

## Spanish Conversation

Our March topic was “Do I regret my career choice?” and all 8 participants were content with their choices.

One wanted to be a journalist but as the media descends into sensationalism and half-truths was glad of the lucky escape. Trained as an interpreter but worked in export sales then ran a company, travelling extensively and using languages.

One became a Microbiologist at GSK by default, despite wanting to study languages and travel, but had enjoyed her interesting career with good pay and conditions, part time working when the children were small and a good pension

Another wanted a career that would enable her to travel which she did, using her language skills, mainly working in offices, but would have liked to work as a tourist guide then writing about her experiences.

One was a doctor for 40 years and felt privileged to have had a challenging, interesting career, meeting great co-workers and patients. Her mother was a Biochemist and her father a lung specialist, so followed in family footsteps.

Another wanted to be a translator, but became a bilingual secretary and had worked abroad in Spain, Greece, Hong Kong and France for many years, when it was possible to do so easily, so had achieved her aim of travel.

One had trained as a translator at the University of Sorbonne hoping to travel extensively, but married someone whose job took them all over the world, so her language skills proved very useful and she acquired more in each new country.

Another followed family tradition becoming a nurseryman/gardener and loved working outdoors following the cycle of nature and had the opportunity to garden abroad for many years in Spain.

And one had two careers, first as a Paint Chemist which led to a career as a chemistry teacher, then to head teacher which was very satisfying and fulfilling.

April topic is “A book that inspired me?”

Stay safe

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