

# THE VOICE

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## Message from your President

Welcome to this our May issue of the Voice.

I am looking forward to meeting you at our Annual General Meeting which will be held on Thursday May 24th at the Polivalent starting at 11.00am.

This will be your opportunity to catch up on this year activities both its highs and lows. It is the time of the year to appoint your new management team who will look after your U3A interests for the coming year. Since last month's edition I am pleased to say I have received nominations for the various Officer positions plus a number of new nominations for the position of committee member.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has put themselves forward to ensure our organisation can continue and move forward.

As this will be a members only meeting you are required to wear your membership badge for ease of identification especially during any voting process.

Over the past few years we have been very fortunate to have Tina Bellenie as our Almoner, she has helped and assisted members who have required assistance due to medical and age-related problems. Tina has decided that it is time for her to retire from the Almoners position and to hand this over to another capable member. I sincerely offer a big thank you to Tina on behalf of our U3A for her sterling work and service to members who have required her help and assistance over the years.

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## **MAY GENERAL MEETING**

**This is a very important date for all members.**

**Our Annual General Meeting will be on**

**May 24th 2018**

**All members are asked to attend**

This will be held at the Polivalent ([directions](#)) on Thursday 24th of May 2018

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

**The agenda for this meeting will be available before the start of the meeting.**

Minutes of the 2017 AGM and the September EGM are available on our website along with the audited accounts for 2016/2017.

There will be our usual Coffee and Tea available

There will be no book table this Month.

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

**Remember your vote at this meeting will help shape the year to come.**

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## **Report on the April General Meeting**

The Presenter at this general meeting was Izzy Hardy from Teletec. She gave a very bubbly and entertaining talk on internet security. This gave the members present an insight into possible security problems and ways these can be avoided. Izzy's talk was backed up with slides giving examples of such problems this was a great addition to her presentation.

If you missed this entertaining and informative morning, Izzy will be back in January to give a talk on apps including which ones to install, how to install them and how to stay safe when using them.

If you wish to be entertained and informed at the same time join us at our general meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month excluding July, August and December. There is no need to register just turn up and start the morning with a coffee from 10.30h with the meetings starting at 11.00h.

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**This is our last trip of this U3A Year so book your seat to have an enjoyable day. If you purchase any item from Ikea there will be plenty of space on the coach to bring them back to Oliva.**

**Please support your Travel Team and make this trip a success and also complete a very successful year for trips**

**Murcia City and Ikea**  
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**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

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## **An almoner is someone who helps people to find the help and support they need.**

We have been very fortunate to have Tina Bellenie as the Oliva U3A almoner for a number of years, but she is now stepping down. Over this time, she has helped many U3A members at moments of crisis. This might mean finding carers; arranging access to residential care; putting people in touch with helpful charities, or locating aids and equipment.

We need someone, or maybe more than one person, to take on this unpaid role. Previous experience is less important than an interest in people, and a willingness to help out in case of need. Some knowledge of Spanish is essential for at least one person if the role is split.

We are all getting older. Life can deal some difficult hands. Helping each other is important, and the U3A almoner plays a key role in this.

If you think you can help fill this rewarding position please contact Mick Goy [president@u3a-oliva.org](mailto:president@u3a-oliva.org) or myself, Mike Dunkley, [secretary@u3a-oliva.org](mailto:secretary@u3a-oliva.org) as soon as possible for further information and discussion.

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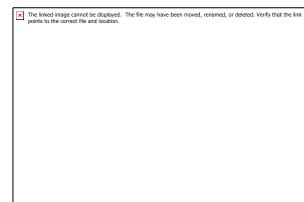
I received this photograph from Trevor Perk our Bowls Group Leader while he and his wife were on holiday in Australia recently. It shows the U3A does stretch around the world.

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## A message from our Camera Group

**Group Leader**                      **David Proctor**

We are changing the name of this group, as it is really felt that people really need a camera to get the best from this group (rather than just a phone). The group is going well but we could do with more members. There are no pre-conditions as to how much you know about photography, it is about having fun learning and practising! Please contact me on : [photos@u3a-oliva.org](mailto:photos@u3a-oliva.org) if you wish to join our group or for more information about the group.



