



The Cartier Chronicle

The One to watch!



Welcome to 2021 and thank you to all who helped to see 2020 out in fine style with our various December events. The strength of our Clubs was shown off to great effect and gave us all enjoyment in these continuing trying times.

We were all very sorry to know that Jimmy Gordon had died. As the founder of Ringwood Round Table in 1960 he was the fount of all the community activity, fun and fundraising which the Club and our Ex-Table Club has enjoyed. There is a tribute to Jimmy in this edition.

Our thoughts are also with Brian Pierson and his family, and with our other members who have recently contracted the virus.

Please join our Club events to help roll the days on. The winter restrictions with the cold and short days seem harsher than last Spring and summer. I guess we just have to be patient, and with the vaccine hopefully not too far away for all of us we can begin to look forward even though this period has seemed to be never ending. If it was warmer I would clear out the garage again!

When Susie and I completed our 500 miles each for National President Peter's Charity, Dementia UK, we were challenged by Tom Atkins, the initiator of the challenge, to join others who were going for 500+500 (1,000) miles each. We decided to do so and when the November lockdown came we were pleased that we did. We completed the 500+500 each on 29th December and had a little celebration on returning home. The pictures we are holding in this photo are of The Proclaimers, the mascots of the challenge, for their song but we didn't fall down at the door!

Keep safe and keep smiling with Arthur.

Yours in Continued Friendship,

Richard

Dear Richard and Susie....On behalf of both Clubs I have to record massive congratulations to you both on this tremendous achievement and also for putting the rest of us to shame. Well done! Ed



DIARY

JANUARY

Tuesday 5th January : Council meeting 4.30pm on Zoom

Monday 11th January : Club Film Night : The Fourth Protocol : 7.15pm on Zoom

Wednesday 13th January : Three Clubs meeting hosted by Tangent : 7.30pm on Zoom (see page 2)

Monday 18th January : Club Concert : Summer Night Concert from Schonbrunn : 7.15pm on Zoom (see page 4)

FEBRUARY

Monday 8th February : Club Film Night : Dirty Rotten Scoundrels : 7.15pm on Zoom. Details to follow

Sunday 14th February : Tip for the blokes.....Valentines Day!!



Caroline's Corner



Firstly, I must say a big thank you to the social committee, Anne D, Richard Carter, Jeff W and of course Jenny and Ian Stockdale for putting together a great string of Christmas evenings. From a tour of London, to bingo to memories of past 41 Club events, we were all thoroughly entertained although I'm not sure about the pantomime. Oh yes I am!

2020 has not been easy and has been particularly challenging for many, however we have remained resilient and I am pleased we have still managed to keep in touch albeit via a screen.

And how sad to learn of the sudden passing of Ann Pierson. Our thoughts are with Brian and the family at this difficult time.

Our next social diary date is 13 January when the 3 clubs will meet for some friendly competition with our 'Would I Lie to You' game show. See below for more details.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2021

Yours in continued friendship.

Caroline



This Tangent member was obviously enjoying the bingo!

Some familiar faces from our Tangent Bingo Night!

It's Tangent's turn to organise the 3 Clubs meeting 2021.
OUR VERY OWN Zoom



Next Wednesday January 13th at 7.30pm

You will be asked to vote on whether each outlandish tale, presented by members of Tangent, Ex Table and Table, is TRUE or FALSE.

The Zoom link will be sent on Tuesday 12th January

Honestly!!!!



Jimmy Gordon

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of Jimmy Gordon on December 22nd 2020.

Jimmy reached 100 years of age last year. Despite Covid 19 he enjoyed his birthday with many Ringwood friends, and welcomed the Queen's telegram.

He was the Founder Chairman of Ringwood and District Round Table in 1959 and Chairman of Ringwood and District 41 Club just a few years later.

From his decorating store in Ringwood Jimmy was always actively involved in the Ringwood community from the carnival and procession plus multiple local projects while personally raising over £200,000 for Cancer Research UK.

In 2014 he became a Life Honorary Member of Ringwood Ex Tablers Club and continued attending social events and meetings into 2019.

Jimmy Gordon was a popular and active Ringwood person who leaves many fond memories of his personal and community contributions over the years.



If you would like to see this fabulous concert but maybe unfamiliar with BBC iPlayer, then Keith has produced this guide to help.

