



OLIVA U3A REVIEW- MARCH 2009

Hello and welcome to the new format Oliva U3A Review. In view of the difficulties there have been in producing a Newsletter each month it has been decided to instead produce a review three times a year, in December, March and June. Because of this the content will be somewhat different but always with the aim of keeping you informed of developments within or that affect our branch of the U3A. So let's begin with some things that we have been doing or will be doing.

EL BASTIDOR CHILDREN'S CENTRE



Following the success of the Christmas party last December a group of U3A volunteers have been visiting the centre to help the children with English homework, reading aloud from simple Spanish texts and some computer studies. There are 12 regular volunteers at present but more are needed. Drivers who could take children to and from Saturday football matches are also needed. If anyone could find the time to help with any of the above activities please contact Tina on 96 285 1877

GROUP LEADERS REQUIRED

The Keep Fit Group and the Wine Tasting Group are still looking for Group leaders. The duties are not very time consuming and can even be shared. If anyone is interested please call Nella at 96 557 2615.

THE MAY BALL

We are holding a May Ball on Friday the 15th of May at the restaurant La Pampa which is south of Oliva on the N332. Members of Denia U3A are also invited. There will be a three course meal with wine included and later dancing to the popular musical group Double Impact. It will begin at 8.00 pm and finish at 1.00 am. The cost including free raffle is 27 Euros each. If you are interested please book ASAP: already more than 130 people have booked. Contact Lynda, mayball@u3a-oliva.org.

THE GASTRONOMIC FAIR

The U3A in Oliva has been invited by the Town Hall to take part in this years Gastronomic Fair which will take place between the 18th and the 21st of June. It is hoped that as many members as possible will be able to participate - it will be an excellent opportunity to make ourselves better known in the wider community. The details have yet been finalized but we will keep you informed, and those interested can make a note of the dates.

NEW BEGINNERS SPANISH GROUP

So popular have our Spanish groups become that yet another group has been launched. This means that there are now five Spanish groups running at present. All thanks are due to the leaders, Jackie, Rob, John and newcomer Pam who work so hard to make this possible.

PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP EXHIBITION

Our Photographic Group is due to hold an exhibition at the Oliva Casa de Cultura between the 12th and the 21st of June. The Art Group, which had hoped to exhibit a selection of work at the Casa Cultura in April, has had to postpone this until October.

THE ALMONER



We all hope we will never need help but the truth is that most of us will at some time. Members of the U3A have an Almoner who may be able to help in various situations. Pam explains:

“The Almoner maintains a data base of members willing to help others members who are in need. This includes the loaning of useful equipment i.e. wheelchairs, walkers, and providing translators at the doctors or hospital. The equipment is provided by members of the U3A who no longer have need for it. This is a short term arrangement and the equipment is returned to the owner after use.”

We have also been able to assist in other areas: some members have required help in the home, visiting members in hospital and dog walking when they are not able to do it themselves. Also on occasions we are able to find specialist help for some problems. We would like to thank the members who have already contributed help and I am happy to say that members who are recipients of their help are very grateful and are recuperating well. So a big thank you to U3A members for all your help.”

Pamela Barsby

That's all for this review, news and contributions for the June issue should be sent to Julian, press@u3a-oliva.org. Keep watching the website www.u3a-oliva.org for all the latest information.