



Coronavirus Virtual "Run" Number 461

4th February 2021

Living rooms across Merseyside, Chester, Grantham and Julich

The Pack: 10secs (Hare), Snoozanne, Mad Hatter, Compo, Cleo, Overdrive, ET, Eccles, Carthief, Victim, Austin Powers, Hovercrap, Cherry Poppins.

The Julich branch of the pack was here in force with Austin Powers and Cherry Poppins in at the start; and Hovercrap turning up later. 10secs started on his quiz which was an acrostic, i.e. the initial letters of the answers in each round would spell out words with a Christmas theme. It had been set originally over Christmas for a rambling club and 10 secs had forgotten how much the questions were slanted towards those with a hiking bent. He made several apologies and suggestions that the quiz could be shortened later if the pack was bored, to which Snoozanne asked if it was acceptable to be bored already. She was probably joking... Anyway as the rounds went by it appeared that several people had at least realised what the theme was. Hints to some of the more obscure places may or may not have helped...but what kind of clue can you give to "Carneddau" or "Blencathra" or even "Alston"?





There was a quick enforced break between Rounds 6 and 7. At some point in the proceedings Hovercrap and ET had put in an appearance. 10 secs quickly displayed the questions again in case some of the earlier ones had become easier in the light of realising the theme. 10 secs then revealed the answers; most if not all had by this time realised that each round spelt out one of Santa's reindeer.

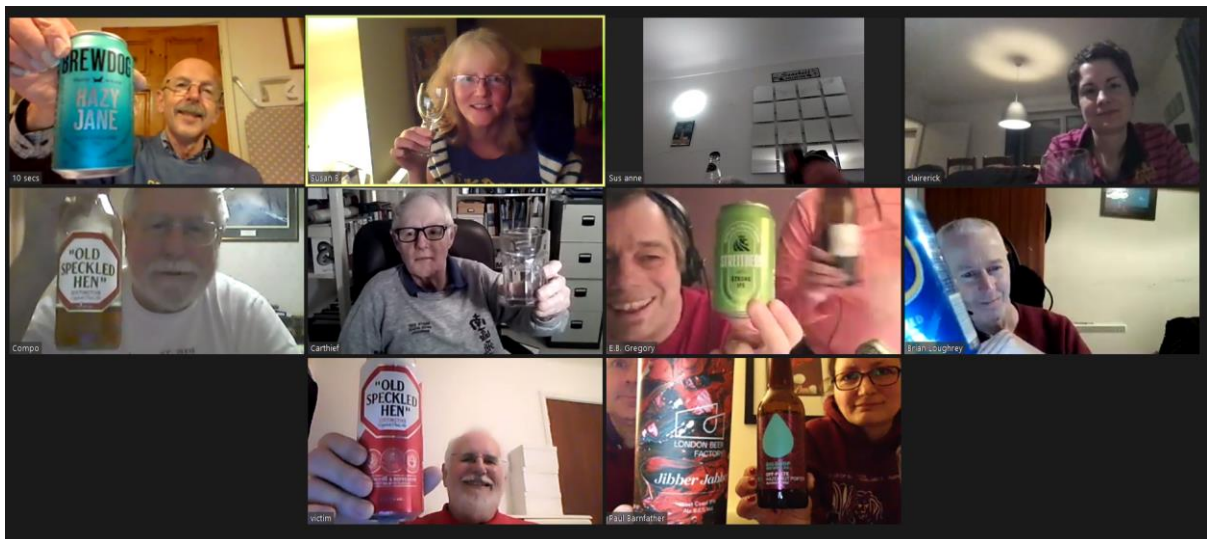
The results were as follows (out of 51) with some very creditable scores and the traditional winning team

- Snoozanne & Mad Hatter – 45
- Eccles – 38
- Victim – 38
- Overdrive & Cleo – 37
- Carthief - 30
- Compo - 28
- ET - 26
- Cherry Poppins – 22
- Austin Powers & Hovercrap – 15 ½

Austin Powers and Hovercrap were commiserated with on the handicap of being American; it was suggested that they should do a quiz based on equally obscure knowledge of the US. Austin Powers said to some extent he already had, with his quiz on Liverpools around the world. Victim suggested doing a quiz based on his trip around US on a Greyhound bus – and discovered he had accidentally volunteered to do the quiz on the 18th March



Someone (for some reason now lost in the mists of time) said they'd kissed the Blarney Stone even though they didn't have to. Compo has apparently kissed it twice.



