

THE VOICE

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President's Message

Welcome to our March edition of your newsletter The Voice. We hope you find this issue interesting and the information it contains useful.

As we are heading towards our AGM in May your committee are asking members who wish to join them on the management committee to contact one of their members or email me at mickgoy1@gmail.com for more information. If you are a team player and feel you can help and support a successful team, then you are the person we are looking for.

I am pleased to report that all the new groups are working well with the Philosophy group starting on the 20th of this month. I am **urgently** looking for a Group Leader for the new Zumba Gold group We can not start this new group until a Group Leader is appointed. Please check to information on this group later in this edition. If you are interested in this position, which will allow members to benefit from the exercises from Zumba Gold please contact me on the above email address.

The committee are always looking for your help in identifying new, (1) Trip venues, (2) different Presenters for our General Meetings or (3) ways you feel we could improve your U3A experience. Again you can send these to me an the above address or use the suggestion box at our Monthly Meeting.

Please enjoy this excellent weather while you read this edition.

Our Presenter for the March General Meeting will be :

Candida Wright who is the President of 'HELP'

Help is a charity who help people who are in need through illness and have equipment ready for use, they also offer a hospital translation service.

At present they operate in the Denia Marina Alto area and wish to expand into the Oliva and Gandia area.

This General Meeting will be held at the Polivalent ([directions](#)) on Thursday 28th of March

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

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

All Donations given for the refreshments and books will go to the AECC charity.

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

OUR NEXT TRIP WILL BE

A DAY OF CHOCOLATE AND BEER

APRIL 12th

The Travel team invites you for a visit to



Perez Chocolate Factory in Villajoyosa

where you can see the traditional way of making chocolate

The **Perez Chocolate factory** is one of the original chocolate factories established in the mid 1800's in Villajoyosa

After the chocolate tour the coach will take us to

Cervezas ALTHAIA Artesana

for a BEER tasting



In this microbrewery you will be guided through the process of beer making

Special cheeses will accompany the tasting

Between chocolate and beer there will be time for a stroll through the charming white washed streets of old town Altea and a lunch along the beach promenade



Price for this exciting event is euros 21.50 per person

it includes coach, chocolate and beer visits

Pick up time at the Polivalent in Oliva is at 09:00 hours

Return in Oliva will be around 18:00 hours

[click here](#) to go to the registration

Dancing

Have you got a spare hour and a half on a Wednesday morning? if so, then come along to the CPC in Oliva and try your feet at some simple sequence dancing to a great variety of music, guaranteed to get your feet tapping and the old 'grey matter' perculating!!, we can even throw in some good old fashioned humor!!! Afterwards we can be found enjoying a coffee at a local bar, reflecting on the hour and a half of great physical and mental exercise, desperately trying to remember the names of the dances and even more desperately the steps!!!!



For more information [click here](#)

Astronomy Report by Mike Glazier

As the days lengthen and the nights shorten, we begin to see the Sun reaching a higher altitude in the sky and setting a little further to the West.

On March 20th we will have the Northern Spring equinox, meaning that on this date the Sun will rise due East and set Due West. Equinox means literally 'equal nights' so on this date the length of day time and night time will be the same almost all over the world.

Summer time however this year is on March 31st, time to change the clocks. The date in America for its daylight saving time will be earlier than ours, in fact on March 11th. Some people get a little confused about the two.

We will also see new constellations creeping up over the Eastern horizon and some bright stars which were low in the East will also move higher and appear brighter as they move out of the 'murk' or low horizon pollution levels.

The well known group Orion the mythological hunter will be clearly visible to the West along with his hunting dogs Canis Major and Canis Minor. Gemini the celestial twins with the two brightest stars Castor and Pollux will be above Orion and siding with the Pleiades open cluster, a beautiful open group some 444 light years away and surrounded by nebulous gas.

Venus will 'glare down' in the morning sky and at magnitude -4.0 it will be very bright indeed. On March 28th at around 6 a.m. Saturn that beautiful ringed planet will be sitting nicely atop the upper cusp of a last quarter Moon, look S.S.E for this.

