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Dear Forum friends

Next week on Tuesday 2 March it will be a whole year since we last had a meeting!! What a long year it's been too. At one stage we were hopeful that we could start having meetings again, but the second wave of Covid came along and put paid to that idea. So here we are, still in limbo, but I think there is a more positive future in sight with the start of the vaccine roll-out. This virus is determined to live and is able to mutate in order to do so. I have been reading a book, part of which is set in London in the 1660s when the plague struck down thousands of people with no recourse to any medication or hospital treatments to help them, so I am grateful that we are not as helpless as the Londoners were in the face of the plague.

My reason for writing to you is twofold: firstly to tell you that you are sorely missed and we hope that you are keeping well, taking care to do all you can to stay safe. The second reason is to urge you to apply for the vaccine as soon as your age group is allowed to do so. Would it be too optimistic to think that we could start meeting again in July? We can easily comply with the rules for social distancing inside the church at Skuilkrans, and, with some organisation, arrange the tea and registration tables to suit as well. So please hold thumbs that the ban on gatherings larger than 50 will be lifted by then and that vaccines will be available to us as well.

Let's aim for July. The good news financially is that your R150s we have been holding over since last year will cover the second half of the year, so no extra payments will be needed (except for a few who hadn't paid by the time we had to close). You will be pleased to hear that we were able to make a further donation to the charity called Sunnyside Up, after I received another letter from them, saying that they were in need again. We were able to use the payments we weren't making to the venue to finance the donation.

The committee joins me in wishing you well, and we all really hope to see you again in July. We're holding thumbs.

Warm regards

Jenny

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