



U3A Oliva

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Presidents Message

Firstly, I apologise for there being no edition of the Voice in September, this was due to unforeseen circumstances.

I would take this opportunity to welcome all our members both old and new to this our New U3A year 2017/2018.

I hope you all have had a great summer where ever you have been and whatever you have been doing, for me it has been an excellent 3 months.

September saw the start of our Group activities, if you haven't decided which of the Groups are right for you please check out all the Groups on our website by clicking on the Group Tab on the Home page. Once you have made your choice please contact the relevant Group Leader to make arrangements to attend.

If you are looking forward to our Trips and Events then our travel/event team are still arranging some very interesting day trips, please keep an eye on the website for more information. During the summer break there have been two points to advise you about. Firstly, Guy Stratford our Vice President found it necessary to resign from his position and also the committee on personal grounds I am sorry to see him leave and wish him our best wishes for the future, I am pleased to report that Ron Colcombe has stepped up to the Vice Presidents position. Secondly Robbie our Treasurer has experienced a serious health issue during the summer, I am however please to report that he is making great progress, we send him our best wishes for a complete recovery. Robbie is continuing as Treasurer with the help of our new Deputy Treasurer Valerie Robinson.

All new membership badges are now available, if you did not collect yours at the September meeting it will be at the October Monthly Meeting awaiting your collection.

Finally, I can assure you all that your Management team will be working hard during this coming year to ensure you our members enjoy all the activities we have planned, especially our 10th Anniversary Celebrations.

I look forward to meeting you all during this coming year.

Mick Goy. President.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

This will be held at the Polivalent ([directions](#)) on
Thursday 26th of October.

The doors will open at 10.30am with the Meeting starting at 11.00am

The presenter for this meeting will be :-

Debbie Evans who is a Financial Adviser, will be giving us information about how we can improve our personal financial planning.

This should be a very interesting and informative morning.

There will be our usual Coffee and Tea and Book Table available.

Our Annual Children's Party has been arranged for December 13th.



At the October Monthly Meeting we will have the usual present tickets available and ask you to take one or more, so we can give a present to each invited child. These tickets will be **Blue for Boys** and **Pink for Girls**. I ask you to take as many tickets as you wish, each ticket represents one present.

I would also ask you to provide a present/s dependant on the colour of your ticket/s to the value of €15 each and place them in a standardised shoe box wrapped in Christmas Paper. We suggest that each present box is made up of a number of smaller items to give each child a nice varied selection of different gifts.

I would ask you to bring your presents to the November Monthly meeting or take them to the CPC after the 1st of December. More information will be in the November Voice.

Thank you and I trust you will help us again this year to make this annual event another success.

**COME AND CELEBRATE OUR
U3A'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY**

Our **10th Anniversary Celebration Party**, will be held on Friday the 10th of November at Viva España in Oliva, starting at 18.00h

We have planned a great evening from the start with an introduction and brief history of our U3A, this will be followed by an excellent 3 course Dinner, (the menu is available at the time of registration). Following this I am very pleased to announce that **John Curtis** the well-known Bay Radio presenter will be entertaining us throughout the evening, with music from the 60s and 70s.

Please bring your dancing shoes, so you can help to dance the night away.

We are asking you to support our Party, which is a once in a Decade event. Come and join us, enjoy yourself, and make this evening a roaring success.

The whole evening is only € 10 p/p (excluding drinks), '**what a bargain**'.

This is superb value for a party which includes dinner, dancing and entertainment throughout the evening.

Please [click here](#) to move to the full details, including the Menu and Registration. I look forward to seeing you and welcoming you to this our U3A's celebrations.

If you haven't already registered don't delay, register now for this great evening. (time is limited)

YOUR TRAVEL TEAM WOULD LIKE
TO INVITE YOU FOR A TRIP TO-

ELCHE.....THE CITY OF THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF PALMS....

THIS WILL BE ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21ST.
AT AN AMAZING PRICE OF **ONLY €8.20 (coach only)**

The following are places for you to visit during the day.

A visit to the Parque Municipal, (entrance is free of charge), to stroll along the high palm trees, other trees and plants: - [click here](#). Another beautiful park worth a visit (even at 5 euro entrance fee) is Huerto del Cura. The name of this park refers to the priest who lived in this part of Elche's palm plantations and started to grow a beautiful garden with lots of special palm trees, cacti and ponds.

The Museo del Parmeral, is interesting if you want to know all about the history of how the palm trees arrived in Elche thousands of years ago and information about the harvest of dates and more.....

The MAHE, the historical and archeological museum with the long history of Elche. Don't forget to visit the Castillo de Altamira, which is part of the MAHE.



The Basilica de Santa Maria with next to it the Torre de Calahorra, a Moorish defence tower.

The Monastery La Merced with the Arabian Baths.

And of course the Plaza de La Glorieta and the Plaza de Congreso Eucaristico where you will find many terraces, cafes and restaurants for well deserved drinks and food.



Very important!

And there is more to see, to buy and to enjoy.....

[Click here](#) to Register

Report on the September Monthly Meeting.

