

THE BOARDS NEWSLETTER

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Hello all and welcome to this Christmas edition of The Boards. How are you all doing, after another spate of lockdown? Is it just me or is anyone else fed-up with washing their hands? I'm surprised there's any skin left on mine.

So, now we're rapidly heading towards Christmas and we're faced with the usual tough decisions of who we can get together with, only this time it's much more difficult as we won't be able to catch up with the others in the new year. I knew it would all end in tiers. However, having taken in the advice about trying to avoid touching your face, I've come up with a perfect solution – have a glass of wine permanently in each hand, that way you can't!

At least it looks like we may be able to sing carols (as long as it's outside) but there's not much that will be familiar about Christmas this year. They do say, though, that when we are inside we should have all the windows open for fresh air. I've decided I'd prefer to be outside, with the windows closed.

There's not much to report on the All & Sundry front this time, as the situation hasn't really changed but we have now got a shiny new website, courtesy of Graham. If you haven't visited it yet do take a look, it's very impressive and user-friendly too. As you probably know, there is also a new Media page on the site, with contributions from various people. This has gone down well with members and we'd recommend a closer look at that, too. With thanks to those who have already contributed, if anyone else fancies recording something for it, we'd love to hear from you – the more the merrier. As previously mentioned, send anything (fairly short, please) to info@allandsundry.uk.

One thing I can report from our latest committee meeting is that as part of our commitment as an educational charity, we are planning to make fairly regular donations to deserving cases looking for sponsorship in the arts. If you know of anyone locally who is looking for sponsorship in this field, please let us know. This can also be done on info@allandsundry.uk.

So, to get you into the festive mood, here are a few corny jokes (it's never too early), followed by a few anagrams. They all have something to do with Christmas.

It's a Cracker

What happened to the man who stole an advent calendar? He got 25 days !

What's the best present in the world? A broken drum; you just can't beat it !

How did Scrooge win the football game? The ghost of Christmas passed !

What do you call a bunch of chess players bragging about their games in the hotel lobby? Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer !

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? Tinsilitis !

How many letters in the Christmas alphabet? 25; there's no "L" !

Why was Boris Johnson sacked as nativity manager? He couldn't run a stable government !

Why is Donald Trump continually adding decorations to his tree? Because people keep shouting "Moron" !

Anagrams

1. Smart Heretics
2. Wolf Snakes
3. Totems Lie
4. Station Pie
5. Tossing Eagerness
6. Coordinates
7. In The Glints
8. Drastic Charms

9. Unready Cabs
10. Congress Liar
11. I'm a Poet Madmen
12. Off The Sane Pest
13. Gap Pawn Ripper
14. Tiny Pay Vital
15. Vicar Themes

And here are some more puzzles to exercise the grey matter and keep you guessing. These acronyms are all either Christmas songs or carols. See if you can work them all out. As usual, if you can't, feel free to drop me a line and ask for any answers on rogergoddard.rg@gmail.com .

Acronyms

1. HYAMLC
2. ISTS
3. GRYMG
4. FONY
5. ICUTMC
6. TLDB
7. DHFC
8. SR
9. AHJC
10. STC
11. IBIFC

12. WACIB

13. DTKIC

14. OMS

15. HCSC

And finally, did you know what the Queen's going to call her Christmas Day broadcast this year? The One Show !

Have a jolly Christmas,

Rog (The Old Git)