A 'BBC iPlayer' CONCERT NIGHT Monday 18th January 2021:
Beginning at 7.15pm on ZOOM with Richard, Keith and Sue

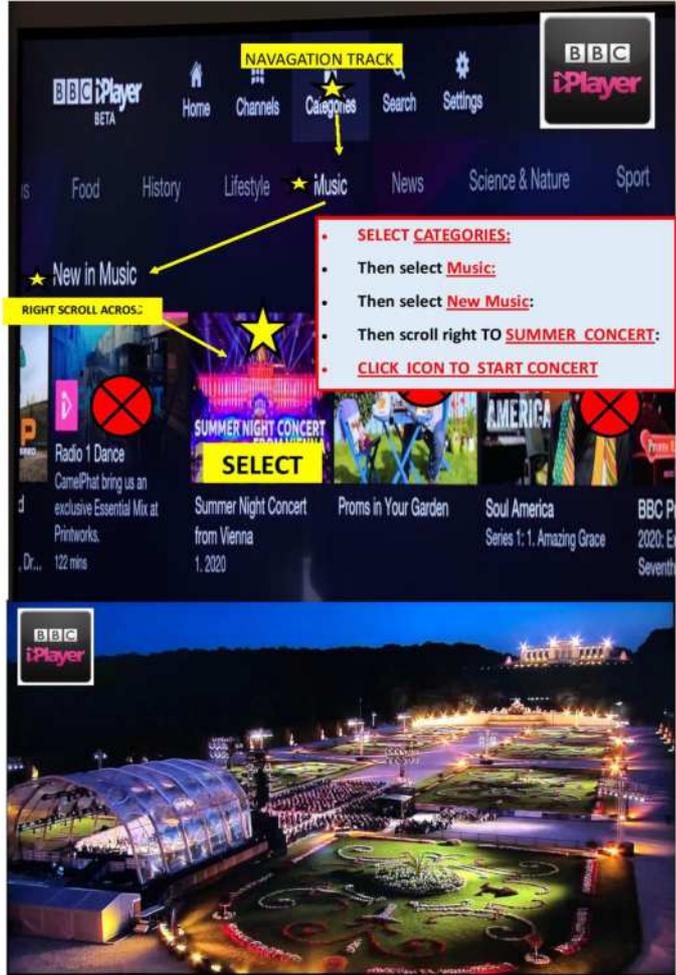


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A (fantastic) message from Ringwood & Verwood Round Table

(This article was first shown on their Facebook page)

As we sit here on the first afternoon of 2021, we thought that we'd take the opportunity to look back over our first year as a re-Chartered Round Table. When the first few of us began talking about reforming a Round Table in our local communities in the winter of 2019 & spring of 2020, little did we know what the year had in store for us all.

Against the backdrop of COVID-19, which saw so many things cancelled, delayed, or massively altered, we're really proud of all that we've managed to achieve in our first year:

- 17 New Members
- 2.8 tonnes of food donated to local foodbanks
- Over £3750 raised for local charities & good causes
- Re-chartering in the 60th year since Ringwood Round Table was originally formed
- 46km of roads visited by Santa's Sleigh
- Round Table Woods founded in Crow
- 42 Roast Dinners funded for Key Workers
- 10 organised litter picks
- 650kg of litter collected
- 5 raised beds built to help RACE found their own Tree Nursery

We've managed to rise to the challenges that coronavirus presented by echoing the motto of Round Table; Adopt, Adapt, Improve. Whether it's by Adopting video-conferencing as a way to meet up during lockdown & to keep moving forwards, by Adapting to the restrictions and still growing as an organisation or Improving what we do to make our first time of welcoming Santa Claus to town a roaring success, we've shown that you can still come together (Tier restrictions permitting), make new friends and Do More in the local community in the last year - Just imagine what we'll achieve in 2021!

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WELL DONE BOYS! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS!

It is John Quint's turn to regale his former Tabling days in Shropshire



Oakengates Round Table held their fun day at Hartshill Park. Trying out a new style of wheelbarrow race is table vice-chairman Barry Charlton, being pushed by John Quint, chairman.

