

Keeping in Touch - 31 May 2020

Hey, what a difference a week makes, the town is pulsing, people everywhere, parking spaces at a premium, maybe a queue in the supermarket, guess what, there is life in Denmark again. Some people happy, some not so happy, oh well, can't please everyone.

Good day everyone, trust all is well and spirits are up as the Lockdown eases. I know some of you have family or friends visiting this long weekend, or you have departed far and wide to do likewise. Have a safe and enjoyable time. Please drive carefully.

A special Congratulations to Gavin Gray on achieving the magic milestone, 80, so the rumour goes. Hope you had a wonderful day Gavin, with many more to come. We salute you.

Looking back over the past months since the Pandemic started, it has become clear that we are the victims of our own lifestyle. Let me explain further, how we live our lives, what we buy, why and when, directly impacts on what we can purchase when a situation arises ,such as this current pandemic.

Take bread for example, with time on their hands, people started making their own bread. Flour, Yeast etc. sold out and stocks couldn't be replenished quickly enough. The reason is we went from 2-3% making their own bread, to 23-28% baking their own bread. Flour Mills don't have the capacity in their system to suddenly increase production of supplying small 1kg.-2kg. or maybe 5 kg. bags for shop sale. They need to order a greater quantity of bags, maybe different wheat, etc.. Flour Mills are geared up to supply 25kg. to 50 kg. bags to bakeries. This makes up approximately 95% of their business. It takes time for industry to change their production lines, sometimes at considerable expense.

The old Toilet roll fiasco, it's the same thing, Supermarkets these days don't buy from warehouses, they deal direct with the manufacturer, whom only normally make toilet paper for you and me on demand. Supermarkets and manufacturers don't carry large stocks, they don't have the room ,where once a warehouse would have carried large stocks. Today there are no, or very few warehouses.

Toilet Paper for Hotels, Motels and business in general, (which were shut) is of a different standard than what House holders use. So you see, the extra high demand, panic buying, or just increasing demand way above normal, creates many problems within the supply chain, hence, we, the consumer, should maybe put a little more thought into how we manage our day to day living. Gardening became another victim if you like, Nurseries sold out of vegetable seedlings and vegetable seeds. Almost overnight, new stocks barely got onto the shelves before they were out the door. At

Blossoms you had to be very, very quick and very early, 7am. So the rumour goes. Good for Blossoms.

Lots of rain this week, as of the end of May, we are about 100mm above our yearly average, let's hope the trend continues.

Funnies this week courtesy of The Val and Grant Ball Clan.

Notice from the Association of Psychiatrists

Dear citizens,

During the quarantine it is considered normal to talk to your plants and pets. Kindly contact us only if they reply.

Thank you



With the relaxing of Covid 19 Restrictions we are hopefully getting closer to having get togethers and meetings again, in the meantime, stay well stay safe.

Cheers

Stuart.