

THE VOICE

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President's Message

Welcome to this your November edition of the Oliva U3A Voice. Since our last issue a couple of interesting items and events have taken place. Firstly, our September General meeting was held at the Polivalent on Thursday the 27th. At this meeting all the new membership cards were available for collection thanks to John Melville our membership Secretary, at this time he was assisted with the distribution by a few of our members and committee members. If you did not collect your badge at this meeting it will be awaiting collection at future meetings.

Last year there were a large number of badges not collected, we produce these at a relative high cost for you our members benefit. These badges help our Group Leaders and Administration members to easily recognize paid up members. We wish to make sure everyone is a registered member.

I wish to see all our members enjoy our U3A sometime throughout the year BUT at present we have a large number of members who do not attend Group or General meetings or take advantage of trips and events. Can I ask all our present not active members to come and join us at our General meeting which are on the 4th Thursday of each month except December, July and August. Everyone will receive a very warm welcome.

The second item to take place in September was the Line Dancing Groups BBQ and Dance, the report can be found later in this edition.

I ask you to check out our Christmas Party registration this is now available on our website and is open.

Mick Goy

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITE TO OUR OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

This will be held at the Polivalent ([directions](#)) on Thursday 25th of October

IF YOU DIDN'T COLLECT YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE AT OUR LAST MEETING IT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THIS MEETING.

Our presenter will be: -

Izzy Hardy from Teletec.

Izzy's talk will be about mobile apps and how to keep you safe while browsing.

If you were at Izzy's last presentation earlier this year you will know what a bubbly informative presentation it was. You cannot afford to miss this talk if you wish to gain the most out of your mobile phone or tablet.

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 .

I and the committee look forward to welcoming you to this meeting.

NOVEMBER TRIP TO :

A WINE TASTING EVENT IN VILLENA

NOVEMBER 6th 2018

THIS WILL BE A TRIP TO OLD TOWN VILLENA FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO THE BODEGA FRANCISCO GOMEZ FOR A WINE TOUR AND TASTING

The first part of the trip will be a visit to old town Villena where we will admire The Villena Treasure, a golden treasure found by accident in 1963 and estimated to be about 3000 years old. It is the 2nd largest treasure ever found in Europe.

Then you will have leisure time to either discover the *Castle 'La Atalaya'*, the *Festero Museum*, the *Santiago Church*, with its intertwined columns, or just wander around exploring the old town neighbourhoods for coffee and lunch.



At 14:30 the coach will pick us up to take us to the Francisco Gomez Bodega for a tour of the winery followed by a tasting of 4 glasses of wine and a collection of olive oils all estate grown. Snacks will be available.

[Click here](#) to go to the full registration form.

THE WELCOME BACK PARTY

Our first Event of the U3A new year was an outstanding success, with 70+ members attending.

Everyone enjoyed an afternoon with friends and enjoyed meeting new and different people, hopefully these new relationships will last a long while.

There was an excellent Buffet prepared by Los Gemelos, with a vast variety of different dishes made available. Entertainment was by a very enjoyable disco by the DJ Jim who played a wide variation of music to satisfy the musical taste of everyone.

MERRY CHRISTMAS DINNER AND DANCE

December 7th 2018

**Moli Canyon
18:30**



Starting from 18:30 hrs we will welcome you with a glass of cava in the gorgeous patio where you can mingle with friends.

At 19:00 hrs the doors into the festive dining room will be opened where at the entrance you will find your preferred seating.

A creative dinner will be served at 19:30 hrs with an abundance of wine, beer, water, soda's, coffee and tea.

Entertainment will be taken care of by our **DJ John Curtis** well known from Bay Radio as well as raffles with presents galore.

[Click here](#) for full registration information

Our Monthly Astronomy Update.

By our Astronomer Mike Glazier

Summertime ends on October 28th when we put the clocks back one hour, good news for astronomers who will take advantage of the slightly more sociable observing times. So, at 2 a.m. we put the clocks back to 1 a.m.

There is not a lot happening in the night time skies at present so I thought I may do a little about the mythology of Taurus. Late evenings see two objects rising in the East, one is the open star cluster known as Pleiades or M 45 in Messier's catalogue of fuzzy objects, and the other is the constellation of Taurus the mythological Bull.

Pleiades lies about 420 light years away, which in astronomical terms is close. It is visible with the naked eye as a 'fuzzy' patch

Taurus the Bull has been known about since Babylonian times, and its mythology concerns a love affair between Jupiter the king of the gods and Europa, the daughter of King Agenor of Tyre, a city in Phoenicia.