I joined Oakengates and District Round Table number 908 Area 5 in 1972 due to pressure from one of my pals who was already a member extolling the virtues and great times he was having and I've never regretted it. Fun, fellowship, charity events and formal evenings became the norm. We made new friends many of whom we are still either in touch with, or see every year. Our Table was known in Area 5 as being one of the most active and boasted 50 active members in its heyday and over the years promulgated two Area Chairmen from our ranks.

Having held most of the offices and been on council almost continuously since joining it eventually became my turn to stand for Chairman and in those days it was by election from several candidates. 1984/5 became my year in the Chair.

I'm sure every Past RT Chairman remembers his year with some clarity even after all this time, and I recall the Oakengates Fun Day we had in one of the local parks. A Donkey Derby was a favourite of the day and young children were dumped onto a poor unsuspecting animal, a sharp smack in its backside (the donkey, not the child...although sometimes...) and off they went around a pre-set small course with squeals of delight. One of our members was a young P.E. teacher who offered to do a ski jump! We

helped him build a very shaky ramp about 25ft, high. The slope was covered on plastic streamers pointing downwards and a hosepipe at the top gave a running stream of water that worked as a sort of lubricant. I took the hose to the top and fixed it for him and was extremely pleased to get down safely as even in a slight breeze it wavered unsteadily several inches back and forth, so much so I got one of our solicitor members to make the teacher sign a form absolving us from any blame in the event of any injury! However, in ski gear he climbed to the top and skied down, did a backwards somersault landing on a large inflated bag of air. He repeated this three times before common sense kicked in and we grounded him. A double page spread in the local paper gave us wonderful publicity.



Sponsored bike ride, pistol shooting, clay pigeon shooting, barn dance, sports competitions, kinky craft race on the Severn, and many other events which all Tablers would be familiar with. However, for my Birthday.... a Round Table treat! We had a visit to the Long Mynd Gliding Club on the Cleve Hills. All was well, it was a comparatively comfortable twin seater stunt glider and the pilot an award winning professional. Or at least it was until at about 2000 feet I asked him how fast the plane could fly. His response was to put it into a vertical dive.

The whole plane shook the wings flapped and vibrated with the control wires making pinging noises and he only pulling out at 130mph 50 ft above my fellow Tablers who ran for cover thinking (as I did!) that we were going to crash.

It was traditional for us to have a Chairman's away visit to another country so I chose Amsterdam.....but

I can't remember what or if anything happened to our party of eight! Probably the most rewarding charity action we set up was to build a holiday bungalow at Fairbourne on the Welsh coast. It would house a family of up to two adults and six children. Each year we would interview deserving families and take them free of charge for week at a time, dropping off one family and picking up the ones already there and bringing them back. Always taking plenty of sick bags as many were not used to car travel. Several wondered why we hurried back, it was because we always made the journey on a Sunday and Wales was dry so getting back to civilisation was imperative to meet friends for a few beers in England.

Many more memories but over a glass of wine maybe, when we get over this abhorrent disease and lockdown.

Happy New Year.

(Thanks John.....so reminiscent of my RT Days! Ed)

Oakengates fun day

OAKENGATES and District Round Table held a Fun Day and 1st a knockout competition at Hartshill Park on Saturday.

1 - Ray Cooper, Irene Morgan, Sue Partridge
 2 - Andy Mills, Gerald Cooper, Stan Gwynn
 3 - Steve Ingham, Jane Lloyd, Alison Taylor
 4 - Victoria Ingham

5 Helen Dixon, Andrew Dixon
 6 Mike Dixon, Steve Ingham, Terry Winterman, Barry Ingham
 7 - John Knight, George Charlton, Richard Mills, Peter Tuxton

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RACE ("Ringwood Actions for Climate Emergency")

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This could be an opportunity for the Club to do something within the community – much like the "good old days" in Table.

Recently I received a phone call from Colin Andrews who is a prime mover within RACE asking whether we would like to/could help with a project related to their tree planting programme. As you may know, recently they planted their 20,000th tree (as seen on Ringwood TV) but there are plenty more to come!

Apparently, because of social distancing rules it had not been possible to do as many as they would have liked just using clubs like Round Table, Rotary, Scouts, Schools etc so a commercial contractor did a chunk. I think they now need to demonstrate even greater Community involvement and have asked whether we can help and if so, could we please wear 41 Club tabards for a photo shoot – I feel a publicity opportunity coming on for Ian!! What we are being asked to do is some or all of the following:

A lot of support posts have been put in place but to make sure the farmers don't cut them all down when they are doing their hedge work, all the tops need to be sprayed red. I feel sure we have some budding graffiti artists in the club who might like to have a go.

