

THE VOICE

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Message from your President

Firstly, I thank every member who attended the AGM on May 24th for your support and understanding and to all of you who sent me positive feedback following the meeting. On behalf of your new committee I also thank you for your confidence and approval for the coming year. Please see the AGM report later in this edition.

As we head towards our summer break we look forward to the Showcase which is on the 28th of June. To help ensure this will be an enjoyable morning the 5 performing group will have a maximum of 10 minutes to entertain you. In addition, this year there will be a number of group tables in the entrance of the Polivalent. These will be managed by the groups themselves, so you can see first-hand what they offer. Come along and support our groups and hopefully you will find one that is of interest to you and you can join from September.

You can renew your annual subscription in advance from June, remember if you renew your subscription early this will be valid until September 2019. Following a proposal and acceptance at our AGM this year subscriptions will unfortunately rise to 10 euros. I would add that this still represents excellent value for money.

Finally, I wish you all a great and enjoyable summer with whatever you will be doing, whether you will be staying in Spain or going back to the UK.

Remember our U3A closes for the summer at the end of June, we return to normal business in early September so please check out all our groups and enrol in the one that is of interest to you. Remember all our groups are self-supporting and are run to help you learn and enjoy yourself while meeting new friends. They are run by enthusiastic Group Leaders, who I thank for all the hard work and dedication throughout the year.

The following is your new Management Committee.

Mick Goy	President
David Wynne	Vice President
Maureen Terry	Secretary
Diana Jameson	Treasurer

Anja Homburg	Travel Co-ordinator
David Proctor	Press Officer
John Flannigan	Groups Co-ordinator
John Melville	Membership Secretary and Deputy Web-master
Peta Cole	Translator
David McFarlane	Web-master
Angela Town	Deputy Secretary
Francoise Moncomble	
Marj Hatten	
Ron Colcombe	
Victor Sinden	

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL SHOWCASE, and SUPPORT OUR GROUPS.

This will be at the Polivalent ([directions](#)) on Thursday 28th of June

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

THIS WILL BE A MORNING WHEN OUR GROUPS ENTERTAIN YOU.

There will be 5 Groups entertaining us this morning and each will have a **maximum of 10 minutes for their performance.**

Also, this year we have introduced group tables in the foyer so they can show you what they offer and to answer any questions you may have.

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

All Donations given for the refreshments and books will go to our designated charity for the year.

I look forward to meeting you at this end of year Showcase

Groups

We are coming to our summer break when most Groups will close during this period. Please check our web calendar or group page to familiarise yourself when your group will close. All groups will return to normal during September.

Bowls Group announcement

On Monday the 18th is our next meeting, bowling will start 13.30h. This meeting will be at the El Cid Bowls Club at Benidoleg. There will be food available at the bar for those who wish to have lunch before bowling starts. This will be our last full session before the summer break, so it will be nice to see as many of our group members come as possible.

Trevor Perks Group Leader.

Report on the Annual General Meeting

On Thursday May the 24th Oliva U3A held there Annual General Meeting at the Polivalent. The President opened the meeting by welcomed 84 members, this was followed be the U3A Choir entertaining the assembly by singing 4 songs.

Following this the Secretary Mike Dunkley read out apologies from members before presenting the minutes of the last AGM from May 2017 and the EGM which was held in September 2017, these were accepted unanimously. The President Mick Goy gave a resume of the years activities and expressed his thanks to the outgoing committee for their excellent work throughout the year, he also thanked the members for their support. Due to the absence of the Treasurer due to illness the President presented the accounts which were accepted by to assembly.

The new Officers and Committee members were elected without a vote as there were no contested positions. The meeting continued with a presentation on increasing the subscription fee for the coming year, following an explanation of the proposal the members agreed the amendment. There were two minor changes to the constitution requested by the Generalitat in Valencia, the members were advised of these required changes and they were passed unanimously. The meeting was brought to a close by the President following the introduction of the new committee to the assembly, the members were thanked for their attendance and wished a safe journey home.

A Day on Tabarca Island report.