On March 26th in the early morning Jupiter the gas giant planet will be sitting just below the bottom cusp of a last quarter Moon

A first quarter Moon has its right side as viewed from here lit, meaning in astronomical terms that the Moon has completed one quarter of a way around its lunation. The last quarter Moon is one that has completed the opposite or last quarter. One day I will explain the motion of the Moon, in its simplest form it is easy but in reality, the Moon's motion around the Earth will satisfy everyone but a mathematician. On 19th of the month the Moon will be at 'Perigee' or close at 359,377 kms. Three days before a full Moon.

With a dark sky, it is worth just sweeping around with binoculars to see coloured stars, double and triple chains of stars and the odd smudge, a cluster or galaxy.

I am doing a talk for the Oliva U3a at the April meeting, it will be about the planet Mars and a little about how I came to be interested in Astronomy 67 years ago. Images will be from the Pathfinder lander and a Martian orbiter Viking.

Mike Glazier

Photography Group

At the Photography group meeting on the 27th of February the group met to assess the photographs taken at the Oliva Nova Equestrian Event earlier in the month.

The winner of the February photograph of the month was won by Nick King.

Congratulations to Nick for an excellent picture.



Travel

The travel team is happy to let you know that the Jalon visit to the Rastro and followed by a lunch at Pepe's restaurant is happening this March 16th. Thank you all for signing up and we wish you a wonderful and exciting bargaining day!

The trip to the Perez Chocolate Factory, followed by a visit to Altea where we will enjoy a tour through the Althaia Micro Beer Brewery and tasting is almost fully booked. Only 7 places are left! This trip is scheduled for April 12th.

Our first 2 day trip to Cartagena on May 2nd/3rd is sold out! Very encouraging for another experience like this for the next season.

Right now, we are open for suggestions for a one day trip in May? Maybe a visit to Valencia including the Harry Potter exhibit at the Palau de las Ciencias? Or a visit to Bocairent? Please, let us know your ideas.

A visit to the Ford Factory near Valencia, followed by a visit to the Castle and Chapple (by a tourist train to get there) in Cullera is in the planning. We hope it can happen on June 12th, but this is up to the permission by the Ford Factory. Only 48 people are permitted to come to the factory, and they require us to give the names and their NIE or Passport numbers of the visitors for security reasons. Hopefully, in the beginning of May we will know more. Please, keep your eyes open on the website.

Thank you everybody, for all the interest you showed us for our work.

Francoise, David and Anja.

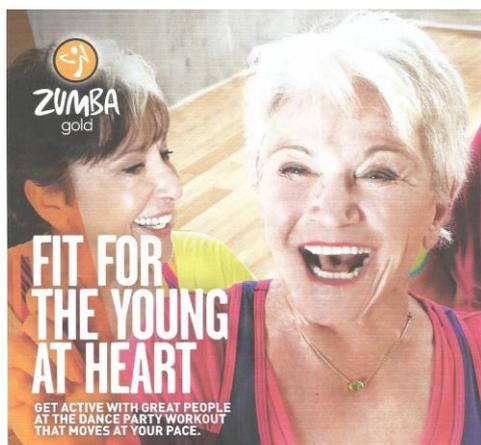
Walking Football Group

Our Walking Football group have been invited to participate in a tournament by the organizers of the Moraira walking football competition. This will take place on Thursday April 4th starting at 11 am. The competition will take place on the pitches at the side of the main car park which is on the right as you approach Moraira

Your support of our group will be appreciated by all its members, this will also be a time for you to explore Moraira which is a nice coastal resort inland from Teulada.

Zumba Gold - Zumba Gold

Group Leader Required



I am pleased to let you know we have found a new trained and licenced instructor for Zumba Gold.

This will **not** be a strenuous exercise group it is designed for people in their 60's, 70's, 80's or 90's so do not let your age be a barrier come and enjoy the experience.

