

Spanish Conversation June “meeting”

We had a written “conversation” on the topic of “What would you like to see/not see after the Lockdown? Although it has been a time of anxiety, worry, illness and tragedy for so many, some of us have been lucky to enjoy having a break from normal duties and responsibilities with more free time to garden, read, walk, cycle and spend quality time with partners if not with family. The decrease in traffic and pollution levels were welcomed and it was hoped that there would be more care taken of our environment in future.

Several of the group felt that the Pandemic had encouraged friends and neighbours to help each other more and we hoped that this caring support and kindness towards others, regardless of colour, race or creed would grow. This has been a real warning of how small the world really is; how quickly we can all be affected by an event halfway across the world; and how we are all vulnerable, even the wealthy and the famous.

The source of the virus still seems unclear so this needs investigating and maybe we need more stringent worldwide regulations for the care of animals and our environment and controls on food processing, to stop some new virus attacking the world. Our safety must not be sacrificed for profit.

Other points raised were the need for better funding for the NHS; enjoying the House of Commons without the usual hullabaloo; electing serious people to political office; all of us missing cinema, theatre performances, U3A meetings, musical and sport events; a night out at a pub or restaurant with friends and worry about when or whether we would ever get back to these simple pleasures.

The topic for June will be the much less philosophical theme “My favourite meal and why?”

Spanish PDD Group (Palabra del Día)

This group is doing well and has now learned at least 85 words, a tribute to their perseverance as things start to open up and there are a lot more options of things to do and people to visit. The Spanish word of the day now also appears on the Teesdale U3A Groups Facebook page.

Stay safe and well. Cuídense por favour.

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