The second project involves securing the sentinel trees which have been planted every 20 metres. Wooden posts have been "planted" around the trees but the trees themselves now need securing with strapping which Colin will provide, together with instruction on how to fix them.

The third part is to mulch the trees that have already been planted; a bit more laborious I suspect but could be fun.

I'm not sure when the work can be carried out given present restrictions but it would be good to have a team ready willing and able as and when we have a green light. To that end would you please drop an email to the Club secretary, Chris Kean, who is co-ordinating our involvement, if you would like to be part of the chain gang.



Will's Wednesday Walk held on Tuesday 22nd December

Julie and I arrived at the Sandbanks Ferry in good time to meet the hoped-for other intrepid walkers for a stroll to Studland Middle Beach. The tide was low, firm sand for smooth walking was abundant, the weather was pleasant with a gentle breeze. What more could a walker/nature lover want? I admit that no-one had phoned me before hand as asked in Jeff's message to all via Arthur, but sadly no-one turned up.

We had a very pleasant 45 minutes watching the ferry trundling to and fro. Other boats going in and out; the Pilot going out to a gravel boat making its way in, small boats with worm-drowners hoping to catch something; others just enjoying being on the water. We could only see two cruise ships anchored in the Bay. We then left to buy whatever we had forgotten to get for our various descendants for Xmas. Is this a Chinese Pox thing? Is Christmas to blame? Am I in the right job for arranging walks? Are Walks a thing of the past? Are they for Summer only?

The tide would definitely **not** be favourable on Friday 1st January for this walk; High Tide Springs at 09:50, so no firm sand.

What a pity. Will's comments must be followed up with a decent open debate. In the meantime we all hope that they are recovering well from this virus and send our very best wishes. Ed

Another Smile for Another Month



An exciting new Talent Show starring Fern Britton and Chris Tarrant starts next week.

It's called "Brittons Got Tarrant"

Letter to the Editor

Just one this month. Perhaps all the others are stuck in the Christmas post?

Dear Sir,
When is negative, positive and positive, negative?
When receiving your CoVid-19 test result.
What a year!
Best Regards

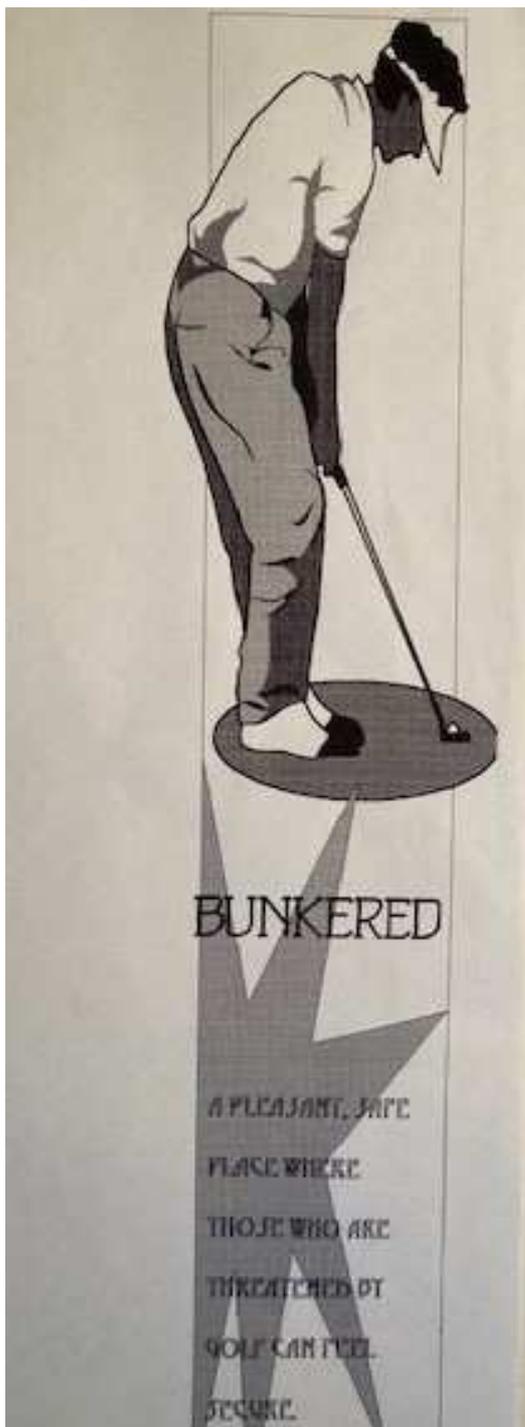
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I found this article recently in the loft! It brought back many happy memories of a time when the Sharps, Warnes, Brunts and Vincents used to meet regularly in each other's houses for 'an eights dinner party'. At the time John, Keith and Barrie were all magistrates, John and Keith often walked together putting 'the world to right' and came up with articles like this: a gentle poke fun at the Golfers amongst us!

