

Dear Members

Picnic – Wilverley Plain BH25 5TZ - Don't forget we are meeting up this Thursday at 2.30 p.m. in the BBQ area, I do hope the weather will be kind to us so that we can socialise and enjoy each others company.

Subscriptions - Many of you have commented that you have paid your subscription to H.C.A as requested but have not had an acknowledgement. We are discussing with H.C.A how we can confirm your membership and provide your new membership card and will update you on this subject in our next newsletter. In terms of your bridge subscription when we re-commence face-to-face bridge we will be asking you for **£6 in cash**. Two pounds of this will have to be passed to H.C.A so cash will assist this transfer and the balance will cover our usual outgoings. Whilst on the subject of money we would like to thank all those members who sent in a donation to prop up our reserves. I am sure you realise that lockdown prevented us from generating our usual income so we are very relieved that our funds are now restored to meet future commitments.

BBO Pairs/Teams League – A big thank you to Mike, David and Su for keeping us entertained on Monday evenings and congratulations to Mike and Eryl Hardwick on their magnificent win. We will be reviewing on-line bridge as we come out of lockdown and will let you know our thoughts once we get face-two-face off the ground..

Easing back to normal - During the last few days some doubt has been cast on the end date for the roadmap. Your committee has been meeting regularly to discuss the safest way to return to face-to-face bridge when Greystones opens up fully on Monday 5th July. Our plans are in place to return to our normal Monday night bridge but as I send out this newsletter I feel we have to await the government's decision which is due later this week. So you will be hearing further from me once we know if the date of 21st June will definitely be our way out of lockdown or whether we have to wait a couple of weeks longer.

Finally some very sad news. I have just learned that Eileen Keith died very suddenly following a major operation. Her funeral is to take place on Monday 14th June and will be a private affair but those of us that knew her will be gathering to pay our respects outside her home as the cortège leaves at 1 p.m. The address is 6 Thursby Road, Highcliffe, BG23 5PD

That, I think, is all I can say for now. BUT as I have mentioned many times – if you have a question or are worried about anything at all please do pick up the phone and talk to me. I will, of course, update you all again next week and very much look forward to seeing many of you on Thursday.

Until then stay safe.

Pat Carruthers (01425 616312) 7th June 2021