

# THE VOICE

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## President's Message

Welcome to our April edition of The Voice. Please check out all the included items, I am sure you will find something of interest to you.

I wish to inform you that due to Local and European Elections we have been advised by the Ayuntamiento in Oliva that we are unable to use the Polivalent for our AGM on the 23rd of this month. We have therefore made alternative arrangements and the meeting will now be held at the CPC. Please see the notice below. We apologise for this unexpected change and hope you will join us at the CPC.

The committee and myself wish to thank you all for your support during the past 12 months.

President

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**Please Note, due to Local and European Elections we have found it necessary to change the venue for this AGM.**

## **OUR MAY GENERAL MEETING**

**is the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

**This will be our Annual Business meeting when you will receive a report on this years performance, the presentation of the Audited Accounts, plus elect your Management Committee for the coming year.**

***This AGM Meeting will be held at the CPC***

***(directions) on Thursday 23rd of MAY.***

***Please note the venue change from our original notification email.***

***Please note this is a members only meeting and you are required to bring your membership badge with you for identification***

**The doors will open at 10.15am with the Meeting starting at 11.00am.**

**There will be our usual Coffee and Tea, with all donations going to our charity the AECC**  
**There will be our usual Book Table with donations going to the MUKLAT MAASAI**  
**SCHOOL in Tanzania.**

**Your presence is required as this is a very important meeting.**

### **AGM Agenda**

1. **Welcome from the President** Confirm quorum present - 50 members present.
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Approval of the minutes from the AGM 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018.** The minutes have previously been circulated on the website.
4. **Presidents Report of the activities for the year**
5. **Presentation of the annual statement of accounts y/e 31st August 2018**  
The audited account statement can be found on the website.
6. **Answers to questions registered by members from the Notification Email.**  
*Please note: No additional questions will be accepted at the AGM, in the interest of giving accurate answers.*
7. **Election of officers and committee members.** The full list of nominated officers and committee members are listed below.

#### **Nominations: (No change = NC)**

- I. President: Mick Goy (NC)
- II. Vice President: David Wynne (NC)
- III. Secretary: Maureen Terry (NC)
- IV. Treasurer: Diana Jameson (NC)
- V. John Melville: Membership Secretary (NC)
- VI. Angela Town: Press and Publicity/Group Co-Ordinator (NC)
- VII. Anja Homburg: Travel and Events Co-Ordinator (NC)
- VIII. Francoise Moncombe: Committee Member (NC)
- IX. Kelvin Jarman: Ass. Group Coordinator (New)
- X. Barry Purvis: Committee Member (New)

**A.O.B**

**Close.**

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The travel team would like to invite you to

## **THE MELANGE OF MAY**

Visiting the

### **L'ALBARDA GARDENS**



### **BLACK FLAME CARVERY**



### **JOAN CASHMIRA GUITAR BUILDER WORKSHOP**



**Located in the Pedreguer/Gata de Gorgos area**

**Date: **MAY 21 ST** (Hurry as the time is short)**

**[Click here](#) to go to the registration page**

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## May Astronomy Report by Mike Glazier

It has often been said that there are more stars in the universe than there are grains of sand to be found on every beach on Earth. Now that may not be a totally accurate estimation, but it does serve to give one an idea of the numbers. The Hubble wide field camera image of an incredibly small area of sky close to Ursa Major (The great Bear) gave in a dramatic way the numbers we are dealing with. There are some truly exotic and beautiful objects to be found out there in the cold dark depths of space, and if I get invited again to give a talk, this is all what it will be about. Title journey into space and the mythology of the gods

If you were to step outside at around 5 am, each morning between 19th and 23rd of May you could look up to the South and see Saturn close to the Moon, On 20th towards the S.S.W you would see brilliant Jupiter close to a 'waning' Moon and lower down towards the horizon will be the very Red star Antares, the heart of the mythological SCORPION. Antares is often referred to as the 'Rival of Mars' because of its colour. Antares is a huge giant star which is nearing the end of its life, it is bloated with age and one day in the future it will go 'BANG'

The first asteroid (minor planet) to ever have been discovered was Ceres on January 1st, 1801 by Giuseppe Piazzi, a Catholic priest. It will be in the sky at opposition (South) on May 28th. It will not be a bright object, but the giveaway will be the difference in movement compared to that of a star. I am sending a map from Stellarium to serve as a guide to locating it, but the most important requirement is a totally dark unpolluted sky.

The Moon will be at its closest distance to Earth on the night of May 13th, and where it will be one day past first quarter at a distance of 369,009 kms. Full Moon will be on the night of the 18th.

Jupiter the king of the planets will 'glare down' in June. So, get your telescopes out, dust them off and have them ready for this giant gas planet. Even a small telescope will reveal the equatorial cloud belts and the four prominent moons in orbit around it; this was all seen for the first time in 1609-10 by Galileo so by observing this planet you will be enacting what he saw. Best night for this is around June 10th at 11 p.m.

