

# THE VOICE

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## Message from your President

Thank you for opening this the latest edition of your U3A newsletter, I hope you find its contents interesting and informative.

I wish to draw your attention to our forthcoming AGM in May, this is the time when our organization asks Members old and new to join the Management Committee for the coming year.

For the 2018/2019 U3A year we require a new Secretary and Treasurer as Mike and Robbie have come to the end of their 3 year term, I would take this opportunity to thank them both for their hard walk over the past 3 years. In addition there will be a requirement for additional committee members to ensure we can continue to run and organize our U3A effectively.

If we fail to find a Secretary and Treasurer plus two ordinary committee members our organization can not continue to operate as this is the basic requirement in our U3A constitution. I can assure you all, this is not an option and is the reason for asking interested and willing members to contact me on [634453459](tel:634453459) or email me at [mickgoy1@gmail.com](mailto:mickgoy1@gmail.com) when I will be pleased to answer any questions you may have regarding our committee and officers positions.

I wish I could ask you all personally to bring your talents and expertise to our committee, unfortunately this is not possible so please treat my above message as a personal request, as your U3A needs you.

On Thursday the 22nd of February, 114 members who attended the General Meeting were given valuable information on Brexit by our presenter Gloria. Please check out the full transcript of her presentation later in this issue.

I look forward to welcoming you all to our next General Meeting in the 22nd of March when we will be treated to a talk on local Geology by Ruby Philpott. Hope to see you then.

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## I PERSONALLY INVITE YOU TO OUR MARCH GENERAL MEETING

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

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

The presenter for this meeting will be :-

**Ruby Philpott.** BSc , MSc, PhD and diploma in Geoscience

Ruby has worked as a geologist for over 30 years.

The title of Ruby's talk is : **The Geology of the Costa Blanca.**

From Ruby,

My talk will look at the unique mountain and coastal scenery of the area. It will explain about ancient environments and landscapes that evolved over millions of years and how they produced the sequences of rock formations we see today. The tectonic history and movement of the Earth's plates resulting in major earthquakes and mountain building will be discussed as well as the animal and plant life which once lived here through 250 million years of geological time and remain today as fossils.

**Please come and support Ruby and learn more about the area we have made our home.**

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

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## ***GUADALEST***



You will have the morning to explore this historical area.



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.



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

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS TRIP IS NOW FULL, PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST ON THE WAITING LIST SHOULD WE RECEIVE A CANCELLATION [click here](#), to go to the registration page.**

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## Press Release

On Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February members of Oliva U3A enjoyed a night at the Benidorm Palace. The highlight of the trip was the 2 hour plus 40th Anniversary show 'Rubi'. Before the show all our members enjoyed a superb 4 course meal at the theatre. The atmosphere on the evening was superb which made it a memorable event.

Every member expressed what a great evening they had experienced.



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## 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.

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 NOW FULL BUT PLEASE REGISTER ON THE WAITING LIST SHOULD WE RECEIVE A CANCELLATION**

[click here](#) To go to the registration page

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## Brexit Information

Following the successful General Meeting on February 22nd, the following is the information supplied by Gloria our Presenter.

To read the transcript of Gloria's presentation click on this link [Brexit update.pdf](#)

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# 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

We are looking forward to you joining us very soon between now and the end of June. There are some amendments to our previous planned agenda.

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 so that we can 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 Waiting List)**

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 (FULL Waiting List)**

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. 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 the Polivalent in Oliva.

Please make sure you have transport from Oliva to Home for any larger items you may have bought.

### **30th June end of year Barbeque (This has now been cancelled)**

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.

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Line Dancers invite you to their :



*Spring Dance*  
At  
*El Cid Restaurant & Bar.*  
*Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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*

*Contacts.*  
*Tel. Betty 962808471.*  
*Tel. Paddy 962893206.*  
*Tel. John 604131424*

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

Thank you for reading this the March issue, our next edition will be with you on the 15th of April  
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](mailto:president@u3a-oliva.org) before the 8th of each month.

