

# *The Voice* *Special Edition* *July 2019*



## **The Oliva U3A** **Summer Fayre**

### **Summer Fayre Review**

#### **By Angela Town**

I would like to thank everyone who attended, helped organise or set up on the day or supported your group at their table/event and a huge thank you to all group leaders. The Oliva U3A is nothing without members, and as a member I'm extremely happy that so many seemed to appreciate my efforts for the Summer Fayre of 2019.

The Sing and Play kicked off the event with their rendition of Gypsy Woman, followed quickly by Yellow Submarine and having the words on the screen behind them gave everyone the opportunity to sing-a-long. This musical opening created a wonderful atmosphere to, what I can only describe as, a lively and extremely social event.

All the attending groups put in a lot of work to make their stall approachable and some had quizzes or games. The leaders were there to chat about their groups and activities. The craft stall encouraged participation in card making, the travel group had wonderful displays of photographs from trips and events, the Photography groups had a fantastic 'photo-booth' with a table full of props to choose from. There were so many groups and so many activities, I cannot possibly mention them all, but I do thank them in helping to make the event so entertaining and enjoyable.

And, while all the group leaders were plying their trade, the crowd was being entertained by the Guitar group, Line dancing, Flamenco, the Choir, the Sing and Play and poetry readings. There were cakes, wine, coffee as well as Riaz, from the cookery group, serving up small plates of lentil dhal. Absolutely delicious! The aroma made me so hungry, I went back for two helpings.

The presentations of gifts, flowers or cheques; to John and Jacquie Flannigan, Anna, Marissa, Rosa and eventually Yolanda went smoothly and the raffle winners eagerly collected one of the many prizes at the end, as well as the lucky winner of Mr Tom, the knitted cat.

All in all, I think it was a most enjoyable event, and hopefully even more members will drop in next year.

With best wishes for a happy summer, I hope you enjoy this Summer Fayre Special Edition of The Voice from Mick Goy.

Angela

Oliva U3A Group Coordinator and The Press and Publicity Officer.

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Sing and Play started our entertainment at the Fayre. During the morning they played various songs in three short separate slots.

Members were given a difficult choice, at the Fayre, whether to choose Tea, Coffee or Wine.



Both were available as complimentary refreshments; however members could make a donation to our designated charity for next year 2019/20.



There was a Cake made some excellent the Fayre. Along with raised a magnificent



table were members had cakes and donated these to the tea, coffee and wine we 210 euros for the charity.



The walking Football Group laid out an area where members could practice their shooting skills. This photograph shows a member trying to score a goal.

The Poetry Group were the second group to entertain the members at the Fayre. With the words on the large screen members were able to follow the poems as they were read.

The group presented poems on two occasions during the morning.



The Knit and Natter Group filled a large table with items they had produced. Half the table included items for sale at very reasonable prices.

With the second half of the table being for items they had made which were for demonstration only.



Members had the opportunity to find out more about the Bridge Group, here you can see members of the group playing a demonstration game.

The third group to entertain our members was the Line Dancing Group. They demonstrated a number of dances during their three separate session.



In addition, the Dancers had a table where members could find more information about the Group.

There was an opportunity to sample a dish of lentil dhal prepared by the Cookery Group Leader. If you had the opportunity to try this it looked good and tasted even better.



The Travel teams table was very informative giving information on the trips organised during the year. They have asked that members keep an eye on the event section on the website for new Events and Trips that are being organising for the remainder of 2019.

Our Guitar Group were the next entertainment of the morning. During their session they treated the members to a number of well known songs. This was an excellent display from a group who were only formed in February.





The Badminton Group were on hand to explain the finer points of the game to members, here you can see Alan Robinson the Group Leader explaining to a member some of these points.

During the Morning I had the pleasure to make a number of presentations these were to people who had been a great help to our U3A over the past 12 months.plus I presented two cheques to our designated charities.



