



FOREST HILL HAPPENINGS

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Hi Folks,

With Rotary pulling up the drawbridge, our club shutting down meetings and everyone generally bunkering down for the foreseeable future our FHH followed the crowd and went into hibernation.

However, perhaps now more than ever we need to keep in touch, check how our friends are travelling (I use the term in a very broad sense!) and see if we can do anything to help each other and generally keep morale on a high level. With the doom and gloom that we see on the TV, in the papers and on our news feeds it is very easy to become despondent (not to mention the distinct change in the weather today).

Yesterday my family, or rather the four families that make up the immediate Marsh clan, got together on Zoom. A fun experience and a chance to check how we were all looking and what the various family members were getting up to. Not as good as a Christmas bash, but certainly an improvement on checking the paint on the walls, watching the grass grow or what meeting has just been cancelled.

Zoom is a free app that can be installed on i-pads, tablets and phones. Also on PC's I believe but haven't explored yet. It is sort of like an updated version of Skype and any number of people can be involved.

Perhaps it is something that members of the club would be interested in exploring.

I don't propose putting out a full FHH in its normal form but would be happy to publish a weekly update if people are interested.

For this to happen I would need members to submit items they think others may be interested in, eg. What activities they are still taking part in, books they are reading, travel plans they are hoping will go ahead or have already been canned (I have just had friends get off the Princess line boat you would have seen on TV and go into isolation for the next two weeks), help they may require, etc, etc, etc.

Bob W you sent me an ad for a friends Trivia night – is it still going ahead? If it is, I can send it out as a separate email.

This note is only going out to members, Honorary Members and ex-Exchange Students. We may get to find out how people overseas are coping. But if the content is forthcoming it could go out to the usual wider audience.

Members could keep Chris and Warwick Stott in their thoughts as Chris is recovering from back surgery.

Ron B, are you and Robbie still with us or did you get to Dubai and or?

Congratulations to Stuart and John McP for celebrating (I hope!) their Club Anniversaries on the 21 and 22 March.

Hope to hear from you.

Stay warm and well.

Bill