

Highcliffe Duplicate Bridge Club

Dear Members

Self-Isolation!!!



Here we go with Newsletter No.2. How are you all?

Before I go any further I must say a big 'thank you' to John Lee who has been the wizard behind the technology. As the club's Membership Secretary he is the keeper of all our contact details and has the skill to circulate this e:mail to you all without breaching the Data Protection Act. If you respond to my e:mails John has set up a special club e:mail box that keeps your e:mail contact details protected but enables me to see your responses and to take on board any ideas or requests.

I would also like to thank those of you who did respond with ideas, activities or to just say how much you appreciate receiving my news. How life has changed for us all.

There have been many tips about playing bridge on line and I do hope you tuned into the live broadcasts this week to watch Mr Bridge and Bernard Magee. Will we all be doubling more when we return to playing again?

I must confess much of my time this week has been spent on a jigsaw. I bought it two years ago at Shirley May's charity coffee morning. It had a lovely picture of Christchurch Harbour on the box. I unwrapped the box in the knowledge that the puzzle would be complete and then discovered that about 80% of the pieces were of various shades of blue for the sky and the sea. Just putting together the frame took me two days and, in addition to the blue pieces in the jigsaw, the air at home was even more blue! I am still struggling on but, to be honest, I am enjoying the thrill when I find just one piece that fits. The virus may well be over by the time I have completed it. When, and if I complete it, I am happy to pass it on, or swap it, if anyone is interested. You will certainly need patience with this puzzle.

Do drop me a line when you feel so inclined and if you want a personal reply or a phone call just let me know. I enjoy hearing from you and along with my committee we would very much like to keep in touch with you all.

And in between doing **the** puzzle, playing bridge on line, doing my exercises as well as doing my domestic goddess duties I had to turn my thoughts to what we have faced this week -

Keep safe – stay happy

*How is it for you?
Are you feeling blue?
The thoughts of weeks like this
Isn't exactly bliss*

*We are told we can go and shop
We even have a special slot
But on getting out on time
We were greeted with a very long line*

*After tours of many other locations
We came home without buying our key rations
Back home I was faced with having to make do
As I suspect most of you are also having to*

*Pleased to say the fridge is now full
With food to brighten the days that are dull
And a drink or two to keep up the cheer
As we tick off the jobs we've had for a year*

*Routine is the answer to keeping us sane
D.I.Y may be a solution if you are game
As when we return to life we can call norm
There will no longer be jobs that we need to perform*

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