

# CAMRA Bromley Branch

## e-Newsletter

## December 2020



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## Welcome to the December 2020 e-Newsletter,

In a normal year, the December edition of magazines and newsletters would be full of items looking forward to the festive period, whilst our pubs and clubs would be enjoying their busiest time of the year. However, sadly, 2020 has not been a normal year, and this e-Newsletter was being prepared as the Government announced the new restrictions that are to follow the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> period of lockdown.

As was anticipated, Bromley is to be in Tier 2. This means that only those pubs which can 'serve a substantial meal' will be able to welcome back customers, albeit subject to multiple restrictions. It is however far from certain that this will be a viable operating format, even for those pubs that do offer food. We are already aware of one such pub in BR1 that has "...*taken the difficult decision to remain closed*". In addition, the Tier 2 regulations will prevent customers being able to return to any of the many excellent wet-led pubs in our area.

As drinkers, we are very fortunate that several of our pubs, and at least one club, remained open throughout the second lockdown period to sell us beers and ciders to take away and/or for home delivery.

It has been thanks to the very efficient home delivery service operated by one of those pubs that I have been to enjoy a wide range of cask beers from breweries including Blackjack, Bristol Beer Factory, Burning Sky, Five Points, Marble, Signature, Siren, Twisted Oak and Wild Beer.

Hopefully these venues will be able to continue to provide this service during the coming weeks (and months?), and that other pubs and clubs will now try to do the same. I would urge all members of Bromley CAMRA to do everything that you can to support our local pubs and clubs during this very difficult time.

However, pubs and clubs are so much more than being just places for us to buy our drinks; we go there to socialise with our friends in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere. Whilst some of us might sometimes choose to eat in a pub, they are not restaurants, and the new 'substantial meal' restrictions are likely to act as a major deterrent for many potential pub-goers.

CAMRA and various trade bodies are urging the government to publish the data which they used to justify their apparent singling-out of the hospitality sector for such draconian action. Many people feel that decisions are being made without consideration of the wider consequences. Even today, as I write this, it is being reported that 'a No 10 spokesman' has said that customers "*must leave the pub as soon as they have finished eating their substantial meal*". How reasonable (or workable) is that?

*Bob Keaveney, Editor*



The second period of lockdown, followed by the announcement that Bromley will be in Tier 2, has meant that some of the items intended for inclusion in this edition of the e-Newsletter have had to be put on hold. This includes the second in our new regular series 'Good Beer Guide Pub/Club of Month', plus a feature looking at one of Bromley's breweries.

We hope to be able to include these items in future issues.

## 2020 Christmas Message from the Branch Chairman



What a year 2020 has turned out to be. A year that is best forgotten in many ways due to the Coronavirus pandemic. As I write, the government is just announcing what the new regional Covid tiers will be when we come out of Lockdown 2 on 2 December. Several Northern and Midlands areas, plus Kent will be in the highest level – Tier 3. All of London will be in the revised Tier 2.

I could go on and have a rant about how the government, hand in glove with the anti-alcohol lobby, seems determined to destroy the great British institution of the pub, but I won't on this occasion, as I am supposed to be writing a 'goodwill-to-all-men' Christmas message. I'll leave it to you, our suffering members, to comment as you see fit. But what I will say is that, yet once again, the social and wellbeing benefits of pub-going have been overlooked. The basic human need will always mean people will need to congregate in pleasant and friendly surroundings, chatting and laughing with each other. The extra restrictions on pubs will increase feelings of loneliness and social isolation after a year that has been tough for many.

You will find more comments about the revised tier structure elsewhere in this e-Newsletter. Meanwhile, let's move on and look at the more positive branch activities that have occurred during the year.

In spite of it being a terrible year for the industry, pubs and general campaigning, as I review this past year there are some positive highlights I can write about. Overall, Branch activities have been proceeding with their usual vigour during the coronavirus restrictions. Although branch social activities are effectively banned, we have maintained our monthly committee meetings by using virtual methods and they have been well attended.



The Branch Committee meet via Zoom

Since the AGM in March, we had a vacancy on the committee for a Pub Preservation and Protection Officer, but we were very pleased to be able fill the post in September. The new post holder, Bryan Gannon, came with past experience of leading the successful campaign to save The Chelsfield pub and he is a very welcome addition to our committee.

Our activities relating to the Good Beer Guide (GBG) and Pub/Club of the Year (PotY/CotY) have continued apace. The planned formal presentations for our 2020 Branch PotY & CotY had to be aborted due to Lockdown, but the framed certificates were handed personally to the venues. In spite of restricted pub access, branch members have been submitting beer scores in sufficient numbers and it's now looking like more than 30 of our pubs and clubs are likely to be eligible for consideration for GBG 2022.



A member's shed bar

Although we have had no official social meetings since March, we have engaged with branch members in other innovative ways to keep them active in the campaign. Members were asked what they were drinking when the first lockdown prevented visits to pubs. These stories, some very amusing, were captured in the Branch Monthly Newsletter. Members were also asked to tell us about their journeys as they sought their beer takeaways, and

again, this prompted further entertaining articles.