This was held on the 28th of September. The speak at this meeting was Javier Llombart of the AECC, this is the Cancer research charity.

Javier gave a great insight into the work they do with Cancer research and victims support during a very interesting 30 minutes.

We were left the email addresses and telephone numbers of the AECC and Javier, should any member require help with cancer related issues or assistance for either themselves or a friend.

Email addresses :- valencia@aecc.es or javier.llombart@aecc.es

Telephone numbers 963391400 or 667113615.

Please remember their English is limited so I would suggest you use an interpreter if you wish to call them.

The following is an email I have received from one of our members relating to the AECC.

I had the privilege to work with Denia AECC on a fundraising event, friends and I organised 3 years ago and I have to confirm that they are a fantastic organisation. It's a very caring one-stop shop cancer support organisation with extensive cover and great resources. Their key people, like Javier, are also pretty great. It was an opportunity to practice my Spanish – like we all should!
Debbie Grant

Minutes from the EGM - Extra-ordinary General Meeting

La Asociación de la Universidad de la Tercera Edad de Oliva (U3A Oliva)
Extra-ordinary General Meeting

Thursday 28th September 2017 at 12.00h, Polivalent Oliva
Minutes.

1. The President welcomed 68 members to the Extraordinary General Meeting. The meeting was held after the conclusion of the regular September general meeting.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Phil and Julia Radford, Betty Dean, Robbie Gordon, James and Mary Westerman, Mandy and Gavin Morgan, Sarah Tree.
3. Accounts for the Year ended 31st August 2016. The members present at the AGM had declined to approve the audited accounts. Detailed questions concerning the accounts had been received by the President. Using a projector, the President addressed each of these questions in turn giving detailed replies

For the full transcript please [click here](#).

Message from the Group Co-ordinator.

As your new Group Co-ordinator I hope we can work together to promote an enjoyable and successful 2017-2018 year for the Oliva U3A. With over 500 members and 32 active groups, I would like to encourage you to actively participate in the many activities detailed on our website. We have Golf, Badminton, Petanque, Green Bowls, Walking and Ambling for the sports minded along with various fitness classes. Those who want to be more culturally challenged, there are travel, history of Art, History, Poetry, and Music whilst members who prefer something a little more sedately but mentally challenging, Chess, Bridge, Canasta and Quizzes are on offer. Of course, we must not forget our talented friends in the U3A choir, the Sing and Play, the Art and creative Writing Groups. A valuable group is the Coffee and Chat group for those new to Oliva and its surrounds to enable single or couples to acquaint themselves with what is going on. These are just a few of the many activities to tempt you.

If you have a hobby you would like to develop along with like minded folk, I am open to suggestions. Suggestions of Scrabble, Mah-jong, Sailing, Gardening, Wine Tasting, Singles Dining have all been made in the past so if any of you would like help in setting up a new group, I will be more than pleased to help you.

John Flannigan contact me at :- groups-co-ordinator@u3a-oliva.org

Travel Calendar.

These are the trips planned or in the process of being planned, check the Travel table at the October Monthly Meeting for more information.

November 21st 2017	Elche trip (registration open)
December 15th 2017	Christmas Ball, at Moli Canyar.
January 2018	La Zenia Boulevard, Lets go sales shopping.
February 2018	Benidorm Palace Theatre.
March 2018	Mystery Trip.
April 2018	Algar Falls plus visit in the afternoon TBA.
May 2018	Trip to Tabarca Island (off the southern Costa Blanca coast).
June 2018	Trip to Murcia City (am) and IKEA (pm).
June/July 2018	Oliva U3A Day B.B.Q.

Any questions or queries please email our Travel-co-ordinator@u3a-oliva.org

Line Dancing Group Report



On the 23rd of September we held a charity Dance organised by Betty Dean and Paddy Colcombe from U3A line Dancing Group in Oliva, The venue for the evening was the El Cid Restaurant in Benideleig, The music was provided for by John Sandham with the disco Route 66, everyone had a great night by listening to various types of music and dancing the night away.

From the raffle we raised €303.00 for the children at the Preventorio Real de Gandia children's home, we wish to thank everyone for their help and donations.

Betty Dean Group Leader

Computer Safety information from David our webmaster.

1. Setup admin passwords on all of your devices and then set them to auto-lock where possible.

Companies like Apple and Samsung have made it convenient to login to your phone by detecting your thumb print.

If your phone provider offers that facility, use it. Make sure you also have a backup passcode number for emergencies.

We keep a lot of sensitive data on our phones (like banking apps) so it's wise to have your phone set to auto-lock when you're not using it.

That way if your phone is stolen the most the thief can do is get your phone, not what's in it. They will have to reformat it (wipe it) to use it or sell it on. At least your data, your passwords and logins are kept from prying eyes, and you don't have to spend the next 3 days on the phone and your computer resetting everything.

Some phones don't offer thumb prints detectors yet: in this case make sure you set up a numerical passcode or phrase that kicks in when you're not using the device.

The same goes for your computers and laptops, even your work ones. Setup an admin password that locks access when the computer has been idle for a fixed period (for example 5 minutes). That way, if it's stolen, your data will be much harder to access.

