

Dear Members

So lovely to see those of you that turned up at Wilverley Plain. It was such a pleasure to be able to chat and catch up while having our picnic and I hope you all enjoyed your strawberries.

Then just four days later when we were gearing up to return to Greystones on 5th July your committee was having to review the position about our decision. But we were not surprised about the extension to the roadmap and many will say **“it is better to be safe than sorry”**. I now need to explain to you what our plans are now for the bridge club and I can only tell you in the way I know how -

Our Planning Approach

Extending the roadmap was not a shock

Another two weeks to put on the clock

Plans to return to Greystones and f2f bridge

Had to be reviewed on the calendar on the fridge

Your Committee have met and all had their say

We also exchanged views with the H.C.A

The plan we now have is to watch, wait and see

What will happen - will 'freedom' offer us the key?

Our aim is to stay in touch and keep you updated

With our on-line activities that are so highly rated

And when we see the risks reducing much more

We will open up and usher you through the door

We anticipate the summer will keep you busy

So a return to f2f in the Autumn may be easy

We will, of course, plan another social event

Do stay on message for more details to be sent

I trust the above all makes sense and we will do our best to continue to manage this very complex situation. But I am also a realist and know that we cannot please all of the people all of the time. We are so keen to get us all back to seeing one another again when we think it is safe to do so. Don't forget Greystones is open until 2nd July in the afternoon between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. for you to pay your subscriptions and/or collect your membership card and, if required, a car park permit

. Alternatively you can pay on line by accessing the H.C.A website.

When will we return to Greystones – We hope by September life will have returned to some kind of normal so; as I said in my ditty; we will 'watch, wait and see' what happens when the restrictions are lifted.'

A new Teams Tournament – On Monday 28th June Mike Thacker started another Teams tournament to keep us amused until we get back to Greystones. It was very encouraging having so many members sign up to this event. There will be fifteen pairs involved playing roughly fortnightly, two matches per evening, arranged on a rotating partnership basis. Good luck to all and enjoy.

On Line Bridge – thanks also to Arthur, David, Su, Thelma and Mike Price for keeping the Wednesday club going. We are most grateful for the time you spend each week to help us keep our bridge skills honed but I fear mine have deserted me lately.

Another Social Event – We hope to organise something for the end of July. and I will tell you more in my next newsletter.

That's all for now folks – hope to see you soon

Pat Carruthers

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