On Thursday the 17th of May 90 members travel to Santa Pola and Tabarca Island. We arrived in Santa Pola at 10am where members enjoyed some refreshments before embarking on the boat which took us to the Island of Tabarca, this is located off the coast opposite Alicante. Following arrival on the Island members spent 4 and a half hours exploring it's various parts. Although Tabarca is relatively small there are a number of different areas and places of interest to see. One thing that was very noticeable on the visit, there were no cars on the Island which made it a quiet and a relaxing visit. Following our time on the Island we returned to Santa Pola to catch the coaches back to Oliva, before doing so there was again time for refreshments from one of the many coffee bars found across the frontal area of the resort. We arrived back in Oliva at 19.15h where members expressed their pleasure and enjoyment for a wonderful day.



Our Astronomy update for June by Mike Glazier.

The Summer solstice (Midsummers day) is on June 21st, 'solstice literally means 'standstill of the Sun, and from then on the Sun will begin to track slowly towards the south.

On midsummers night the giant planet Jupiter will join the Moon in the sky to make a rather nice pair, close by will be the bright white star Spica which is the main component star of Virgo the Virgin.

On June 16th the Moon will join Venus in the sky, the Moon will show a very young crescent phase and Venus also telescopically will show a slightly broader phase.

Close by and to the N.W. you will find the two stars of the constellation Gemini the heavenly twins each named Castor and Pollux. Both brothers were crew members aboard the ship the Argonaut captained by Jason. Castor however was killed in the battle for the golden fleece, and later placed in the sky by the gods. Naturally his twin brother Pollux was devastated over the loss of his brother and pleaded with the gods to be made immortal and to be allowed to join his brother amongst the stars. The gods agreed, and Pollux was placed in the sky to be seen holding hands with Castor. At the feet of both brothers you can see on a dark unpolluted sky, a lovely star cluster known as M35. The 'M' is from a catalogue compiled by Charles Messier in 1781, the first publication contained 103 objects to include M13, M42, M31 and others.

The mythology of the constellations can be just as interesting as actually seeing them in the sky, Orion the Hunter for example, Hercules and his labours and of course the jealousy which existed in the mind of Cassiopeia towards her beautiful daughter Andromeda which culminated in Andromeda being chained to the rocks to be killed and eaten by the sea monster and her rescue by the gallant Perseus. Next month a lunar eclipse.

Amblers and Walkers lunch at Club Nautico

Our end of season joint Amblers and Walkers amble and lunch at the Club Nautico Restaurant yesterday.



Photographs and description by Michael Ponting.



End of Summer BBQ and Dance



At

El Cid Restaurant Benidoleig

For the

Childrens Home Charity



Organised by U3A Line Dancers

Betty and Paddy

On Saturday Sept 29th

*Music by John Sandham **Route 66.***

Tel. 604131424

Tickets €16.00 per Person

Includes full BBQ & ½ Bottle of wine

Contacts.

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Report on the U3A Choir Concert.

On the 13th of June members and guests were treated to a great evening of 20 plus different songs at the Polivalent. The music ranged from classic song through to musicals. Philip Ashley their director performed a solo during a short break while the members made a quick costume change. The evening raised 205 euros for our U3A designated charity the AECC (cancer research in Spain).

From the reactions of the people who attended they enjoyed the musical presentations and said they had had a great evening.

I have been asked by Lynda the Choir Group Leader to thank everyone who attended or gave a donation to the charity.

Have you planned something different and of interest this summer, if so please send me your photographs and brief description before the 8th of September (my email address is at the end of this edition). It will be great to share your experiences and interests with all our members in the September issue of the Voice.

I would love to introduce a member's section in each issue from September, to give our members an idea of items of interest and places you have visited. This can include local events, holidays, day trips or local and personal items.

Do not feel that your item will not be of interest to anyone, please remember if it was of interest to you then it will be of interest to our members.

PHILIP ASHLEY
PRESENTS

Adagio

Pop Meets Classical

Jávea Players Studio
Jávea

Friday 22nd June
Starts at 8 p.m.
Doors Open at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

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 before the 8th of each month.

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