Tony and Maureen, Christine and Barrie played golf: Lesley and Keith, Ann and John did not!

Read this edition of Bunkered as well as Lesley Sharp's reply and the spoof application for membership form.

I hope you enjoy it! Reproduced with Lesley's kind permission. (Ann L)



Ringwood Ex-Tablers Golf Society

Application for membership

I Hereby apply for membership of the above Society and I agree to abide by the rules of the Society.

Please supply the following Club merchandise:

- Xtra Large Pringle Sweater (Pink)
- Silly Trousers (Rupert Style) Yellow
- Golf Shoes (White - D. Taylor pattern)
- Niblick: Harrogate type CV
- Putter: Acocks Green Patent Ref: MB
- Video: Spam Weekend - October 1923
- Designer socks: Customised RETGS
- Truss: Old stock K. S. Pharmacy Ltd.
- Zimmer Cart Mains Adaptor D.C.
- Cap: Sponsored by Stanner Lifts PLC
- Glove: Half pair pack

'Bunkered' is for those who wish to fight back, who feel assaulted by the relentless onslaught of Pringles, Woods, Drivers and Putter. For those to whom a fairway is another way of saying there is a long way to go and for whom a tee is a misspelling of an afternoon meal, should turn to our refuge. 'Bunkered' provides a warm pool set in delightful gardens with curvaceous paths and dappled woods. Positively no golf is permitted though conversation can turn to rugby, railways, English Literature, food and drink and walking. Judicial matters are discouraged though permitted. If you think you and your partner need us, just call. We'll always be there to help! Our motto 'Tee off' is self explanatory and the severely afflicted are encouraged to shout it loudly at intervals during their day as a form of aversion therapy. Be 'Warned' though, success is far from guaranteed: this form of addiction is dangerous and the pushers will constantly try to supply the addict with substances which are seriously habit forming. Trolleys, check trousers, silly sweaters and restricted language are danger signs. Seek help early!

13 Alyth Road,
Bournemouth,
BH3 7DF.
01202 295837

5th March, 1997

BUNKERED,
17 Bushmead Drive,
Ashley Heath,
Ringwood.

Dear Friends of Bunkered,

Yes, please! I desperately need your help. I obtained your Bunkered brochure at our local Fireside club and found it of great comfort. My partner is about to retire from prolonged, active life and is already beginning to exhibit alarming signs of Premature Pringability. He today actually admitted sharing a mint Kit Kat (obtained from the esteemed members of Ferndown Golf Club) with mutual friends suffering from Advanced Pringability of the Harrogate Variant. My partner allegedly took advice on professional tuition and he is clearly on the verge of Total Collapsed Personality syndrome (TCP).

I need your help soonest.

Yes, please! Reserve me a place at Bonkers.

Yours Sincerely,

Lesley Sharp
Lesley Sharp

P.S. I sneaked the enclosed copy while he was out!

Editor's comment

As a member of the Ringwood Ex Tablers Golf Society I can assure my proof reader (who supplied this copy) that the above remains true to this day and members are proud of the fact that whilst others feel excluded from the joys of golf, we continue to play the game and worry for those who fail to understand the logic of hitting a small hard ball over one hundred times over a period of four hours in sweltering sun, lugging a huge golf bag but with the prospect of verbally replaying every single shot once again in the clubhouse afterwards with a pint of cold beer. Now, what's wrong with that? QED.

Club Christmas Party on Zoom

Ian Stockdale writes.....

To produce Decorative Toilet Rolls to display at the party was from an original idea by Mike Edwards.

