

THE BOARDS NEWSLETTER

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Hello all and welcome to the late-summer newsletter. Yes, I know, summer's only just got going and already it's drawing to a close. The football season's only just finished and it's already nearly time to start again. You can tell it's summer because all the TV programmes are either rubbish or repeats. Watching The Repair Shop recently made me feel really old, as they were repairing an 'ancient' calculating machine with a crank handle and I realised with horror that it was exactly like the one I used to use when I first started work (in 1965)!

I was reading the other day about an American nuclear research analyst called Fred Ickle. I kid you not, that was his real name. Well, when I heard that his wife had just given birth to a baby son it amused me no end to think of him having an Ickle boy.

Also on the TV recently, was the Pope's visit to Northern Ireland some while ago. A local asked him what he thought of County Down and he replied that he didn't think it was the same without Carol Vorderman.

To more serious matters, we are due for our AGM next month, on Thursday 10th. It has been reported that the hall at Rowney Green is hoping to open again on 1st September, so the intention is to hold a socially distanced meeting there if possible. This will give people a chance to meet each other in person again but we will also run a zoom meeting at the same time, so that anyone not wishing to attend in person can still participate. An invitation e-mail will be sent out shortly giving full details.

There is no news as to what may be happening at the Artrix or indeed, at theatres in general, so it is not possible to make further plans for next year at this stage. We will of course let you know as soon as we can.

For those of you who are missing performing (you divas, you) we would like to invite you to record yourself doing something – steady on, I mean something theatrical. It can be a monologue you have seen or written yourself, or even a duologue if it is possible to get together with someone. We would ask that it is no longer than 5 minutes and as the intention is to put them on our own YouTube channel, we would require the consent of the writer of new material and the performer themselves. In addition, children may also submit recordings but we would need the additional consent of their parents. Submissions are to be sent to info@allandsundry.uk. Hope

that is all clear, but if you have any queries please let me know on rogergoddard.rg@gmail.com.

And finally, what do you think is the best thing about Switzerland? I'm not sure either but their flag is a big plus.

That's all folks,

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