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For your Diary

July date TBA Treasure Hunt **subject to any changes in law ***

September 1 visit to Fleur Fields Vineyard *

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Commodore's Column

So the unlocking has started – it's happening so quickly I think a lot of people can't remember what they are currently allowed and not allowed to do! The media widely advertising forthcoming relaxations has meant that we can all begin to lift our heads and think about things we might be able to do this summer. So plans are underway for an afternoon walking treasure hunt with a 'bring your own' picnic on some large village

green or other suitable open space at the end *

Because, after all this while, we really do want pleasant weather for this you will have to keep an eye on your emails in case this event has to be postponed – but, all being well, it WILL HAPPEN! Both the Spring Rally and the Greek Flotilla holiday have been transferred to 2021 – with all the

uncertainty this was really the only option for large group events like these, and at least we know where we all stand – I am already booked to lead a holiday in Malta at the end of September but whether it will actually go ahead is ... who knows!

I have thoroughly hated this lockdown experience – but there has been one benefit – I started taking my two little granddaughters out for a morning walk each week so their mother could concentrate on home-schooling their elder brother. He then demanded to go for a walk with me too – so whereas with the girls we find a quiet FLAT country road suitable for a pushchair, Bertie and I are walking parts of the Leicestershire Round together. I thought this would all end once they went back to school and nursery – but no – they have asked for the walks to continue much to my pleasure. So I do hope that you too may have found some benefit from this wretched experience.

As I sail a single-handed dinghy I have been lucky enough to be able to restart sailing again. But the Sailing Club are only allowing members on the water, not renting out boats as normal, and the changing rooms etc are all closed (just one spacious disabled toilet open) so I have my doubts as

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