Zumba Gold is designed for anyone whether fit or disabled even if you use a wheel chair. I am advised, group members will enjoy this form of Zumba and will feel the benefit from the light exercises.

I am also looking for a Group Leader to run this exciting new group

If you wish to talk to me about this Group Leaders position please contact me on: mickgoy1@gmail.com and I will meet you at a mutually convenient time and place. **Remember this group cannot run without a Group Leader.**

The amount of work and involvement for a Group Leader is small but vital for a successful group

Anyone interested in joining this group please contact me at : mickgoy1@gmail.com , so I can compile a list, also please let me know if you have a preferred time and day. There will be no guarantee this group can be arrange for your preferred time and day but we will try.

Update on future Presenters at our General Meetings,

Month	Presenter	Subject	Date
April 2019	Mike Glazier	Astronomy (Mars)	25-04-2019
May 2019	A.G.M.		23-05-2019
June 2019	Showcase		27-06-2019

Information by David Wynne Vice President.

If there is a subject or speaker you know which may be of interest to other members, I would love to hear from you. These would help in planning interesting Presenters for our General Meetings from October 2019. Our intention is to have a varied list of Presenters and subjects Please help to make these meetings more interesting and meaningful. Send your ideas and suggestions to me at vice-president@u3a-oliva.org

Buy and Sell

As promised in last month's edition we would be introducing this new feature in the Voice. All Items below are from the Buy and Sell Forum. We hope you find that item you have been looking for.

If you have items to sell, upload them to our Buy/Sell and Swap forum to gain exposure in the Voice.

BUY or SELL

1. Gas B.B.Q [click here for full details](#)
2. Table and 4 Chairs [click here for full details](#)

WANTED

1. It's a woolly subject. Wool needed please [click here for more details](#)
2. Hairdresser [click here for details](#)
3. Child's Car seat [click here for details](#)

Everyone so take advantage of this and put money back into your pocket, or find that item you have been looking for. We also require your help in listing your unwanted items, remember we cannot sell them for you if you do not list them.

Philosophy

I am pleased to let you all know this New Philosophy Group will have its first meeting on March the 20th at 11am, the venue will be the CPC.

There is still room for members who are interested in joining this new Philosophy group to register your interest please [clicking here](#).

I look forward to you joining me on the 20th, this Philosophy group will be for the benefit of its members.



Report on Brexit Outreach Meeting update

The recent Brexit outreach meeting at the Polivalent by the UK Consulate was a great success. To hear the UK consul and her team give a first hand update on the present position 380 Expats attended.

Following this event, the feedback received was very positive and attendees felt it had helped resolve a number of their concerns. Two web addresses were given for anyone interested in ensuring they can keep up to date and check the ongoing situation, these are : (1) www.gov.uk , and (2) www.Moncloa.gob.es. This latter address can be found in English.

