

Spanish Conversation – January 16th meeting.

As is now the custom, five of us met up at 10am, this time at my house, with electronic data input from 2 of our members who are still happily sunning themselves in Spain, while, of course, working hard to improve their Spanish ready for their return to the fold in the spring!

The topic of travel plans showed the very wide range of interests in our group with holiday plans ranging from skiing in Bulgaria, France, Italy and Switzerland; wine tasting with the U3A wine appreciation society in France (maybe we can do a joint holiday next year in Spain! – as I think that our Spanish must improve after a few glasses of Rioja); a visit to Dublin for some Irish music and seeing the Book of Kells; ticking items off bucket list's with trips to Spain and Portugal visiting their many Castle's and gardens, and with one member venturing further afield on a wildlife safari to Victoria Falls and Lake Kariba in Zimbabwe.

However many of us also wanted to go and see some of the beautiful areas that the UK has to offer, with plans for camping in Derbyshire, exploring York's walls, museums and galleries, a trip to Poundbury in Dorset, the RHS gardens at Bridgewater near Manchester, visits to Lewis and Harris, going by train to Edinburgh for the festival but also to explore Edinburgh's many museums and galleries.

Another of our members told us a tale of a road trip round the whole UK coast by car, a distance of some 4,700 miles, if you don't count the islands, with side trips to visit as many of the 65 cathedrals as possible, before revealing that it was a dream that had suddenly morphed into a nightmare at the realisation of the logistics involved in planning such a venture.

So, whatever your holiday plans are for 2020, we hope that they will be exciting and fun and will increase your appreciation of this wonderful world that we live in.

Hasta la vista.

Lusia

Next meetings-

All start on Thursdays at the **NEW TIME of 10am except in March.**

February 20th at 10am- venue Robert's house- Topic- a favourite flower or shrub.

March meeting rescheduled to **Thursday 26th at 1400** (after the U3A monthly meeting) at my house- Topic- Nature or Nurture?

April 16th- Venue TBA- Topic Ghosts-Fact or Fiction?