The works of art were produced by the following:
Clockwise from top left

Lomax, Anderson, Treleaven, Merrett, Green, Gerald and Delia Carter, Wickens and Blackiston.



And this one was from the Wyatt's. Being singled out is not intended to confer any hint of superiority over the other great pieces!!!



And the Edwards offerings.....



Useful tip from Anne Dyson.....

Possibly worth including in Cartier? The clue is that all government websites end in .gov so don't click on the link!

Monday, 4 January 2021

GOV-UK: We have issued a payment of **£258.76** to all residents as part of its promise to battle COVID-19. Please visit <https://grant-cov-19.com> to apply.

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Hang on in there because there is a light at the end of the tunnel

41 Club National Newsletter – December article



Launch of the '41 Club Buddies' Service

All members should have received a letter from National President Peter Good on 1st November, in which he warned that whilst a Summer lockdown had been bad for people, the Winter lockdown including the new 'Tiers' would be a lot worse due to the cold dark nights and limited social contact. He urged members to ensure they kept a lookout for their family, friends and fellow 41 Club members who could be struggling.

Following this, a request went out for volunteers to become 'Buddies' whom any 41 Club members could contact if they felt lonely, isolated or just wanted a chat. Around 20 volunteers came forward and have joined me in setting up the 41 Club Buddies service. (*Did you know that David Phelps has volunteered? Ed.*)

The team of volunteers have done a great job working together in a short period of time to agree processes, undertake some befriending training, review and agree relevant support documents, as well as successfully testing out the new 'Buddyline' telephone service for all members.

I am please to inform you that the 41 Club Buddyline is being launched on Monday 14th December and will operate from 10am until 10pm seven days a week. Outside of these hours, a message will be heard informing the caller of the Buddyline hours as well as hearing the contact numbers of specialist befriending and support organisations.

The Buddyline number is 03301 070740

From Monday 14th December 10:00 – 22:00 every day

All calls to the Buddyline will be anonymous and answered by a friendly and helpful 41 Club Buddy, who will simply be there for any member who wants to chat about anything that is worrying them. Members may be lonely or feeling isolated; they may have lost touch with their old Club; or may be just feeling down.

A Buddy will not judge, but will be respectful, patient, empathetic and understanding of every caller. Buddies are friendly fellow 41 Club members who will speak with any caller as a distant friend; may help provide contact numbers of Clubs within our Association or perhaps signpost a caller to a specialist support organisation.

Buddies will answer Buddyline calls in rotation so a caller will not necessarily speak to the same Buddy if he calls again.

In these challenging times, it is important to remind **all** Clubs that ours is a fellowship association and that consequently we should all ensure we support our own members. So if one of your members hasn't attended Club meetings recently or hasn't been in touch – then maybe it would be helpful to reach out and make a call just to see if they are OK.

At the end of the day, we are all buddies to each other – and I would ask every Club to please ensure we are all living up to our Association's Toast – "To Continued Friendship".

Peter McBride

Region 24 National Councillor

Answers to Quiz in Xmas special edition

1. How many points does a snowflake traditionally have? **SIX**
2. In what country did the custom of putting up a Christmas tree originate? **GERMANY**
3. In which European country was the original St. Nicholas born? **TURKEY**
4. Name Santa's reindeer. **BLITZEN, COMET, CUPID, DASHER, PRANCER, VIXEN, DANCER, DONNER**
5. In what country did Silent Night originate? **AUSTRIA**
6. Who composed the songs for the film White Christmas? **IRVING BERLIN**
7. The film "Miracle on 34th Street" centres on what real-life department store? **MACY'S**
8. In which James Bond film would you find the character Dr Christmas Jones? **THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH**
9. Which is the only English county you can spell without using any letters in the word CHRISTMAS? **DEVON**
10. Christmas Crackers is cockney rhyming slang for which part of the male anatomy? **TESTICLES (KNACKERS)**

We are not all in the same boat. We are in the same storm. Some have yachts, some canoes, and some are drowning. Just be kind and help whoever you can.

**I think nine pages is enough for the time being!!
The next edition will be published in early February.
Please continue to forward suitable material,
BEFORE 4th February.
Thank you
and a very Happy New Year to all our readers
Ed and Sub Ed (promotion from proof reader!)**

