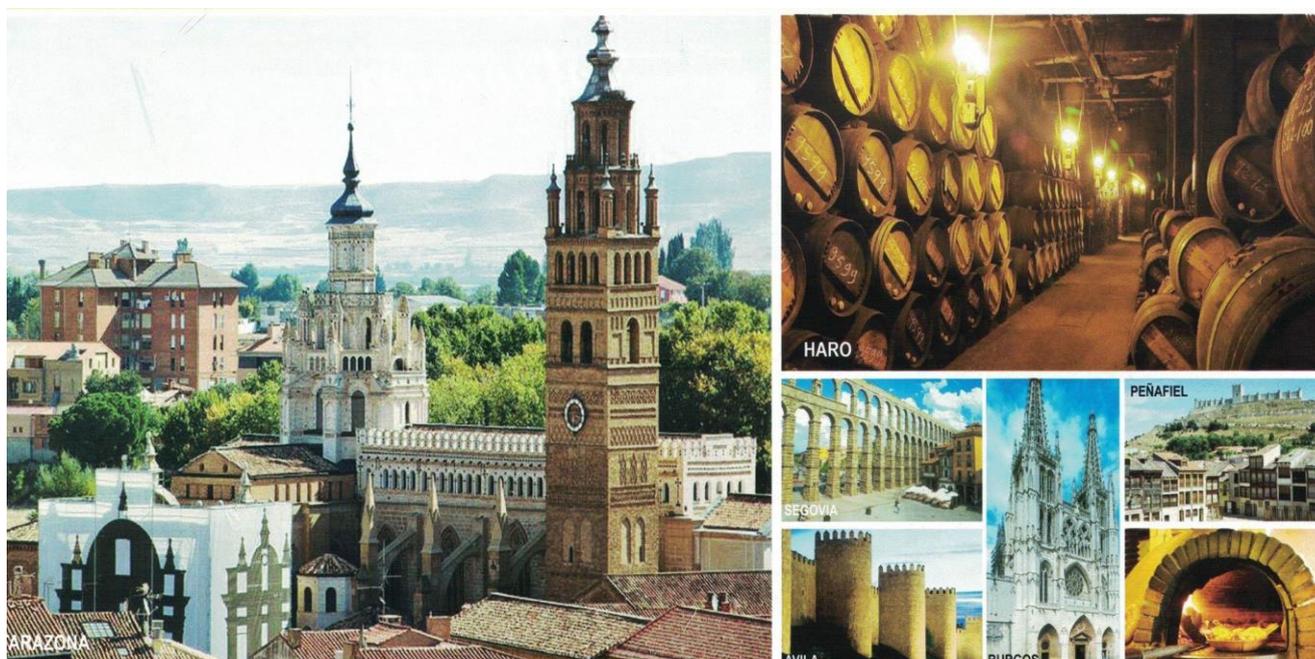
Short Break in May 2017.

We have arranged an excellent 4 day or 6 day break, you can decide which one you prefer.

This will be to :-

La Rioja- Ribera Duero in Castilla

This trip will start on the 17th May 2017



For full trip information please [click here](#)

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Group Information

This article is from Bob Sedgley our Art Appreciation Group Leader.

As an art teacher I think that everyone should take an interest in art, in all its branches. It has more significance and impact on our cultural life, and probably our well being, than many people realise. We are after all art making creatures with an aesthetic awareness, and it is not just a decoration around the edges of things but runs through and influences many aspects of our lives.



To read the full article please [click here](#)

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LATE SUMMER MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE

This Cruise will leave the Port of Valencia on

October the 5th 2017.

The duration is 7/8 days on the

MSC Splendida.

Check the following map which shows the ports of call during the cruise



For more details and the make a reservation [click here](#)

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Report on U3A Choir Concert

On Friday the 9th of December members and guests enjoyed a great night at the Polivalent where the U3A Choir entertained over 100 at their concert. The Choir sung a variety of 19, Christmas and other songs during their 1 and a half hours performance. The choir director Philip Ashley conducted the choir and introduced each song they sung. Following the concert all the guests were very appreciative of the music and the choir's performance. The concert raised €389 for the designated charity which was Make a Smile.

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Committee Vacancy, Group Leader Co-ordinator.

"The present co-ordinator is staying for this academic year – which will be her third in this post - but we need someone who would be interested in taking over next year. The months from January to June - the end of the 2016 academic year - would be used to help the new groups co-ordinator to slowly get acquainted with this job, which is very rewarding! The Group Leaders do a great job and the Co-ordinator is there to support them when required, and help members interested in starting new groups to set them up. The person for this post should be able to work as part of a team. Some knowledge of Spanish would be an advantage, to be able to keep the contact with the local people who support us at the CPC and the Town Hall - a great opportunity to practise your Spanish and learn more! Rosa will provide you with more information regarding your responsibilities.

Please, approach, us we need **you and your help!** **You can make a difference!** Contact me as soon as possible by emailing to groups-co-ordinator@u3a-oliva.org and I will contact you to make arrangements, to get together and provide you with all the information that you need.

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Reports on the Christmas Shopping Trips

Gibraltar

After a long journey with pickups down to Benidorm and then a drop off in Granada we arrived at the hotel around 6pm.

The weather was not on our side, although it remained dry in Gibraltar until midday on the Friday. A great day in was enjoyed in Gibraltar by the majority on the coach. Saturday was again a very wet day on the Costa del Sol so the majority of members decided to stay in and around the resort of Benalmadena. For the few members who decided to go to Gibraltar for the second day enjoyed a relatively sunny day. The Hotel was good and the food was excellent. Following a second long journey back to Oliva we arrived at approximately 8pm.



Rock of Gibraltar

Madrid

Following feedback from a number of our members who visited Madrid the majority enjoyed the break apart from the weather. Unfortunately the long journey time proved to be a problem for a few, this included pickups down the coast. the total journey time including comfort and meal breaks was 9 hours with the return only taking 6 hours. Again a number of our members enjoyed The shopping and wish to return in the future. Members reported that the Hotel was very good along with the Gandia Tours representative and coach driver.



Gigantic Primark



Best way to keep out of the rain

Barcelona.

Following the feedback I have received from our members on this trip it would appear the the hotel was changed at the last minute and members were advised on their arrival in Barcelona. This Hotel was a 4* but in need of refurbishment.

However Barcelona was as always a place to visit with its many attractions and places to see.

Conclusions.

The majority of our members enjoyed their breaks in the different locations, however there appeared to be a few problems with lengthy travelling times and a change of Hotel, not counting the poor weather in Madrid and on the South Coast.

All the feedback I have received which I thank everyone for will be given to Gandia Tours in the New Year.

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Report on our Calpe Theatre Trip.

This took place on Wednesday 30th of November at the Calpe Theatre. The production was, A Christmas Carol the Musical. This was an amateur production with everyone giving an excellent performance. The proceeds for both the productions on November the 30th and 1st of December went to the Friends of Emmus who were the beneficiary from the two evenings.

The production was very good with all our 54 members and guests who made the trip enjoying the evening.

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Thank you all for taking your time to read this our latest edition, I hope you find the small changes made to this issue, help you to easily read the items which interest you.

our next edition will be with you on the 15th of January 2017.

On behalf of your Committee I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas.

Any feedback, suggestions or articles you have for our January edition, please send them to me before the 5th of January, to :- vice-president@u3a-oliva.org