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### **COFFEE MORNINGS**

**21 June** is drawing nearer and I must say I say looking forward for some normality to resume.

As a committee we have discussed our meetings, and we feel we do not want to rush anyone to indoor group meetings. So, to start things of

we are thinking of an afternoon tea at Gunstone Hall, courtesy of Pat and Les.

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### **RHEUMATOLOGY** **HELP LINE – 01902 695491**

I have been contacted regarding the Rheumatology Help Line at New Cross, some of you are having problems getting through. I have checked the details of the helpline and the number above is correct. **The line is manned between 09.00 till 12.30 and again 1.30 till 3.30.** Outside of these hours an answer machine service will be in use, so please leave your details for a call back. You should state your full name and address, hospital number if you have it, reason for calling and of course your contact telephone number.

I am advised that a new queuing system is in operation and the system appears to be working better than before.

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## **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

With a third of the population vaccinated and the programme moving on the vaccinate all ages, we are still ley wondering the roadmap put in place by the Government for easing us out of lockdown will actually go ahead.

The 17 May saw the next phase going ahead. Pubs, Bars and restaurants opened for people to go indoors. Table service only will apply. If you intend to have a meal you should check availability and book a time slot.

Groups of up to 30 people can meet outdoors.

People from different households can socialise indoors, this is limited to 6 people or two households, whichever is the greater number. You can give family and friends a long awaited hug, even a kiss if you feel safe in doing so, or if you prefer when meeting a friend stick to a handshake.

You need to use your own judgement on kisses, hugs and

handshakes. We should also still adhere to wearing face coverings and social distancing when out and about.

Remember, we still have the Indian variant to worry about. Although the injections we have had seem to be offering protection against becoming seriously ill, we still need to take care.

Cases of this Covid variant have doubled in the space of a week, therefore we will not be advised until 14 June if the easing of all lockdown measure will take place on the 24 June as we have previously hoped for. So, watch this space as they say.

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**Stay Safe Everyone**

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