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Newsletter, November 2022

Dear Member

I'm pleased to say that we now have 258 members – a record number I believe. Thank you to those who spread the word amongst friends and neighbours. However, the committee still has only 6 members. We really need a seventh member, preferably one who could shadow one or more roles, as we need to look to succession planning. Perhaps as you review your commitments in the New Year you may feel you could offer us some of your time—meetings are only held once every two months and last under an hour – and those of us who have particular responsibilities only have to put in a little time in odd moments.

Group News

There are no new groups to report. Perhaps one of our new members will volunteer to share their enthusiasms with us, but most existing groups have vacancies. Suzie, a relatively new member, has recently started a successful **chess group**. Contact her at suziewebb53@gmail.com if you are interested in that or in her newly formed **Wellness group**.

Beginners' Spanish offered by Karen Le Brun, an experienced tutor who can be contacted at fastcarfan@hotmail.com has got off to a good start with 8 members. It is technically now full, but one or two more members could possibly be accommodated as not everyone can attend each session.

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. I attend when I can, along with other members of the committee, and find it a good way of meeting new members. I am pleased that recently they have been better attended. Though members are free to just turn up, if you know you are coming it would be helpful if you could let me know as I will be able to reserve a table, and may be able to get a deal on refreshments. The next one will be on 9th November – this will be my last till February. There will not be one on the 14th December as that is the date for the Christmas lunch, and I will be away in January, though other members of the committee may be able to attend.

The Christmas Lunch

Eric will be in touch shortly to invite you to the Christmas lunch on Wednesday 14th December. If you don't receive emails, and would like to go, please ring him on 780269.

Subscription

Though your subscription is not due till January, some of you may be going away over Christmas and may wish to pay now. If you joined this month, you will have nothing to pay till January 2023. I'll attach a reminder of how to pay – Juliette would prefer it if you could pay directly by bacs rather than by cheque, if at all possible. You can do this by going into your bank if you do not have online banking. The subscription remains at a very reasonable £18.00.

Could I remind you that if you don't wish to receive the magazine, let us know, as there is a cost attached. However, it does have useful information, as does the website. If you go to our website u3asites.org.uk/jersey there is a link to the national website, which offers a range of useful learning experiences such as talks and zoom meetings.

I will attach a copy of the latest diary, but sometimes convenors make changes at short notice if they are unavailable or if not enough members can attend, so always contact the convenor using the details on the attached groups list if you wish to join a new group. The success of our organisation is entirely due to the efforts of convenors old and new, without whom we would have nothing to offer. If you have an enthusiasm to share – you don't need to be an expert- please consider starting a new group. We have a shortage of creative activities and maths or science based groups, so just contact me or another committee member if you would be prepared to offer anything. I would like to thank all convenors and committee members for their continued enthusiasm and support.

I look forward to meeting you, whether at the coffee morning, the lunch or any of the groups that I attend – or especially at my cryptic crosswords group which could do with more members.

As the next newsletter will not be sent till after our next committee meeting in January I wish you a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Best wishes

Anne