HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we start 2017 I wish all our Members a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

At the beginning of this New Year I ask all our members to join us at the forthcoming General Meeting on January 26th. Here you can meet new friends over a coffee and enjoy a great morning. We have recently moved our monthly meetings to the Polivalent in Oliva. The main reason for this move was to give you our members a better audio and visual experience and improved parking facilities which are very close to our venue.

You will receive a very warm welcome from your committee who will be pleased to receive any ideas you have to help in our efforts to improve our members experience.

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JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

This will be held at the Polivalent (directions) on Thursday 26th of November. The doors will open at 10.30am with the meeting starting at 11.00am. The Presenter for this meeting will be Philip Ashley, the theme for the morning will be “When Words Fail, Music Speaks”

Philip Ashley will be giving an insight into how he became involved in singing, what singing means to him now, and why he Teaches and Musical Directs others in their singing pursuits.

This will be a very interesting musical morning.

There will be our usual Coffee and Tea available and this month our books will be back.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR BADGES AT EVERY MEETING.
UNCOLLECTED BADGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THIS MEETING.

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February Day Trip

This is to the Coves de Sant Josep and the historic city of Sagunto on Thursday February 16th 2017.

Our visit provides the opportunity to experience the twin wonders embodied by the Historic City of Sagunto and The Caves of Sant Josep in the Vall d’Uixo.
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.

Cost of this Trip will be:
€19.00 per person which includes the coach journey, a guided tour of Sagunto (in English) and a Boat Trip through the caves of St Joseph.

Total Seats available: 52
Join us and experience a truly enjoyable day.
For more information on this truly exciting trip and to register please click here

2017 Short Break

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

click here for more information and to register

Childrens Christmas Party

Our Children's Christmas Party took place on December 16th at the CPC, when 50 children from El Bastador were invited and enjoyed a great evening. On arrival they were welcomed by their group leaders for the evening and taken to the designated group areas. Following an initial game with music the children where taken to their tables and enjoyed food and drinks.

After this the children were given the opportunity to play with and on various equipment including a bouncy castle, mono cycles, juggling etc, all this was organised by Atul and his wife.

At 6.45 Santa arrived and gave the children sweets before distributing a present to each child. With the help of his two Elves, Santa gave every child a wrapped shoe box full of a variety of different presents. It was a joy to see the presents being opened and the smiles on each of the children’s face. This finalised a great evening for everyone who volunteered to see all the children being very happy.
My thanks go to all the volunteers who helped in the morning to set up the hall for the party, including Sue and Lynda for organising the decorations. To everyone who helped during the evening at the party, without your help we could not have made the party such a success. I must also thank Santa and his two Elves, i.e. Ian, Wilma and David, plus Kim for taking the photographs and finally Atul and Veronica for supplying and organising the entertainment for the children. Finally I wish to thank my party committee colleagues for their superb help in organising the party.

2017 CRUISE

This Cruise will leave the Port of Valencia on October the 5th 2017.

The duration is 8 days on the MSC Splendida.

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

![Map of Cruise Itinerary]

The itinerary is as above with stops at Marsella, Genova, Rome, Palermo, Cagliari and Palma before returning to Valencia.

Please click here for more details and reservation

Important.

I am urgently asking for your valued assistance in helping me resolve a members disabled email address problem.

At the present time we have a number of members with a disabled email addresses, this means they will receive NO information regarding Travel/Events, the Voice or important information regarding our U3A organisation.

It may be your Wife's or Husband's email which is disabled and this may not appear to be a problem as you receive at least one notification/email. However this will become a problem if your present active email address fails, you will be unable to receive any of our emails.

It is therefore vitally important that all email addresses are enabled to ensure we can communicate effectively with all our members as and when the needs arise.
Can I ask every member to ensure their email address is operational by logging into our website and check that it is fully functional. This will help to identify which email addresses require attention. Likewise if you know of any member who is not receiving our emails or the Voice please let me know.

