

Hello Everyone

Welcome to this week's Tuesday News.

We have called a halt to our social walks programme for the time being, and we all know what we can and can't do, so we won't dwell on that.

Instead, we have news of BBN face masks, a Christmas Quiz courtesy of Beryl Bowley and, by popular demand, a cracker-full of corny jokes.

But first, a couple of thank-you's:

### **Chiltern Anytime Kanter – route checking**

Roy sends a huge thank you to everyone who got in touch with him. He's had a good response and has been in contact with everyone who offered to help.

### **GPX files**

And a thank you from me to those who have already sent in GPX files. Past walk leaders – a project for lockdown? – please send me any GPX files you may have for walks you've led for the group so we can keep the BBN Walks Database updated.

### **BBN Face Masks**

For those of you who view the BBN Facebook page, you've probably seen the picture of the mysterious person wearing one of the new BBN face masks and have been trying to work out who he is. If you've not done so, then to put you out of your agony the identity of the mystery man is shown at the end of this article.

For the people who have already ordered masks I will drop them in the post over Christmas so you can start carrying them on your walks as per LDWA advice. Here is a photo modelled by Super Scouse Teddy showing what they look like. [Super Scouse Teddy](#)

I ordered 20 of the less expensive ones and thus far 12 have been spoken for. Each one costs £4.30 each. From the announcement by PM Johnson on Saturday night we will need to be carrying these around for most of next year. Therefore, they should become part of your standard kit to go walking along with water, loo paper, first aid kit etc.

By the way Teddy has recovered from his battle with Paddy over the Maltesers and the gripping saga will reach its conclusion in the next newsletter. I know you can't wait to find out.....

SO.....at long last the moment that you've all been waiting for. But before you find out, a quick Covid joke.

Q Why did the Pirates have to self-isolate?

A Because the AARRRRHHH rate had gone up.

**The identity of the mysterious stranger is ?** Not got it yet ? [Take a look here](#)

Difficult to tell us apart I know.

Happy shopping everyone.

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### **Let's get festive!**

#### **A Christmas Quiz**

Settle down with a mince pie or two and a glass of something tasty and get puzzling.

[Beryl's Christmas Quiz](#)

And in case you are feeling gloomy with talk of tiers and mutations, here are some terrible cracker jokes to cheer you up. Feel free to open that tin of Quality Street.

What do you get if you lie under a cow? A pat on the head

Why did nobody bid for Rudolph and Blitzen on eBay? They were two deer

What did the stamp say to the envelope? Stick with me and we'll go places

Why are Christmas trees so bad at knitting? Because they always drop their needles

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? Tinsillitis

What did Adam say the day before Christmas? It's Christmas, Eve

What did the snowflake say to the fallen leaf? You are so last season

What athlete is warmest in winter? A long jumper

What is the best Christmas present? A broken drum, you can't beat it!

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus? Claustrophobic

Who hides in the bakery at Christmas? A mince spy

What do elves learn at school? The elf-abet

Why are Santa's deers always wet? Because they're reindeers

What did Santa do when he went speed-dating? He pulled a cracker

How does Santa keep track of all the fireplaces he's visited? He keeps a logbook

**And a few newer ones:**

Why couldn't Mary and Joseph join in the conference call? Because there was no Zoom at the inn.

Why won't Santa lose any presents this year? He's downloaded Sack and Trace.

Why wasn't Rudolph allowed to take part in vaccine trials? Because they only wanted guinea pigs.

And that old favourite:

**What's yellow and extremely dangerous?**

**Shark infested custard**

Have a Happy Christmas Everyone

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***To keep up-to date with the latest news about walking in the pandemic and how this has affected the LDWA, please see***

***<https://ldwa.org.uk/library/coronavirus2020.php>***