

## DISCUSSION GROUP

JULY 2021

We are enjoying getting back to regular meetings. It has its advantages being a small group!

Nearly all our items of news involved costs: the cost of changing the BBC's logo (basically only changing the size of the letters); the extortionate costs for renting a holiday cottage this year; the cost of living in Germany where everyone has to pay for a TV licence whether they have a TV or not; the fact that the BBC are about to send out their enforcement officers to those that have not paid their TV licence, including all those over 75. The only other item was that a hoax bomb had been put in a child's bag.

Public Transport, which none of us have been using recently, provoked much discussion. It was noted that local buses were usually very sparsely filled and it was suggested that smaller buses, perhaps minibuses, could be used instead. However, they would need to be adapted so that they were wheelchair friendly. It was also noted that it was easy to use some of our local buses to have a tour of the countryside in this area. There can be difficulties when buses are late, or just don't turn up, especially if you are waiting to get home, after a hospital appointment for instance. We did agree that in Barney we were quite fortunate with the level of bus service we enjoy compared to some outlying villages. We did also talk about train services but our experience of rail travel was quite limited.

Our next meeting will be at 10.15am on Friday 13th August when our main topic for discussion will be "Education". Restrictions should be a thing of the past by then and we would welcome new members. Please contact me if you would like to join us.

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