Things were a bit disorganised at the end since no-one would admit to being RA or deputy RA. But just in time we had the usual display of drinks.

Carthief volunteered for April 1st, perhaps with a quiz on a "foolish" theme. There were suggestions by Overdrive and 10secs that he could do a "guess the odd one out" quiz along the lines of "Would I Lie to You" or "Balderdash".

MTH3 40th Night Quiz

Instructions

- This is an acrostic.
- There are seven rounds.
- The initial letters of the answers (in the order of the questions) spell a word, one for each round.
- The questions vary in difficulty; some are easy, some quite hard but...
- ...there is a theme; once you know the theme, you may be able to come back and answer more of the harder questions.

Round 1

- 1) Which London tube line is coloured red on the tube map?
- 2) Which lake in the Lake District has the villages of Pooley Bridge and Glenridding on its shores?
- 3) What was the first National Trail in England (well, mostly in England)?
- 4) Which Scottish island is famed for its smoky, peaty whiskies (not Skye or Jura)?
- 5) What was Chester called by the Romans?

Round 2

1. What is the highest mountain in England outside the Lake District? It was once called Fiend's Fell but now has a "holier" name.
2. The headlands on either side of Llandudno are the Great and Little what?
3. What is the name of the limestone cliff in the Yorkshire Dales, a couple of miles away from the equally impressive Gordale Scar?
4. Which cathedral city in the Cambridgeshire Fens has a name which sounds fishy?
5. Which river tumbles over High Force in the Pennines before passing through Middlesbrough?

Round 3

1. Which National Park is named after a river which later passes through the town where the Royal Naval College is sited?
2. Which Pennine town is the highest market town in England?
3. What is the name of the highest mountain in England?
4. What is the name of the estuary on which Hull is situated?
5. Which National Park is named after a river which sounds like a letter? (Not the Dee!)
6. What is the name of the river which flows through Preston?

Round 4

1. What is the name of the lowest but arguably best-known and shapeliest of the so-called Three Peaks in the Yorkshire Dales? Its name sounds Welsh.
2. What is the name both of an area in London south of the Thames with a famous park, also the location of Kew Gardens; and a town in North Yorkshire in Swaledale?
3. What is the name of the Cumbrian town, once the capital of Westmorland, which has an annual Horse Fair?
4. The highest mountain in the UK is Ben what?
5. What is the name of the mountain range in Snowdonia north of the A5 and south of the A55?
6. What is the name of the Peak District village which is the start of the National Trail in Round 1?
7. The picturesque fishing village south of Whitby is named after which legendary outlaw?

Round 5

1. The Peak District National Park is mostly in which county?
2. Which river flows through the city of York?
3. What is the name of the National Park which surrounds the town of Whitby?
4. In which county are Kielder Forest and the Cheviot Hills?
5. Which Lancashire town gives its name to a cake?
6. Which city in Kent is also the surname of a romantic literary hero?

Round 6

1. What is the other (more correct?) name of the Lake District mountain also known as Saddleback?
2. Which Dorset sea resort has a famous old breakwater called the Cobb? This place also featured in the Jane Austen novel Persuasion.
3. What is the name of the second-highest of the Three Peaks in the Yorkshire Dales? It sounds more like a town than a mountain.
4. Which river flows through Cardiff?
5. The hardest question of the quiz: Which Cornish village gets its name from its patron saint, Saint Senara?
6. What is the name of the river which passes through Carlisle?
7. Which Civil War battle took place on 16th June 1645 near a village in Northamptonshire?

Round 7

1. What was the original name of Manchester Airport?
2. Which play by Dylan Thomas was set in Llareggub?
3. Which London tube line is coloured green on the tube map?
4. Which Anglo-Saxon boundary fortification runs from Chepstow northwards (roughly) along the Welsh border? A long-distance footpath (roughly) follows it.
5. Which island off the north-east coast has a famous monastery?
6. What is the name of the hill where both the Severn and the Wye rise?
7. Mike Oldfield's follow-up to Tubular Bells was named after which ridge in the Welsh Marches? The long-distance footpath of Qu. 4 follows it.