The full list of instructions are on the FORUM, [click here](#) to find out more.

THE FORUM IS ON THE HOME PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE, IT IS THERE FOR YOUR USE AND INFORMATION. WHEN ON THE FORUM CLICK ON SUBSCRIBE, YOU WILL THEN RECEIVE ALL THE LATEST INFORMATION AUTOMATICALLY FOLLOWING ITS UPLOAD. It is to keep you in touch with all the information on Travel and Events, plus general information and the Boot Sale items.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Report.

The U3A Badminton Group held a very successful fundraising event on Friday 29th Sept at the Oliva Sports Centre. We made cakes, cakes for diabetics, cakes with no flour or dairy. We ate cakes, played cake bingo with Sarah, Jill sold jams and pickles, Pam got us to guess the height of an imaginary cake, Atul even made us a spicy Indian cake and we all had a jolly good chat.



In the end we raised more than a smile, we raised a total of £250 for the Macmillan Cancer Charity,



Well done everyone!
Veronica.

Press Report on the "2017 Showcase"

'With in excess of 100 members present. U3A Oliva, held their annual 'Showcase' event on 22nd May. This event highlighted a selection of the work of the various groups and hopefully attracted new and existing members to try some of the other groups available.



Amongst the groups who gave a presentation were the Choir, the Sing and Play group, the Line Dancers, the Poetry group, the Creative writers and Sequence Dancers. There were also awards of cups to various members of the Petanca and Golf Groups. The event concluded with a display from the Sequence Dancers. One further important feature of the day was the presentation of a cheque for 500€ to the nominated Charity, AECC (Cancer charity).

Request from Lynda Group Leader of the Choir.

Our Pianist Pam will be returning to the UK permanently in January, so we are therefore seeking a replacement.

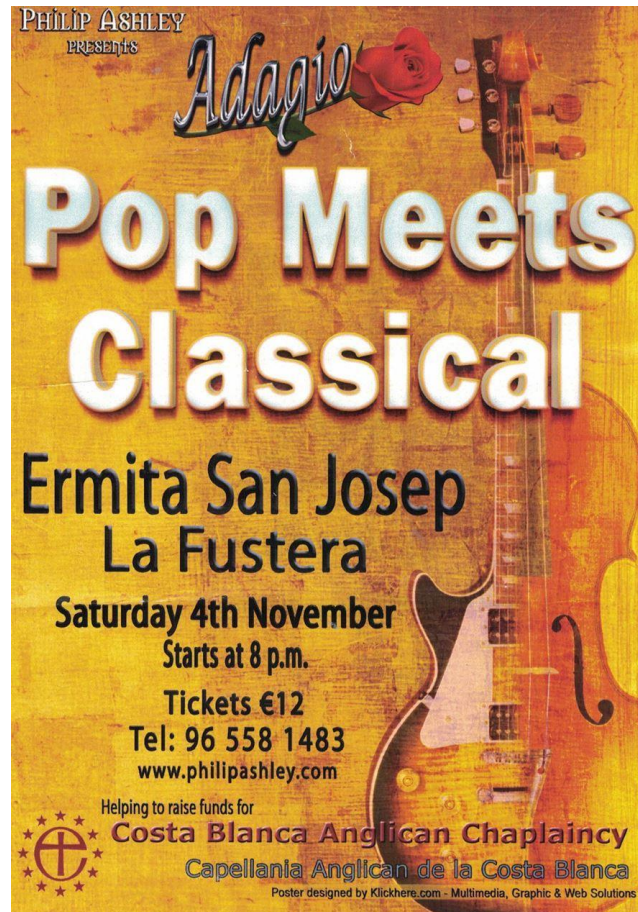
I am asking if any member would be willing to take on the roll of our Pianist/Keyboard player. We practice each Wednesday afternoon from 16.15h to 18.15h at the CPC. There will be occasions when we sing at local external venues mainly in the run into Christmas at Carol Services.

If you can help please contact me at :- choir@u3a-oliva.org



IMPROVE YOUR SPANISH

We have a trained, and native Spanish- speaking teacher, and the chance to run two classes each week: one on Monday morning at 10.15, and one on Tuesday at 10 am, in Oliva. Our Monday class is up and running and nearly full. We need more students to get Tuesday underway. So, if you want to improve your Spanish please get in touch! Not for beginners but everyone else welcome. Class sizes limited to 10 - cost about 20 Euros per month dependent on class size. 1.5 hours per week - courses run until June. This is an excellent opportunity so don't miss out - contact us now!! To register your interest please email me at :- president@u3a-oliva.org
Mike Dunkley secretary@u3a-oliva.org



PHILIP ASHLEY
PRESENTS

Adagio

Pop Meets Classical

Ermita San Josep
La Fustera

Saturday 4th November
Starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets €12
Tel: 96 558 1483
www.philipashley.com

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Costa Blanca Anglican Chaplaincy
Capellania Anglican de la Costa Blanca

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

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed an item to this edition.

Please send any questions or queries to me at :-
president@u3a-oliva.org before the 8th of the month.