Coming over the Eastern horizon at this time of the year but seen better in a month or two is the Summer triangle made up of the constellations Lyra the magic Harp, Cygnus the Swan and Aquila the Eagle. I will be talking about this triangle of stars in about a month.

For those who were at my talk, it may be remembered that I said stars were not white but coloured. These two which I have sent represent a double to be found as the eye of the Swan (Cygnus) The name of the main star here is Albireo, the pair are beautiful even through low power.



From our resident Astronomer Mike Glazier.

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# Report on our May Trip

Cartagena;

Early in the morning of May 2nd a wonderful group of 29 members was ready to start the 2 day trip to Cartagena.

Toni, our driver, drove us safe and sound to the city of our destination where we arrived around 11:00 hours. After a quick check-in everybody was on her/his way to find out what Cartagena was all about. A map and explanation of all there is to see and do was a helpful guide and offered for everybody something of their liking.

Much walking around, visiting museums and Roman ruins, seeing a special ceremony of the victory by the Spaniards over the French troupes of Napoleon with canon salutes, admiring all the modernist houses, many empty facades waiting to be renovated, shops galore and so much more.

Great 3 star hotel and happy but tired people ready to go home.

It was a successful experiment for a 2 day trip. Maybe more to follow!



For all the information about the trips, please check out the website.

Anja Travel Co-ordinator

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# "KOOZA"

A SHOW BY

**CIRQUE DU SOLEIL**

**IN VALENCIA**

**JUNE 20 2019**

**YOUR TRAVEL TEAM HAS ARRANGED AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THIS  
FANTASTIC SHOW BY THE WORLD FAMOUS**

**'CIRQUE DU SOLEIL'**

Symbolizing youth, energy and strength:

formed in the early 80's in Quebec, Canada, they re-invented the art  
of the traditional circus

In their shows there are no animals

only an eclectic show, trapeze artists, jugglers, dancers, fire  
breathers, and musicians

Don't miss out on this unique experience

**WE TAKE CARE OF THE TRANSPORTATION AND YOU BUY YOUR TICKET**

Options for getting your tickets:

On line, [cirque du soleil.com](http://cirque-du-soleil.com), or by phone 913 754 768

Prices range from low euros 30 up to euros 70

Depending on your seat preference

**PRICE FOR THE COACH ONLY: EUROS 11.50 PER PERSON**

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## Travel update.

May 21st: Melange of May; a visit to the beautiful, hidden gardens of L'Albarda, followed by a delicious lunch at the Black Flame and finished by a visit to the workshop of Joan Cashimira. Don't forget to ask many questions about the process of guitar making!

May 22nd: a stroll through Old Town Oliva, for more information and sign up contact Francoise Malcombe at: 685 405 233

Ford trip still unknown; I am waiting for an answer from the Ford Factory. Hopefully it will happen June 12th.

June 20th: KOOZA! A magical show by the group Cirque du Soleil. Tickets for the show are still available, but don't wait too long they go fast.

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## Walking Football Group

### Give Walking Football a Go!

Walking Football started in the UK in 2011 and has quickly become one of the fastest growing sports in the world. Essentially, Walking Football is aimed at people over 50 who want to continue to play the game they love but without the running and the contact involved with normal football. It is a great way to keep fit, have fun and to meet new friends!

The Oliva U3A walking football group has been up and running for four months now, and although there is an enthusiastic group of players who meet every Friday morning for an hour at Pavello Esportiu Municipal in Carrer de Gabriel Miro (Oliva Sports Centre), we can always do with new recruits. If you're not sure if it's for you, why not turn up and watch a session? It won't cost you anything, you can sit in the sun and marvel at the skills (?) on display, and even join us for a drink in the bar afterwards! Everyone is welcome, all ages and abilities, men and women. We hope to see some of you soon.



Mike Thomas, [click here](#) for more information on the Group

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PHILIP ASHLEY  
PRESENTS

Adagio 

# Let There Be Music

## Casa De Cultura, El Verger

Thursday 30th May  
Starts at 8.00 p.m.  
(doors open 7.30)

Tickets €12  
Tel: 96 558 1483  
[www.philipashley.com](http://www.philipashley.com)



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### Update Presenters at our General Meetings,

Month	Presenter	Subject	Date
May 2019		A.G.M. (at CPC)	23-05-2019
June 2019		Summer Fayre	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](mailto: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. Reclining Chair with Foot Stool
2. Tumble Drier
3. Table and 4 Chairs
4. Door Fly Screen
5. Box Fan
6. Bed Frames and Radiators (Free to Collect)
7. Large free standing Parasol

### **WANTED**

1. Hairdresser

[Click here](#) to go to the Buy and Sell forum:

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.



# 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 May issue, our next edition will be with you on the 15th of June.

**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](mailto:mickgoy1@gmail.com)**