New Update Knit and Natter

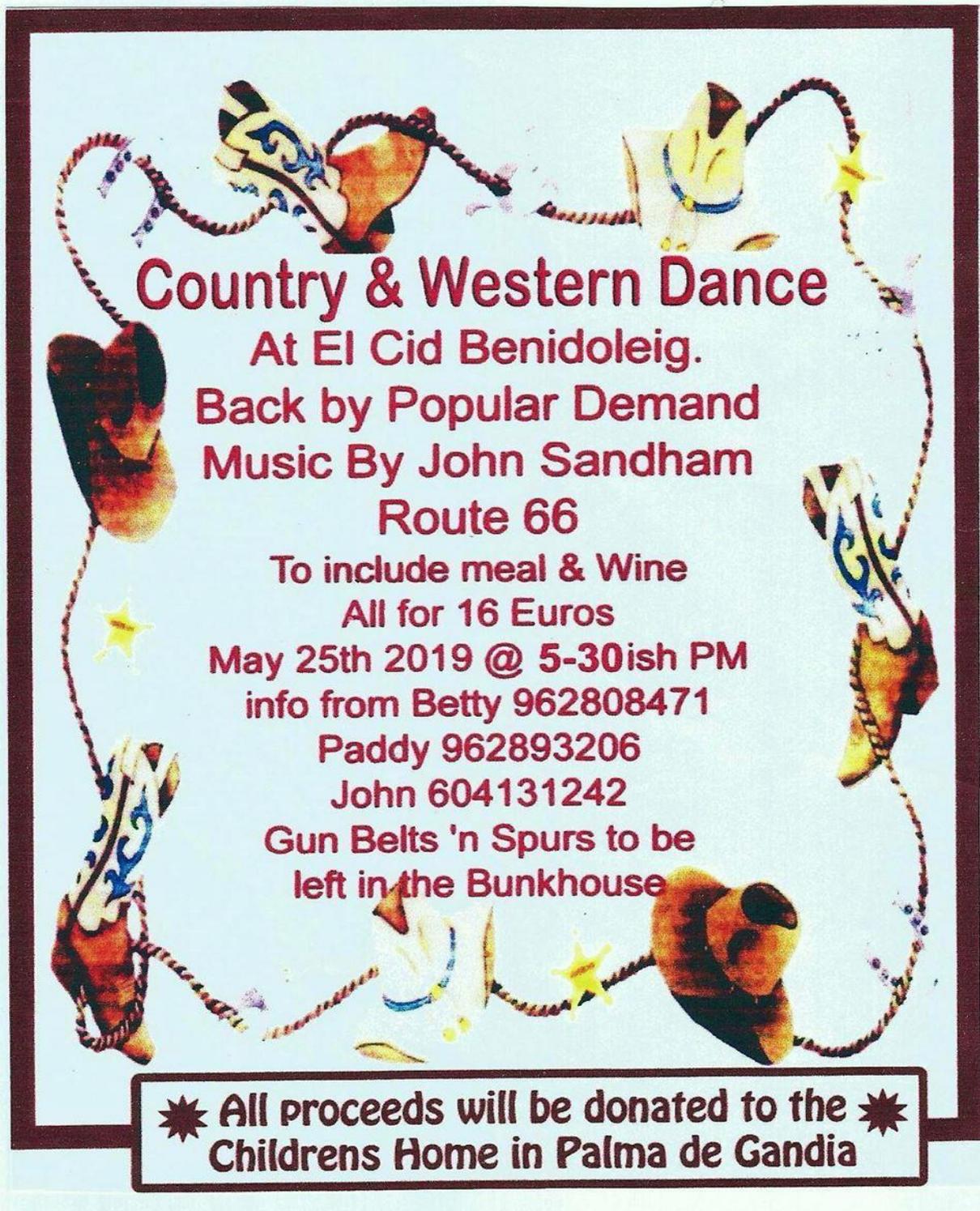


This Knit and Natter group is running well, why not come and learn new skills in knitting or crocheting. As our title suggests we encourage nattering in this informal group.

You do not need to have a knitting project on the go, as there will be patterns available for simple toys, or even squares, where the group can make and create items that can be given to or sold for charity. As well as patterns we also have been given some wool, pins and hooks, so all you need is a smile and a few euros for coffee or a wine. We meet at the Fratelli's Restaurant in

Oliva on a Tuesday afternoon at 3pm.

Come and join us for an enjoyable session while learning new skills. If you wish to find out more please email me at: lyndajgoy@gmail.com .



Country & Western Dance
At El Cid Benidoleig.
Back by Popular Demand
Music By John Sandham
Route 66
To include meal & Wine
All for 16 Euros
May 25th 2019 @ 5-30ish PM
info from Betty 962808471
Paddy 962893206
John 604131242
Gun Belts 'n Spurs to be
left in the Bunkhouse

**★ All proceeds will be donated to the ★
Childrens Home in Palma de Gandia**

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

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed an item to this edition.
I will welcome any contribution from members for our next edition, please send these to me
at : mickgoy1@gmail.com