The Formentera Office of Seniors is pleased to report that from 4 February the Open University for Seniors (Universitat Oberta per a Majors, UOM) returns to Formentera with a seven-part lecture series scheduled to run until 13 May. Ana Juan, President of the Consell and Councillor of the Elderly, encouraged islanders 50 and up to come out for the lectures, hosted in various local venues and in accordance with health and safety measures. "The talks will see prominent speakers taking on a wide variety of topics ranging from episodes in local history to everyday subjects of interest", explained Juan.

President Juan will attend the first instalment along with UOM Director Antoni Gamundí.

The talks will take place at 5.00pm and take place at the Sant Francesc retirees and pensioners club, Sant Ferran social centre for the elderly and La Mola's Casa del Poble. Lectures will start at 5.00pm.

Programme:

4 February (Club de Jubilats, Sant Francesc)

'Sleep Well, Live Well', by Dr Mourad Akaârir, professor of physiology at the Universitat de les Illes Balears

18 February (Centre Social de Majors, Sant Ferran)

'The Formentera Penitentiary (1940-42). An Overview and Assorted Contributions', by Dr Antoni Ferrer Abárzuza, Historian and Researcher

4 March (Casa del Poble, La Mola)

'La Mola: Notes From Modern and Contemporary Times', by Felip Cirer, Professor of Catalan Language and Literature

18 March (Sant Francesc)

'Sustainable Development Goals: 17 Tools to Change the World', by Fina Darder, Coordinator

of the Fons Pitiús de Cooperació

1 April (Sant Ferran)

'Principal Pests Affecting Formentera's Crops', by Antònia Blanes, Agri-Food Production Technician of the Cooperativa del Camp de Formentera

29 April (Sant Francesc)

'Historical Notes on Bread, Wine and Meat on Formentera', by Dr Santiago Colomar, Professor at IES Marc Ferrer

13 May (Sant Ferran)

'Surnames of Formentera. History and Linguistic Curiosities', by Joan Albert Ribas, Philologist

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