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**Newsletter, April 2023**

Dear Member

Thanks to all of you for renewing your subscriptions and for continuing to encourage your friends to join. In spite of several resignations, our membership stands at nearly 260, which is very healthy for this time of year.

I am delighted to welcome Michael Talibard back to the committee, where he will take over the orders for the magazine (so please let him know if you no longer wish to receive it) and will send copies of the newsletter, groups list and diary to those without email.

**Group News**

I am pleased to say that we have some new groups running or about to start, details of which you can find on the attached **Groups list**. These are **mah-jong** (afternoon of second and fourth Wednesdays of the month), **Existentialism for Dummies** (afternoon of second and fourth Mondays, starting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May) and a second **Spanish Beginners** group 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 11am, directly after the first group.

There seems to be a demand for a **Spanish conversation** group for those with a good knowledge of the language. Karen doesn't feel able to run such a group at the moment as she has her private groups for this, but is giving it some thought. However if anyone could offer to convene (rather than teach) such a group along the lines of the French conversation groups, I'd be pleased to hear from you

Juliette proposed to start a **Local History** Group running once a month and starting later this year. The sessions would ideally start with a visit to the local archives, library and Soci t  Jersiaise to understand the sources of information that are available and then each month one of the group members would choose a period of history to research and lead that month's discussion. This did not generate enough response, but if you are interested and didn't get in touch before, please contact Juliette on 767008 or email [hopetoretiresoon@outlook.com](mailto:hopetoretiresoon@outlook.com).

Unfortunately, due to ill health, Pat Cameron is no longer able to convene **Knit and natter** but I know a few of you were interested, so if anyone feels that they could take over, just keeping a membership list and reminding members of the group when and where it is being held, please get in touch.

I understand that nearly all groups are able to welcome new members, so why not give something new a try this year?

If any of you are interested in learning golf, or taking it up again, one of our members has informed me that Jersey Sport are organising **Ladies Give Golf a Go** sessions for only £5.00 per session (equipment provided). The first one is on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Jersey Sport will provide more details. If enough of you are interested we could perhaps start a u3a group.

**Coffee mornings** at the Radisson Hotel – in town, but with parking, are still being held on the second Wednesday of the month at 10.30am, and have been increasingly well attended. I and other members of the committee enjoy getting to meet more of you and finding out what you enjoy and which groups would interest you. The next one will be on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

I am sorry that we were not able to arrange the **lunch** that was due this week. Eric had problems with his computer that caused a delay. However we will aim to hold one on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May, so watch out for the invitation. Suggestions for a suitable venue would be welcome.

**Another date for your diary:** the AGM will be on July 12<sup>th</sup> – further details nearer the time.

To help Tom and Juliette compile **the diary**, please could convenors let them know of any changes or breaks between now and July. Thanks to you all for your hard work.

Spring is on the way, so I hope you have an enjoyable and sunny Easter.

Best wishes

Anne