

All the groups mentioned below are finding ways of communicating and keeping the interest going.

If you would like to join in with any of these, just use the contact details shown. Or think of ways in which your group might be able to do something similar...

American History

Contact: Stewart Lewis 01923 260410

Art Groups 1 & 2

Contact: Carol Frost 01923 465739

Although our groups have not been able to meet during lockdown we have been busy painting pictures from subjects sent by Carol, twice a month on email. Our subjects vary from landscapes to seascapes, flowers (eg tulips & sunflowers) and figure painting. We are hoping to view our paintings when we can meet again.

Bridge

Contact: Judith Evans 01923 260354

The bridge group has not been meeting, but members, and any other bridge players, can play online. www.bridgebase.com is a useful site, and some of us are managing social bridge by organising an online table of 4 friends on computers, and simultaneously running a WhatsApp video call on our phones so we can chat and comment throughout. Anyone wanting assistance with setting up online bridge games can call Judith.

Bowls Group

Contacts: Lyn Leyshon 01923 239605

Andrew Peat 01727 859386

Watch this space for potential notices about any developments.

Eminent Britons

Contact: June Hunt 01923 661468

Meetings are likely to re-commence this month, via ZOOM

Film Group

Contact: Corinne Gilbert 01923 264476

The film group have been in contact via email, recommending any upcoming films on TV.

Folk Dancing

Contact: Fran Beak 01923 672341

Members receive links by email to YouTube videos of a selected country dance on the fourth Wednesday of the month, the day on which we would normally have been dancing with each other. The dance may be one which we have actually done in days gone by or may be new to the group; the music is generally enjoyable to listen to even if we do not try the moves in front of our computer screens.

French

Contact: Kate Quinton 01923 267274

The French group has been exchanging puzzles, questions and exercises to keep them going.

Garden Group

Contact: Holly Hill 01923 676052

The group held a committee meeting and it was decided that the Garden Group would not be resuming their meetings till February 2021, at the moment the proposed date is 2nd February - hopefully things will be back to normal by then.

German Conversation

Contact: Jeff King 07734 562783

The group has been using Zoom to continue their reading/translation and keep members in touch & using German.

Local History 3

Contact: Derek Thorpe 01923 894887

LH3 has been active, attempting something every month, distributing links to YouTube video histories, and using Zoom for quizzes and talks.

Maths

Contact: Mike Quinton 01923 267274

The group has been exchanging puzzles and conversations by e-mail.

Philosophy

Contacts: Jeanne Johnson 01923 263598

Derek Thorpe 01923 894887

The philosophy group has distributed links to YouTube Philosophy videos to the group.

Quiz Group

Contact: Derek Hammond 01923 443315

The quiz group held another quiz in August set by Lyn and Kay Leyshon, with 2 teams captained by John Britten & Derek Hammond. Derek's team met in his garden (socially distanced) to discuss the answers – which became quite exciting at the end as it was terminated by a noisy thunder storm. John's team corresponded entirely by email rather than having face-to-face discussions - suggested answers were circulated for review in order to reach an agreed solution. But who won?!

Spanish & German

Contact: Mike Findley 01727 854122

Classes have resumed using Zoom.

Ten-Pin Bowling

Contact: Bernie Elliott 01923 672503

Bernie has spoken to the bowling alley manager, and unfortunately their head office will only allow up to 6 people in any group at any one time, so reluctantly the group cannot attend during this pandemic until further notice. You will be advised of new developments, and if you should have any queries email Bernie directly at berniee1948@icloud.com

Ukelele

Contact: Alan Hawkes 01923 678885

Wine Appreciation 1

Contact: John Britten 01923 673205

The group has been continuing with wine tasting on an individual basis, and sharing the results.