Round 1

- 1) Which London tube line is coloured red on the tube map? **Central**
- 2) Which lake in the Lake District has the villages of Pooley Bridge and Glenridding on its shores? **Ullswater**
- 3) What was the first National Trail in England (well, mostly in England)? **Pennine Way**
- 4) Which Scottish island is famed for its smoky, peaty whiskies (not Skye or Jura)? **Islay**
- 5) What was Chester called by the Romans? **Deva**

CUPID

Round 2

1. What is the highest mountain in England outside the Lake District? It was once called Fiend's Fell but now has a "holier" name. **Cross Fell**
2. The headlands on either side of Llandudno are the Great and Little what? **Orme**
3. What is the name of the limestone cliff in the Yorkshire Dales, a couple of miles away from the equally impressive Gordale Scar? **Malham Cove**
4. Which cathedral city in the Cambridgeshire Fens has a name which sounds fishy? **Ely**
5. Which river tumbles over High Force in the Pennines before passing through Middlesbrough? **Tees**
COMET

Round 3

1. Which National Park is named after a river which later passes through the town where the Royal Naval College is sited? **Dartmoor**
2. Which Pennine town is the highest market town in England? **Alston**
3. What is the name of the highest mountain in England? **Scafell Pike**
4. What is the name of the estuary on which Hull is situated? **Humber**
5. Which National Park is named after a river which sounds like a letter? (Not the Dee, or the Tees...) **Exmoor**
6. What is the name of the river which flows through Preston? **Ribble**
DASHER

Round 4

1. What is the name of the lowest but arguably best-known and shapeliest of the so-called Three Peaks in the Yorkshire Dales? Its name sounds Welsh. **Pen-y-Ghent**
2. What is the name both of an area in London south of the Thames with a famous park, also the location of Kew Gardens; and a town in North Yorkshire in Swaledale? **Richmond**
3. What is the name of the Cumbrian town, once the capital of Westmorland, which has an annual Horse Fair? **Appleby**
4. The highest mountain in the UK is Ben what? **Nevis**
5. What is the name of the mountain range in Snowdonia north of the A5 and south of the A55? **Carneddau**
6. What is the name of the Peak District village which is the start of the National Trail in Round 1? **Edale**
7. The picturesque fishing village south of Whitby is named after which legendary outlaw? **Robin Hood**

PRANCER

Round 5

1. The Peak District National Park is mostly in which county? **Derbyshire**
2. Which river flows through the city of York? **Ouse**
3. What is the name of the National Park which surrounds the town of Whitby? **North York Moors**
4. In which county are Kielder Forest and the Cheviot Hills?
Northumberland
5. Which Lancashire town gives its name to a cake? **Eccles**
6. Which city in Kent is also the surname of a romantic literary hero?
Rochester

DONNER

Round 6

1. What is the other (more correct?) name of the Lake District mountain also known as Saddleback? **Blencathra**
2. Which Dorset sea resort has a famous old breakwater called the Cobb? This place also featured in the Jane Austen novel Persuasion. **Lyme Regis**
3. What is the name of the second-highest of the Three Peaks in the Yorkshire Dales? It sounds more like a town than a mountain.
Ingleborough
4. Which river flows through Cardiff? **Taff**
5. The hardest question of the quiz: Which Cornish village gets its name from its patron saint, Saint Senara?
6. What is the name of the river which passes through Carlisle? **Eden**
7. Which Civil War battle took place on 16th June 1645 near a village in Northamptonshire? **Naseby**

BLITZEN

Round 7

1. What was the original name of Manchester Airport? **Ringway**
2. Which play by Dylan Thomas was set in Llareggub? **Under Milk Wood**
3. Which London tube line is coloured green on the tube map? **District**
4. Which Anglo-Saxon boundary fortification runs from Chepstow northwards (roughly) along the Welsh border? A long-distance footpath (roughly) follows it.
Offa's Dyke
5. Which island off the north-east coast has a famous monastery? **Lindisfarne**
6. What is the name of the hill where both the Severn and the Wye rise?
Plynlimon
7. Mike Oldfield's follow-up to Tubular Bells was named after which ridge in the Welsh Marches? The long-distance footpath of Qu. 4 follows it. **Hergest Ridge**
RUDOLPH