Please help me to help all our members who are presently not receiving our emails. It is important that we can communicate effectively with all our members all the time. I ask you to email me on vice-president@u3a-oliva.org so I can reinstate any disabled email address without delay.

Thanking you for your help.

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**Pantomime**

Oliva Drama and Cultural Association are delighted to announce that their pantomime for 2017 is 'The Wizard of Oz'. The show will be at the Olimpia Theatre in Calle Major, Oliva on Thursday 16th February at 5.00pm and on Friday 17th February at 8.00pm. Tickets, priced at just 6€ are now available from:

1. Any member of the Drama Group
2. At the U3A General Meeting on 26th January at the Polivalent
3. At our Box Office in Honeydukes, opposite the theatre in Calle Major
4. By emailing us at: olivadramagroup@gmail.com
5. By telephone on 644 889 155

We hope to see you there -

OH YES WE DO!!!

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**The following is the travel and events plan for the early part of 2017.**

**February 2017**
- Historic Tour of Sagunto and the Caves of San Josep.

**March 2017**
- Valencian Monasteries Adventure.

**April 2017**
- Historic Tour of Murcia or Shopping IKEA

**May 2017**
- Albufera & local Valencia Chocolate Factory

**May 2017**
- 4 or 6 day to Rioja & Ribera del Duero.

**June 2017**
- Summer Dinner & Dance Extravaganza.
Group Leader Co-ordinator

We are actively looking for a replacement Co-ordinator who will take over this position, following full training.

The following would be an advantage:-

1. Can you communicate effectively at different levels
2. Are you a good organiser,
3. Do you enjoy meeting people,

If you are interested and feel you can fill this position (full training will be available) come and join our management team and help ensure our organisation and groups go from strength to strength. Please email me at vice-president@u3a-oliva.org.

A New Year message from our Webmaster David

I would like to just give you some advice with regard to 'End of Year Operations on Your Computer';

We all plan to clean our house(?) and make ourselves ready for the new year; however the same is true for our computers. There are things we should do, or at the very least investigate whether we need to do, and these are:

- Ensure your applications are up to date
- Back up our data
- Ensure our Windows or Apple operating system is up to date
- Clean temporary files/cache folders
- Update anti-malware programs and run a full-system scan
- Uninstall unused applications – but be certain that you don’t need them. If in doubt ask someone who knows.
- If you have been putting your PC to sleep rather than shutting down and then restarting, then shut it down and restart.
- Ensure all hardware, where necessary has been upgraded.

Remember a computer only runs well when it has been looked after.

IF IN DOUBT ASK SOMEONE WHO KNOWS FOR ADVICE.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION? IMPROVE YOUR SPANISH!
Rare vacancy in our Intermediate Spanish class - In Oliva, 10.15 to 11.45am every Monday until June and starting again in September. Led by our teacher Maria, a native Spanish speaker, the class is limited to 10 people only. Not for beginners but everyone else welcome. Membership is excellent value at approx. 20 Euros per month. Try first lesson free! First come first served. Please contact mikedunkley@hotmail.com urgently.

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Request

We have received a request from Tony Grande the Amasador of the Make a Smile Charity, asking for your help. They have asked if you our members can save your unwanted Christmas Cards, Egg Cartons. Broken Jewellery, Unwanted Clothing and Furniture, so they can either reuse or recycle them, to help raise funds for the charity.

Can I ask you to bring any of the above (not furniture this can be collected) to our next Monthly Meeting on Thursday 26th of January, or any future Monthly Meeting, we will then ensure these are taken to the Charity. Thanking you for you help.

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Please remember the Voice is for the benefit of all our members, from reading it, to welcoming members articles which will be of interest to others. Have you visited another part of Spain which you would like to share with others, or do you have information which you feel would be of benefit to other members, (all items must be verifiable before publication) and received before the deadline of the 10th of each month.

Thank you for reading this our January issue, our next edition will be with you on the 15th of February.

Any questions, queries or suggestions please send them to me Mick G. at :- vice-president@u3a-oliva.org