

THE VOICE

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President's Message

Thank you for reading this edition which gives you both up to date information and reports on past events and trips.

Some members may already know, if not over the past few days your Management Committee has had to make some difficult but important decisions. All these have been due to the present serious situation in Valencia region and Oliva with the Coronavirus. Our overriding concern and consideration has been the health and welfare of you our members.

I can assure you that we will continue to monitor the overall position and once we feel the suspensions can safely be reversed to enable our U3A get back on track we will quickly make this decision.

The cancellations and postponement made are:

1. As from Thursday 12th of March all Group activities are suspended until further notice.
2. Our March Monthly Meeting has been **CANCELLED**
3. The Wine and Tapas evening is **CANCELLED**
4. The Trip to Manises and Lladro has been **POSTPONED** and will be rescheduled to a later date.

I am sure you all appreciate our reason for these cancellations and postponement which have not been taken lightly. Our main concern in our decision has been the continued health and safety of you our members.

We will advise every member of any resumption in our activities once there is a significant improvement of the present position.

AGM. we are still planning for this annual meeting in May so please check out the information we will be sending to you in the coming weeks, this will include a nomination form for prospective new committee members. This year there are vacancies for both the President and Vice President positions plus a few committee members. We are therefore looking for a few of our members to offer their services for the benefit of our great organisation, without a full committee of officers and general committee members the organisation can not continue. This I do not wish to see happen.

Scams regarding the Coronavirus, I have recently receive information that there are a number of Scams circulating on emails. There is one that looks authentic with an identical letter head etc. that looks as if it has been sent to you by the UK Department of Works and Pensions. Please do not be fooled as this is NOT genuine.

The only reason for these being sent is to either steal your money or valuable personal information from your computer. The advice given is NOT to open these emails under any circumstances and delete them immediately. My reason for informing you of these is to ensure you stay safe and do not get scammed.

Please have a good month and please keep safe and healthy.

President, Mick Goy

COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR MARCH MONTHLY MEETING

THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS SITUATION HERE IN OLIVA

Our April Trip

"A DAY OF CERAMICS"

THIS TRIP HAS BEEN POSTPONED.
THIS HAS NOW BE
RE-SCHEDULED FOR MAY 21ST

**ON THIS TRIP WE WILL LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF CERAMICS IN
MANISES
AND AFTERWARDS WE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE HOW IT DEVELOPED FROM
CERAMICS INTO PORCELAIN AT THE LLADRO FACTORY**

DURING OUR VISIT TO **MANISES** OUR ENGLISH SPEAKING GUIDE WILL TAKE US
FIRST TO THE **CERAMIC MUSEUM** WHERE WE EXPLORE THE HISTORICAL PROCESS
OF CERAMIC MAKING UNTIL THE PRESENT



AFTER THE MUSEUM OUR GUIDE WILL TAKE US TO THE **FORMER FACTORY OF
JIMENEZ** WHERE YOU WILL SEE NOT ONLY THE OLD WORK PLACE BUT ALSO
THEIR OWN COLLECTION AND OFFER A SHOP AS WELL



TIME FOR LUNCH AND, IF TIME ALLOWS, A VISIT TO THE PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT IN THE TOURIST OFFICE WHERE THEY SHOW NOT ONLY IMAGES OF OLD MANISES BUT ALSO OLD CAMERA'S

THE COACH WILL BRING US TO THE

LLADRO WORKSHOP IN VALENCIA

WHERE WE WILL SEE THE PRODUCTION PROCESS OF THEIR FAMOUS BRAND FROM MOLDS TO THE ELABORATE HAND PAINTING AND FINISHING OF ALL THEIR PIECES

IF YOU LOVE LLADRO AFTER THE TOUR YOU CAN PURCHASE PRODUCTS IN THEIR SHOP



Keep an eye out for the email coming soon, advising the registration is open

Report on our Walking Football Group

Oliva Walking Football Team Fight Hard But Lose Out to Moraira.

On Friday the 28 th February, the Oliva U3A Walking Football Group welcomed their counterparts from Moraira for a friendly match at Oliva sports centre.

Morira brought ten players in all, which meant that we could eschew the usual six-a-side format and move up to the almost full-size artificial grass pitch nextto our usual concrete pitch for a hard fought 11-a-side game. Mo Brown from Oliva valiantly volunteered to make up the numbers for Moraira! A good turnout for the home team, 16 players, meant that rolling subs were used throughout the game to give everyone some playing time. In the end, Mo's decision turned out to be the right one because, despite Oliva taking an early lead through a Steve MacKenzie strike, the visitors' superior experience and organisation saw them running out 4-1 winners. After the match, players and supporters decamped to Fratellis for a well-deserved lunch and a chance to talk about two upcoming tournaments at Moraira in April and May, at which Oliva U3A will be enthusiastically represented.

Group Leader, Mike Thomas



Report on our Brexit Pop-in Meeting



On Monday March the 9th Elena from the British Embassy in Madrid came to Oliva to answer questions from individual people. This was on a one to one basis so the correct answer could be given to the question. Elena was answering questions non stop for 4 hours.

