

APRIL 20 20
AT HOME

Dear Marie, Sorry I could not do this in person but that is because a terrible virus COVID 19 has spread from China to Europe and I have been "isolated" at home for 6 weeks now. However I am well and all the family are very supportive, doing shopping and picking things up. Cross fingers we will all get through it by August.

I have had a pretty busy year with the loss of Brian Brittle on Boxing Day, Gordon Sax in Southwold in August, Ken Huddant (CWA) in June and finally Hazel Sheppard in January. I seemed to be going to too many funerals.

On the plus side I have finally stepped down from the CWA Committee and as Vale Road site manager in June as well as my last meeting of the Village Hall Trustees in October. I now feel so much more relaxed these days as a result.

In the family Lisa was 25 in April and still working in the National Trust after taking a 6 weeks sabbatical to tour Cambodia, Vietnam and Thailand. Mia and Holly have been studying furiously during May and June for their A Levels. They both did well and got their first choice of University. Mia has gone to Cardiff and Holly to Bath, they started in September - a very emotional time for them both, as well as for Laila.

Kimberly came to visit in October/November and I threw my 81st party, with her + 120 others in the Foley Arms on the 2nd November. I was very pleased and so proud of all of them. Finally two items for us to celebrate. On the 7th August it was 40 years since we moved into 27 Vale Road with two small boys of 6 and 4 and on 25th August they both came to the house with all the grandchildren for a celebratory picnic / BBQ in the garden. Wonderful. The last item occurred on 17th April 2020 it was the 50th anniversary of the day I proposed to you in the Chinese restaurant in Stower Street - the memory of that evening is burned in my memory.

Goodbye for now my darling - next date is 26th September which will be our Golden Wedding anniversary. I will visit you at the Hospice on that special day.
All my love Allan 30th April 2020 at home