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Message from your President

Welcome to our latest edition and I hope you find it helpful and useful.

I hope you have all looked at the trips where the registration has been opened, these are filling up fast. The Valencia Fallas trip is full with a waiting list, if you wish to go register your interest in this waiting list in case of a cancellation. The Guadalest trip is again full with a waiting list. The Tabarca Island trip now has a second coach arranged with only a few seats left. Our trip to Murcia City and Ikea in June is available for booking. Come and join your travel team for these great day trips.

John our Group Co-ordinator is working hard to set up the new planned groups. He is still looking for a Zumba instructor and more members who are interested in joining the Walking Football Group. The first group meeting was held in the 12th of this month, for more information please email John.

I have an apology to make to all our members who attended the last General Meeting. At this time I announced that we would have Maite from Greenpeace as the speaker in February, unfortunately due to her other commitments she is unable to attend. In her place I have invited Gloria Diego Herrero to give an update on Brexit including Residencia requirements after March 2019. I believe this will be a morning not to be missed by any of our members.

I would ask you to seriously consider joining us for one or more of the above.

OUR FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

will be held at the Polivalent ([directions](#)) on Thursday 22nd of February

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

The presenter for this meeting will be :-

Gloria Diego Herrero

Gloria will be talking about Brexit with up to date information plus what is needed to ensure we can still enjoy Spain after Brexit

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

All Donations given for the refreshments and book will go to our designated charity for this year which is AECC the Cancer Research Charity

OUR APRIL TRIP IN THE MORNING IS TO THE BEAUTIFUL AND HISTORICAL TOWN OF GUADALEST AFTER LUNCH WE WILL TAKE YOU TO THE PICTURESQUE ALGAR WATERFALLS

GUADALEST



El Castell de Guadalest, known usually as Guadalest, is a small town in Valencia, in a mountainous part of the comarca of Marina Baixa, in the province of Alicante, Spain. Guadalest covers an area of 16 sq km, and has a population of around 200 inhabitants.

Surrounded by the Aitana, Serella & Xorta Mountains the village was a strategic military stronghold with fortifications. dating back to 715AD and the period of Moorish occupation of Spain. It has [a long history](#). It saw action during the Moorish occupation. A strong earthquake in 1644 seriously damaged the fort and houses of the village, and during the War of the Spanish Succession, it again suffered serious damage from a mine explosion.

Guadalest has been declared a 'Monument of Historical and Artistic Value' and is a major tourist attraction in Spain.

ALGAR WATERFALLS



In the afternoon we will be taken to the Algar Waterfalls in Collosa.

We will be taken to the Waterfalls where you will be able to explore.

The river Algar empties into the Mediterranean at Altea. On its way there, it passes the town of Callosa d'en Sarria, located some 15kms from Benidorm and about the same distance from Altea, where it forms a series of roaring waterfalls, cascading down the rocks into





natural pools. Known as [Les Fonts de l'algar](#), the entire area is a nature reserve and as such protected. Apart from the waterfalls, the nature reserve is a showcase for lush Mediterranean flora which is why it also contains an arboretum, open to visitors.

This trip will be on Friday the 20th of April 2018.

For more information and to register [click here](#), only a few seats left

Press Release

On Saturday the 3rd of February, the U3A in Oliva, held a charity auction in aid of AECC, the Spanish Cancer Charity. Most of the items were generously donated to the auction by the family of our friend and former member Ian Mangall, who sadly passed away from cancer at the end of last year. The remaining items and a number of cakes were donated by members and topped up the lots.



Credit must go to Joe Bellenie, who acted as auctioneer, ably assisted by his wife Tina and a band of U3A volunteers. An incredible total of €1100 was raised by the event.

Report by David Proctor

A DAY TRIP TO THE ISLAND OF TABARCA



Tabarca is the only inhabited island in the Region of Valencia and is located opposite the city of Alicante, 11 nautical miles offshore and near the Santa Pola headland. In fact, it's more than just an island: it's a small archipelago that comprises the islets of La Cantera, La Galera and La Nao as well as the Isla de Tabarca itself. It is approximately 1,800 metres long and measures some 400 metres across at its widest point.