Jupiter knew that he would not succeed with Europa, so he turned himself into a huge white Bull with tusks of mother-of-pearl and long silvery locks of hair. One day while they were both close to a beach, the handsome Bull knelt down and encouraged Europa to climb onto its back, upon which it leapt to its feet and ran swiftly into the water. Both were never seen again.

From this, the disappearance of Europa came the continent of Europe and indeed in addition to this Europa is the name of one of the satellites of the giant planet Jupiter.

Taurus and the Pleiades are found in the same part of the sky, and in binoculars Pleiades reigns more than beautiful.

The night of October 24th will give us a 'Hunters' Moon when in both European and old English times the light from the full Moon gave hunters sufficient light in which to hunt their prey. I suspect that happens today also.

Without wanting to wish my life away, there will be a rare event next year, that of a transit of the planet Mercury across the face of the Sun More about this as and when.

Line Dancing Group.

The Group Leaders Betty and Paddy are inviting you to come and join their vibrant group and enjoy learning new dances.



You will be joining a great group where you will learn new skill and meet likeminded people, this is a great opportunity to keep yourself fit and health. Both Ladies and Gents are welcome as this is for everyone.

For more information about the Group and details of the Group Leaders please [click here](#) to go to their Group page.

Give Betty a call who will be very please to talk to you and welcome you to their next group meeting.

Group Co-ordinator Report

There are now 45 Groups operating within the U3A Oliva organisation with offers from members to start simple Yoga classes, as well as a History Group including 20th century world political history including WW1, the Russian Revolution and the Vietnam war, etc.

I have had an enquiry about belly dancing classes but have not yet followed up on what may be available!! I have had an offer from a lady called Marta Kari to start yoga classes, an offer to start astronomy classes, and will catch up on the Walking football group to get them started.

I am still receiving enquiries about the Golf Group but have not come to any conclusions about how it would operate!!

New and established members have expressed interest in re-establishing the Zumba, Wine tasting and Photographic Groups together with two new groups - table tennis and walking football. Many of you have responded to my emails regarding these groups and I am now in the process of liaising with all interested parties. If you are interested in any of them and haven't already replied, it is not too late.

May I continue to request you to take time to read the website where you will find all the group details and even better to keep an eye on U3A Facebook page and Forum for important information.

Guitar Group

This new Group should be starting in November following the Group Leaders vacation and finding suitable premises for the class. My thanks go to all the members who have shown interest and wish to join the group.

Under Privileged Children of Oliva, Christmas Party

We are holding our annual Children's Christmas Party this year on the 12th of December. I am asking for your help, so we can give a present box to each child who attends.

These present boxes should be a normal shoe box filled with small items to a value of 15 euros. At our October General Meeting there will be coloured tickets available, these colours will be, **BLUE** for a Boy and **PINK** for a Girl. Each ticket taken will represent one present and we ask you to fix this ticket to the top of your present, to help us identify and give the correct present to each child. I would ask you to write on the ticket the approximate age the present is for. The age groups are 5 to 6, 7 to 8 and 9 to 10.

I would ask you to take your filled present box/es to our November General Meeting where we will be pleased to receive them.

Please help us to give these under privileged children a great start to Christmas.

Our U3A Choir will be singing at this Concert, both on their own and as part of the combined group of 6 Choirs.

PHILIP ASHLEY
PRESENTS

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You will be able to pay at the door on the evening.

Travel

Overview of travel/events 2018/19:

November 6th: Villena Old Town and Wine tasting

December 7th: Christmas Dinner & Dance at the Moli Canyar, starting at 18:30 for a cava reception; 25 euros pp includes dinner, wine/beer/sodas/coffee & tea and entertainment

January 5th: a visit to Alcoy and to watch The Three Kings Parade, the best and oldest in Spain

February 14th: Valentine celebration at the Benidorm Palace with dinner and show

March 6th and 7th: a two-day trip to Cartagena to admire the many remains of the old Roman civilization, museums and shopping; on the return to Oliva we will visit the old mines and see how they were changed in galleries and shops

April 4th: a visit to Bocairent in the morning followed by a lunch in Hotel-Restaurant Kazar in Ontinyent

May 15th and 16th: a two day trip to the Castellon area with stops in Morella, Vilafames and Peniscola

June 4th: a trip to Cofrentes, located near the gorge of the river the Jugar, where we will enjoy a boat ride, a visit to the old center and castle; on the return a visit to the caves

Prices and other details to be announced with the registration.

