



# THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE

## Leicestershire Branch

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Dear Friends and Members,

We appear to be entering the "new normal". We are not able to meet up unless we are in a special bubble, and that is very restricting. We cannot function as a Society, so all I can do as your Chairman is to keep in touch by these letters and phone calls. We have not had any response to volunteers for a new executive committee, and a number still have not paid their subscriptions. Very disappointing.

The Winter spike is expected next month and according to the NHS sources, we are seeing signs already, indeed throughout Europe. I have already booked my 'flu jab for the end of September. Below is a quotation from AA Milne Which is very appropriate for these uncertain times.  
Stay safe, keep well,

Yours sincerely,

Chairman

Tough Enough To Care

It occurred to Pooh and Piglet that they hadn't heard from Eeyore for several days, so they put on their hats and coats and trotted across the Hundred Acre Wood to Eeyore's stick house. Inside the house was Eeyore.

"Hello Eeyore," said Pooh.

"Hello Pooh. Hello Piglet," said Eeyore, in a Glum Sounding Voice.

"We just thought we'd check in on you," said Piglet, "because we hadn't heard from you, and so we wanted to know if you were okay."

Eeyore was silent for a moment. "Am I okay?" he asked, eventually. "Well, I don't know, to be honest. Are any of us really okay? That's what I ask myself. All I can tell you, Pooh and Piglet, is that right now I feel really rather Sad, and Alone, and Not Much Fun To Be Around At All. Which is why I haven't bothered you. Because you wouldn't want to waste your time hanging out with someone who is Sad, and Alone, and Not Much Fun To Be Around At All, would you now."

Pooh looked at Piglet, and Piglet looked at Pooh, and they both sat down, one on either side of Eeyore in his stick house.

Eeyore looked at them in surprise. "What are you doing?"

"We're sitting here with you," said Pooh, "because we are your friends. And true friends don't care if someone is feeling Sad, or Alone, or Not Much Fun To Be Around At All. True friends are there for you anyway. And so here we are."

"Oh," said Eeyore. "Oh." And the three of them sat there in silence, and while Pooh and Piglet said nothing at all; somehow, almost imperceptibly, Eeyore started to feel a very tiny little bit better.

Because Pooh and Piglet were There.

No more; no less.

(A.A. Milne)