In the past, its shores were a refuge for Berber pirates and, in the 18th century, King Carlos III ordered the island to be fortified and a town built, in which to house several families of Genoese fishermen who were being held prisoner in the Tunisian city of Tabarka. The walls surrounding the town have been officially declared a Historical and Artistic Site and an Asset of Cultural Interest.

This will be a one day trip leaving the Polivalent **at 08.30h**. We will be taken by coach to Santa Pola where we we join a water taxi for the journey to Tabarca.

The date of this trip will be on the 17th of May 2018.

This trip is almost fully booked to save disappointment [click here](#)

Murcia City and Ikea

This trip will be on June 7th 2018

we will leave the Polivalent at 8.30am prompt.



In the morning our planned trip will take you to the City of Murcia where you will have ample time to explore the beautiful buildings and architecture, before you enjoy a Lunch of your choice from one of the many restaurants.

After lunch we will take you to the large Ikea store in Murcia where you will have time to explore and buy those items you have always wanted, but never managed to get to one of their stores. Remember there will be ample storage space on the coach for your goodies.



With this trip we are offering you the opportunity to explore the City of Murcia in the morning and also give you time to stroll through the Ikea store during the afternoon, to pick up those items you have been looking for.

This trip will involve a large amount of walking, please consider this before booking.

The price of this trip will be only 13.00 euros

Please [click here](#) for full details and to register

A message from your Travel Team

Wrapping up on 2017 it was great to see the Christmas Gala Glitter ball was well supported at Moli Canyar and it was a great evening.

Now we are into 2018 the travel team wish all our members Happy New Year and are looking forward to you joining us very soon between now and the end of June. We have made some amendments to our previous planned agenda but aim to get all trips between now and the end of June open for registration in the next few weeks.

We have arranged a number of trips where lunch isn't included in the price allowing you do as you please, when we stop off somewhere having restaurants and cafe's close by, or indeed you can take your own with you.

If you have any feedback hints or tips regarding any of the trips please let us know. We also welcome your feedback afterwards so that we continue to meet or exceed the expectations of our members.

17th March - Trip to the very popular Fallas in Valencia (FULL)

This will be an afternoon and evening trip so you can experience the Mascleta, the Fallas and the Flower procession to the Madona (from 16.00h). Don't forget it is also St Patrick's Day so join us for a great day.

19 April - Guadalest in the morning, Algar Waterfalls in the afternoon. (FULL)

You will be taken to Guadalest where you can spend the morning and enjoy a lunch. In the afternoon we will take you to the Algar waterfalls.

17th May - Tabarca Island (OPEN a few seats left)

This is a famous and historic island just off the coast of Alicante. It's been declared a historical and artistic site and an asset of cultural interest.

This will include coach and return ferry to and from Tabarca Island, this trip is still work in progress. Full details are on the website.

7th June - Murcia City and Ikea. (OPEN)

It's planned that you will have the morning to explore the city of Murcia at your leisure and then go on too Ikea after lunch. We are still working on the schedule as we would like to make sure that everyone has time to look around Ikea and also time to make any purchases before we depart back to Oliva.

The coach will drop off back at Polivalent so please make sure you have transport from Oliva to Home for any larger items you may have bought.

30th June end of year Barbeque

As mentioned at the U3A monthly meeting in October, a venue is yet to be decided and we welcome suggestions and ideas from members so that we can get on with planning a great end to another U3A year.

Travel Co-ordinator. and Team.

Line Dancers invite you to their :



Spring Dance
At
El Cid Restaurant & Bar.
Saturday 24th March. 7.30pm
Organised by U3A Line Dancers
Music by John Sandham
Route 66

Menu.

Bread & Alioli.

Main Course.

Homemade Chicken & Leek Pie.
Pork in a Cream & Mushroom Sauce.
(V) Vegetarian Option by Request.
All served with Chips and fresh seasonal vegetables

Desserts.

Homemade Apple & Sultana Crumble.
Sticky Chocolate Brownny.

Included half a Bottle of Wine per Person

Tickets €16.00 per Person

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All monies made on the evening will go to the Children at Fundacion Nuestra Senora Del Amparo Preventorio.

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

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

Do you have something to share with our members from Personal Experiences here in Spain or recommended Holiday destinations, to General information we all should be aware of. If so please send these items plus any questions or queries to me at: president@u3a-oliva.org before the 8th of each month.

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