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1. Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who came to our first **coffee morning**. It was lovely to hear the chattering as friends and neighbours came together. The feedback from members has been great, so we have decided to hold this on a monthly basis and the next few coffee mornings are booked in for 16th March, 20th April and 18th May from 10:00am to midday, to be held in the Methodist Church again. We know many members don't have a computer and therefore don't receive our e-newsletters, so if you have an elderly or infirm neighbour, it would be great if you could remind them of the coffee morning and possibly even offer them a lift to the venue. We are hoping to take a photo for the website next time.
2. We are now able to accept renewals online, so if any of you prefer to pay this way, either for this year or future years, you can go to the homepage on www.bera.co.uk, where you can click on the link and fill out a renewal form and be given the BERA bank account details. You will then need to log into your own bank account to pay us. You will need to insert the BERA account and sort code and add your name as the reference so Mike knows who has paid. For those that want to pay by cheque or cash, this will stay the same and the forms and payment can be dropped at Ron or Mike's house. You will find a link to a membership renewal form on the front page of www.bera.co.uk.
3. Are any of you interested in learning Spanish? One of our members has been having lessons and advised us that a beginners course is due to start, to be held at Chesters (was TEAC club) in Eastern Esplanade. There will be six sessions costing £15 each = Total £90. The terms dates are February 21st to March 28th from 12:30-14:00 or February 23rd to March 30th from 18:30-20:00. If you are interested please contact Maria on her email mariajotaus@yahoo.com.
4. The Tram Stop Project Team has submitted a planning application to start rebuilding the shelter. We wish them all the best with the application and hopefully this is the start of the transformation of that site. Well done to the team. If you want further information on this project please go to www.tramstopshelter.co.uk.

Unless something urgent crops up the next newsletter will be in week commencing 6th March