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MartiansReunited Newsletter

Welcome to the Martians Reunited monthly newsletter. August has been a relatively quiet month, with many people on holiday, so the newsletter will be shorter than usual - a quick update on where things are with the site before we get on with all the features planned for the autumn.

Current Martiansreunited.com membership figures:

Active members	Current associates	Former associates	Countries represented	Gender balance
2197	**643**	**1554**	**41**	**66%m 34%f**

Martians Reunited - some figures
Martians Reunited was launched at the turn of this year. In our first eight months we have gained nearly 2200 members, who between them have visited the site 14,904 times and viewed 114,449 pages. Very many thanks indeed to those who have sent us content or posted it on the site - pictures, news stories, articles, advertisements, posts on the Forum - to make sure that people find interesting things to read when they do log on.

New this month
While many people have been on holiday, Mirek Dudek has been keeping a regular flow of news articles for us from Mars, and Jackee Allen has kept up almost as regular emails with items from the press.

Amongst the new items posted this month are news items on events and associates in Mars Hungary, South Africa, China and many other parts of the world. Some items you may be particularly interested in include:

All you need to know about peanut supply - an account of how Mars is gaining and sustaining a competitive edge in sourcing peanuts.

Mars Hungary saves money - and the planet: an account of how associates increased the efficiency of the boiler system and the environmental effectiveness of the plant at the same time.

Mars GCC Helps Prepare Region's Future Workforce for Success - associates working to help girls and boys in local schools to learn about careers and enjoy themselves at the same time.

Mars South Africa Associates Give New Life to Local Orphanage - an account of how associates transformed a local orphanage with their gifts and their work.

In addition, there is an account of Wrigley's First Sustainability Overview and a number of other items from around the world. Please check the News Archive to make sure you can see them all, as they won't all fit - even on the new expanded space for news - on the Home Page. More news items will be posted in the next few days as well.

Other things to check out this month are an article from David Drennan on How to manage your boss (the first of a series of 3) in Managing your career, and an article on Garden Design Principles for those of us who have come back from holiday with energy to redesign the garden. This is in the General section of Careers and Business archive.

As far as forthcoming events go, John Humpish has just posted details of the Pastmasters' dinner to be held in November. Please see Forum - Pastmasters for more information (please make sure that you are logged in to Martians Reunited first otherwise you won't be able to access the forum).

If anyone else has forthcoming events, please do post news of them on the Forum - or send us some pictures and an account of how it went afterwards!

And, as always, please do pass this newsletter on to anyone who might be interested, and encourage them to join www.martiansreunited.com.

All best wishes

Mike & Lis

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