I spoke to most of the people as they left and all felt it was a useful opportunity to have their personal questions and queries answered.

My thanks go to Elena from the Embassy, Angela and Sue for the U3A publicity and Julie for the Gandia Social club publicity.

This picture is of Elena from the British Embassy.

Travel Update

HOT OFF THE PRESS

This trip has been rescheduled for May 19th,

There are still some places left for the "Day of Ceramics" scheduled for April 16th. It will be an interesting day to visit the town Manises, one of the oldest town in the Valencia area where the art of pottery, introduced by the Arabs, was further developed by the Christians into what it is today. In the afternoon the trip will be finished with a visit to the Lladro Factory with their refined and exquisite decorative art of porcelain. It will be an amazing glimpse both into the past and toward the future.

Don't let this opportunity slide by and sign up today!

June: a trip to Busot is planned. Busot is a charming little village which houses, unexpectedly, a museum with old & new musical instruments from all over the world. After the visit to the museum and a little stroll through the village or enjoying a relaxing coffee break, the coach will take us to the "Cuevas del Canelobre", 5 km north of Busot. After our experience of this unimaginable spectacle of nature we will be able to process the day while enjoying a lunch at the "Coll de Rates" restaurant, another "Oooohh" beautiful place in this wonderful Spain.

The end of the season trip is still in the planning, but an update will follow soon
Francoise and I want to thank all participants for joining us on our organized trips and for the positive feedback we receive.

Hope to see many of you on the next upcoming trips

Greetings,

Anja, Travel Co-ordinator

Report on our trip to Trip to Ontinyent and Anna



Another great day visiting places worth seeing. We started with a visit to a family company making extremely beautiful embroidery with the most prestigious fabrics and threads. We all followed this meticulous work in progress under the sounds of thousands of needles. From here we carried on our journey to the Colegio al concepcion, which has been running under the Franciscans and is still well known as a prestigious private school. Then came

lunch where we headed to the most amazing hotel Kazar, where everyone enjoyed their meal. Our last visit was in the cute village of Anna where we visited the amazing place El Palacio de los Condes de Cervillon, a place shared between the Moroccan architecture style of the Almoade's and the Borgia's



Easter Egg Hunt.

The British Legion Invite you to their annual Easter Egg Hunt. This will take place on **Thursday 9 April 2020**. the cost is 1€ per entry. As normal, we will be having our EASTER BONNET/HAT COMPETITION, which you are all invited to join in. This will be held at Restaurant L'Ortissa, Plaza del Angel 146830 BENIGAMIN with a lunch available.

Spaces are limited

For more information please contact

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Buy and Sell

The following are items either wanted or for sale on our Buy and Sell forum, this can be found on our website by clicking the members info tab and when loaded click on the Buy/sell forum tab.

1. Sony 40" television for sale
2. Cot for sale.
3. Mountain bicycle for sale
4. Printer inks for sale
5. 2 x Bicycle Helmets for sale
6. Mountain Bicycle for sale
7. Ladies Mountain bicycle for sale.
8. Apartment wanted

If you wish to sell an item or acquire one, complete a section on the forum for our members to see.

Wine and Tapas Evening

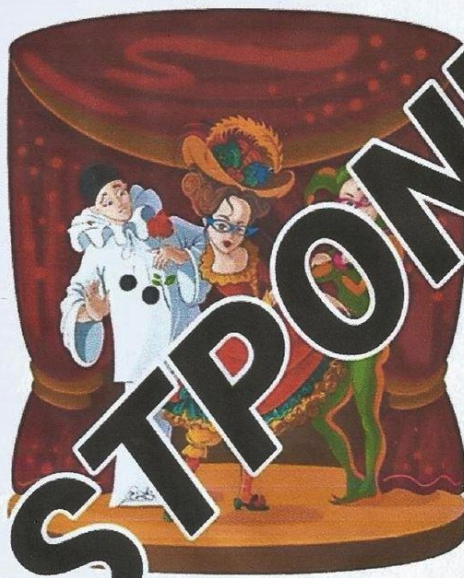
Please be advised this evening event has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus. Our apologies for this as your committee were looking forward to meeting you



Fancy laughing at some funny sketches?
Fancy watching some great singing and
dancing?

Fancy choosing YOUR favourite costume?
Come and see our new family show

'Fancy That!'



Friday 13th March 2020; Doors 7:30pm, Show at 8pm

Bellreguard Ajuntament, Carrer Clot de l'Era 12

Tickets for adults (€5 children under 14) available:

- From any Oliva Drama Group member
- Online at olivadrama.com
- At Bar Amigos, Café Oliva or Honey Dukes in Oliva
- At Bar Ventall Bellreguard

Oliva Drama is a non-profit organisation

**IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEM OR REPORT WE CAN INCLUDE IN OUR NEXT EDITION PLEASE
SEND IT TO ME AT mickgoy1@gmail.com BEFORE THE 8TH OF EACH MONTH.**

Thank you for reading this edition our next publication Voice will be with you on the 15th of April.

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