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## Our Astronomy update for May by Mike Glazier.

On May 17th at 9.30 p.m. a thin 'waxing' crescent Moon will join the very bright planet Venus. This planet will be as bright as it can almost possibly get and with the young Moon it will make a very pretty sight.

The two will be in between the constellations Gemini the heavenly twins (depicted in the sky holding hands) and Auriga the Charioteer.

The bright star close by, will be Auriga which is actually the Alpha (brightest star) of Auriga.

On May 27th at around 10 p.m. we have another little treat in the form of an almost full Moon close to the gas giant planet Jupiter. The Moon will 'dazzle' but at the same time it will compliment a bright Jupiter, which if viewed through even a small telescope will show three of its Jovian moons first seen by Galileo in 1609. Of the moons Europa and Io will be together and Ganymede on its own on the other side of the planet. With patience you can see them moving slowly in orbit. The Moon and Jupiter will be in Libra

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## **GOLF GROUP**

Philip Radford the Group Leader for Golf has unfortunately decided to retire.

We are therefore looking for a replacement with immediate effect. If you are a golfer and wish to help this Group continue to move forward please contact me at : [groups-co-ordinator@u3a-oliva.org](mailto:groups-co-ordinator@u3a-oliva.org).

It is a priority to ensure this group continues to serve its members so please get in touch without delay.

I take this opportunity to thank Philip for all his work in running this Golf Group.

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## **Report on the Guadalest and Algar Falls trip**

On the 20th of April our monthly trip visited Guadalest and Algar Waterfalls. The trip started at the historical town of Guasalest where there was free time for the members to explore the many interesting shops and museums. After lunch we travelled down the mountain road to Algar to visit the Falls. At the Falls there were many spectacular and interesting waterfalls and views of the area. We all enjoyed the day as the weather helped to make it a memorable trip.



[This is a picture of our members at Algar Falls](#)

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## **Craft Group**

**Group Leader - Mandy Jeffrey**

Our craft group is presently looking for new members who would love to find a new or improve an existing hobby. We meet every Wednesday morning at the CPC. from 10.00h to 12.00h.

Would you like 2 hrs of uninterrupted crafting in a friendly atmosphere to work on your current project or something new. If you are an accomplished crafter who would be willing to offer a short workshop on your chosen craft, we would love to see you!

Please contact me at: [crafts@u3a-oliva.org](mailto:crafts@u3a-oliva.org) or via the U3A Facebook page.

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## Report from our Wine tasting group

The first meeting of the new Wine tasting Group took place Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, at Colors Restaurant. After a brief introduction and a lesson in how to taste and assess wine, there was a competition where group members tasted four wines 'open' then re-tasted the wines 'blind' and had to determine which was which. The results varied from none to four!

We then had a really good meal, with wine (of course).

A really good evening all round and it was agreed the next evening will be at the same location, the date of which will be notified within the next few days and we would be tasting a variety of Rosados.



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## Tying the Knot

On Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May two of our long established members Wilma Taggart and David Stephens were married in a civil service at the Ayuntamiento in Oliva. Following the ceremony, the reception was held at Los Gemelos restaurant and bar near the Azul Camping in Oliva. Guests enjoyed an excellent buffet prepared by the restaurant. Later in the afternoon guests could dance away the excess calories generated from the food which had been eaten. On your behalf I take this opportunity to wish the happy couple our Best Wishes for a long and happy married life.



Your Choir are asking you to come and support them at their concert

**OLIVA**  
**U3A**  
*Choir*

Musical Director  
Philip Ashley

# Let The Song Begin Polivalent, Oliva

Wednesday 13th June  
at 19:30  
Tickets €5

Available from choir members  
or by email [lyndajgoy@gmail.com](mailto:lyndajgoy@gmail.com)

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**Tickets will be available at the General Meeting on May 24th.**

Thank you for reading this the May issue, our next edition will be with you on the 15th of June

**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.**