The first cheque was presented to Marisa the President of the local AECC (Cancer Research Charity) this cheque was for 1500 euros.

The second cheque was presented to Rosa Mansell to help her continue her work in Tanzania with the Muklat Massai School. This cheque was for 300 euros. Sorry there is no photograph available.

Next was the presentation of flowers to Anna from the CPC and Yolanda from the Oliva Ayuntamiento both have been a great help in arranging both rooms at the CPC for our Groups and the Polivalent for our General Meetings.



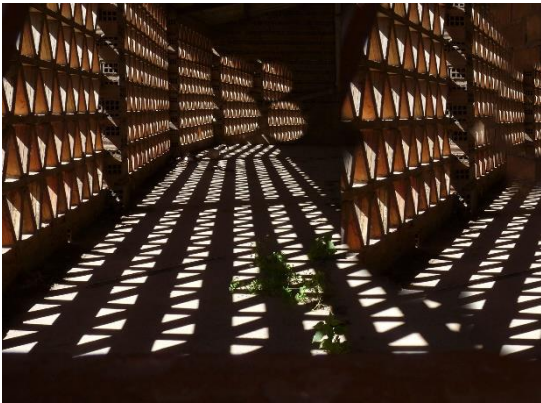
Our final two presentations were to John and Jacquie Flannigan, John retired from the position of Group Co-ordinator and the committee earlier this year due to a health issue. Jacquie his wife was recognised for the help and assistance she gave to John regarding his U3A Group Co-ordinators work before he retired.



In the photo booth members wore different items for the photographs as can be seen on the right, everyone who joined in enjoyed the opportunity.



This area proved a great success during the fayre.



In addition to the dressing up there was also a more serious side to the groups table. They ask the members to vote for their photograph of the year. The winner was the picture on the left taken by *Stefan Burr*, congratulations for an excellent photograph.

During the morning there were a number of demonstrations, the one on the right shows the Flamenco Dancers performing.



Members were invited to join in the Yoga demonstration and the picture on the left shows one of their mini classes.

There was also an opportunity for members to learn some moves of the Modern Jive. This is a very interesting dance which will also keep you fit.



In addition to these demonstrations the meditation Group used a quiet area for their mini sessions. Unfortunately we do not have a picture of this.



The History of Art Group were represented by their Group Leader and on their table, they ran a puzzle which was to recognise at least 10 out of 20 famous faces.

Both the Bowls and Petanque groups were represented and shared their groups activities and knowledge with interested members.



The Choir were our fifth group to entertain the members, they sang 3 songs during their presentation.

Unfortunately their Director had an urgent hospital appointment so Bob willingly stood in for the morning.

The Choir also presented their group with a table display which gave an in site into their group plus a book with photographs of their past performances for members to view..



The craft group enjoyed showing members their skills and encouraged some members to learn the art of card making.

The Art group produced a display of the pictures they had painted during the year.

There was also a group member painting the head of a Zebra which was superb.

All the paintings on display were of a high standard.



In addition to the above groups there were two more who attended to highlight their group activities.

The first was Advanced Spanish where you could find more information on the level members attain plus with this information at hand decide if this would be suitable to join.



Secondly the IT Group had a demonstration table, this group is run to help and educate members who have computer and mobile device problems or just wish to know more about computer software and overcome difficulties.

I apologise to these Group Leaders but unfortunately there was no photograph to upload.

Before September when our new year commences visit the group pages on our website and contact the Group Leader of the groups you are interested in joining.

This years revised Summer Fayre (showcase) was a great success with the members who attended enjoyed the new format. I wish to thank everyone who either manned a table giving members the information they were seeking or performed for the members. Everything you did, said, played, sang or danced during the morning was excellent. I wish to thank Angela for organising the morning and everyone who helped her to make this a great success.

If you didn't make the Summer Fayre this year you missed a great time, so it is time to make yourself a promise to be there next year.

Thank you and well done to everyone who gave their time to ensure this was a great occasion.

Mick Goy

President.