

# Oliva U3a Newsletter Easter 2010

## HAPPY EASTER!

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter....As usual the U3A offers a wide variety of courses both through winter and summer....for some...'we never close!'

Check out the web-site to see just what is happening! Here is a sample.

**The Walking group** continues to go from strength to strength. The U3a Oliva walking group offer a variety of walks of varying difficulty. Some are more challenging than others. Aspiring walkers, always contact the advertised leaders before walking. Monday and Wednesday are walking days.

**The Art group** gained a new leader in February and now meets each Thursday 10:30 at the CPC. On occasions members take their brushes, their easels, palettes and mahl sticks and go out and about into the countryside where they can often be seen near Rotova, painting and drawing near the monastery at San Jeroni. More 'al fresco' painting days are planned now that the weather is getting warmer.

The group leader states that he is most impressed by the level of skill members have achieved over the past few years and this is testament to the members' commitment to the art group..

**The writing group** is going strong under the leadership of Roy Muckart although with a slight drop in attendance. There is still a hard core of 6-7 aspiring writers who are concentrating on a) getting a book published, showing the work of the group during the last year and a half since its conception, and b) continuing with the project **The Immigrant** and trying to tie up loose ends and bring the tale to some form of conclusion. This is taking time and effort. The groups are still producing pieces of individual work which are read and considered at the meeting and there is room for more involvement both by those who are already members and those who might consider coming along and joining us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at the CPC at 11:30.

**The Dining group** is a sure and popular winner! On April 16<sup>th</sup> there is the spring dance to look forward to with Gill and Howard Rowlands providing the music at The Tennis Club.

Out and about, there's a demo about BBQ-ing outdoors, deemed essential if you like the outdoors and having a BBQ. Why not take part and learn how to make the best of outdoor cooking?

**Glass Painting, Check this one out!** This is a rare opportunity to learn and understand the craft of glass painting, over 2/3 sessions, for the cost of only 8-10 euros (this covers paint and glass) Look for the dates: 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> April and May 7<sup>th</sup>. (Friday Specials)

**Folk Group.** One of the most popular events on the U3a Calendar, now meets weekly to enjoy Folk, Blues, Country, 60s...it was even whispered Hip Hop, although I don't believe it...It's said that anything goes...worth checking out! Every Tuesday, 19.45 at Bar Charro, and also last Wednesday of the month at the Bull and Bear in Benitatchell. If you play an instrument or can sing a note, you are more than welcome.

**Discussion Group meets** at 4:30pm at the Viva España every other Friday. The discussions are wide and varied. ..Fancy putting the world right...then go along and join the Discussion group....have your say!

**Book Lovers.** Surely everyone loves a good book, don't they?....Of course they do...well why not call Pam O'Neill and check this out for yourselves - the book for discussion in April is Carlos Ruix Zafron's *Angels Game* Interested? Meet at the Bar Pelut at 10:30am, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday every month.

**Gardeners.** Despite the cold winter the gardeners have not been dormant! November saw us at a big nursery at Mutxamiel where they grow millions of plants. January was a visit to garden centres in Pego. February was the highlight of the winter season with a visit to El Sueno (the dream) at Ondara. This was a treasure and even for non gardeners is highly recommended.

**Amblers.** The Amblers reformed in January, and have walked Oliva Nova, Las Rotes (Denia), Jalon valley and river Vernissa, to name only a few. We walk on mainly flat ground for only 2 hours+ / -. Come and join us, we are a jolly bunch. Dogs are most welcome.

### **U3a Travel.....**

Great outings are planned for 2010!  
Lladro factory visit on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April and Museum of Valencia tour (in English). Then on to some serious shopping at the Bon-Aire shopping centre. More to come...21<sup>st</sup> May a day out at Bodega Vincente Gandia...in the Utiel/Requena region which includes a trip round the vineyards on the wine train...followed by wine tasting of the Hoya de Cadena premier wines...not to be missed. This is always a very popular venue. Dine at Vincente Gandia Wines...cost euros 25 including return coach transport

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