Possible additions might be: -

- 1: a visit to the Ford factory near Valencia and beer tasting in Valencia.
2. a trip to Jalon and rastro market, lunch at restaurant Pepe and visit to the Albarda Gardens in Pedreguer. These are suggestions of members and might happen in February/March/May.

Line Dancing, Dinner Dance report.

On Saturday September 29th our Line Dancing Group held their B.B.Q and dance at the El Cid Restaurant.

A fantastic night was experienced by of members and guests who attended. The music was by John of the Route 66 disco.



From the raffle and a donation from the Denia Line Dancing Club of 100 euros the evening raised 310 euros. The money raised is for the Children's Home in Palma Gandia.



Both Betty and Paddy the Group Leaders of our Line Dancing group wish to thank everyone for their support during the evening.

Brexit update for October

*I have received this latest Brexit information today
and hope it will help to clarify a few points.*



The UK government has reached an agreement with the European Union on citizens' rights in negotiations on the UK's withdrawal from the EU. This will provide certainty about the future of UK nationals and their families living in the EU. Most importantly, it will allow UK nationals to stay in their Member State of residence after the UK leaves the EU on 29 March 2019.

On 19 March 2018, the UK government reached a further agreement with the Commission on the terms of a time-limited implementation period that will start on 30 March 2019 and last until 31 December 2020. This means that all UK nationals lawfully residing in another EU Member State on 31 December 2020 will be covered by the citizens' rights agreement reached in December.

Following the agreement on the Implementation Period, all UK nationals lawfully residing in another EU Member State on 31 December 2020 will be covered by the citizens' rights agreement. Close family members (spouses, civil partners, unmarried partners, dependent children and grandchildren, and dependent parents and grandparents) of UK nationals covered by the agreement will be able to join those UK nationals in their Member State of residence. Close family members will enjoy the same rights by virtue of their relationship, where the relationship existed on 31 December 2020.

Children born or adopted to a UK national, (for the full information please click on this link) [Brexit information Blacktower.pdf](#)

Press/Publication Officer

All press items for forthcoming Events or Reports on event or group activity, should be send to our new **Press/Publication Officer Angela Town** at press@u3a-oliva.org (please include a photograph). Angela will send your item or report to the local paper asking for insertion. Please make sure the item you send to Angela is correct and can be published without change or amendment, the photo should be sent as an attachment.

FaceBook

As from this edition of this Voice I have taken on the Administrator role for our Facebook Group. If you find any problem with this Facebook group page please report this to me Mick Goy for amendment as necessary. The following is an item I placed on our Facebook page recently and have included it here in case you did not see it.

U3A ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Following 2 recent inappropriate posts on our Facebook Group page I wish to advise that all such posts in the future will be Blocked or Deleted without notice.

Any U3A member who finds a Group page or Organisational problem should use my email link president@u3a-oliva.org on our U3A website to report them.

Our Facebook group page is for the posting of useful and interesting items only. It is not to be used as a name and shame facility by any member.

I ask you all to familiarize yourselves with our (Faceook) Group rules which can be found under the more banner on the Facebook group page.

Please enjoy this Group with the many interesting items, remember this will only work if members continue to post items which are of interest to the whole membership.

Thank you.

Mick Goy Administrator.

Rincon de Ademuz Autumn Gold 2018



Following on from the very successful 2017 event, we are arranging a new Ademuz Autumn Gold event for October 23rd to 26th.

AN AMBLERS & WALKING GROUP arranged trip, for photographers, artists, walkers and those who just enjoy the colours of Autumn. There are three optional walks, and non-walkers will be able to go sightseeing in Teruel and Albarracin.

Own transport to Ademuz.

Take the AP7 to Valencia and then the A3 towards Madrid at Junction 278 Utiel take the N330 to Ademuz. There is Parking at the Hostal and across the road.

The Accommodation is at the very popular Casa Domingo.

www.hostalcasadomingo.com

The hostel has a large car park.

The price per night is double half pension € 71.25 & €39.99 single occupancy. All rooms are en-suite and of a good standard. The breakfast is a buffet and the dinner is a menu with four choices of starter, main course and a selection of deserts. Wine, water, coffee or tea included. Lunch is not included although the Hotel will supply a packed lunch if required.

Please contact Joe Bellenie joebelleniegm@gmail.com if you wish to join us,

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.

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.