A first for the branch was a Green Hop Brewing Competition. Utilising the horticultural skills of one committee member who grew the hops, and the brewing skills of another committee member who made the beers, members were invited to suggest recipes for each of the three harvested hops. The three winners all received bottles of the finished beers and helped out on each of the brewing days as the 'Assistant Brewer'.

Some of our beer outlets really went out of their way to help their local communities and their customers during the coronavirus restrictions. After emailing all our branch members, we invited them to nominate contenders that they felt should receive a special one-off award for being a 'Lockdown Hero'. The response from the branch members was very encouraging and was probably the highest return of member's views that we have had for some time. In our member's submissions, there were some heart-warming stories of what our beer outlets and their staffs were doing. Consequently, 13 premises were given an award certificate.

Our three major interfaces with the wider world are our branch web site, social media feeds and also the monthly e-newsletter. All these media outlets, along with our WhatPub pages, have had major upgrades over the year to their style and/or content. This was done to keep the members better informed on the Coronavirus restrictions, as well as actively promoting the ongoing CAMRA campaigns as they emerged during the year. The response from you our members on the updates has been very encouraging and we thank you for using these online facilities and giving us valuable feedback.



Inevitably, the coronavirus restrictions on pubs and beer availability is likely to have an adverse impact on CAMRA campaigning and thus membership levels nationally. However, I am pleased to say that over the last 12 months our membership numbers have not dropped drastically and currently stand at 1,613. This is about 5% less than 12 months ago. We have lost a few members, but we have also gained some new ones as well. In spite of the odds, we are holding our own. I thank you all for continuing to give CAMRA your support during these difficult times.

You may recall my very first message to branch members upon being elected as your new Chairman in March this year. Lockdown 1 had just started and initially everything was closed. I said then that I felt my name should be 'Vishnu', after the warrior god from Hindu scripture. I quoted his famous words: *"Now I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds"*. It seemed to me then, that no sooner had I taken the Chair, all our beer and cider interests were being destroyed. But I was proved wrong – by means fair, and occasionally foul, our pubs and breweries did reopen. They had to operate in a different way, but it showed the resilience of the beer and cider industry in general. What we have also seen is the determination of our members to help the industry survive and the campaigning strengths of CAMRA.

The way we use our pubs and socialise will continue to evolve. Our pubs, the wider industry, our campaigning will rise to the challenge once more. Think of the phoenix from Ancient Greek folklore. The phoenix is a long-lived bird that cyclically regenerates or is otherwise born again. A phoenix obtains new life by arising from the ashes of its predecessor. Eventually, economies and societies do recover. The year is ending on a brighter, more positive note with the announcements that vaccinations will be rolling out nationwide very soon.



The new tougher tiers will be relaxed for 5 days from between 23 and 27 December. This will give some of us a chance to meet our families and hopefully we can get a little enjoyment out of the seasonal festivities. People will still love to drink beer and cider, so get your takeaways in to support our pubs and breweries. Due to the restrictions there will be many people who are lonely, so help them if you can. And let's not forget of course the poor souls who are currently ill and those who have died during the pandemic

Given our current circumstances, on behalf of the Committee, may I wish you as happy a Christmas as possible and a more auspicious New Year. I hope that 2021 will bring better times than 2020, which won't be difficult. My Christmas wish is that this time next year we will all be back in our favourite pubs once more. I thank you all for your continuing support of our local pubs and clubs, our breweries, our branch and CAMRA.

*Charles Tucker, Branch Chairman.*

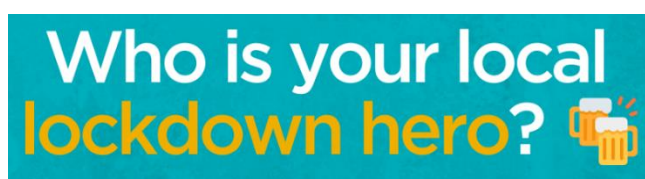


## Lockdown Heroes

*In late October we asked members to nominate local pubs, clubs, bars etc which had had risen to the challenge during and after the first period of lockdown.*

Since March, our beloved pubs, clubs, taprooms, brewers and cider makers have been plunged into uncertainty. Due to the Covid 19 crisis, all have been, and still are, facing an existential threat to their businesses. In addition, this is impacting heavily on the local communities they serve.

Pubs, clubs, bars and taprooms now face further forced closure periods, restrictions on socialising for many more months and dwindling government support. With measures such as 'circuit-breakers', enhanced local restrictions and curfews, the hospitality industry rightly feels that they are being used as scapegoats for the latest rise in Coronavirus cases, even though little evidence has been provided to support this. There has never been a more important time for us to emphasise to the wider world that pubs, clubs, brewers and cider makers are a force for good.



In late October, CAMRA asked local branches to nominate people and premises that had risen to the challenge and made an enormous contribution to the community in response to COVID in their area, as well as continuing to

supply their clientele with great beers and ciders under ever-changing restrictions. The successful contenders were to be awarded an official CAMRA certificate in recognition and appreciation of their achievements.

We are incredibly lucky in the Bromley area to have a wonderful choice of great pubs, micro-pubs, taprooms, bottle shops, and even breweries. The changing operating rules have made life incredibly difficult for them and we wanted to recognise the huge efforts that many have made. We knew that many places had worked wonders in supporting their communities and keeping drinkers supplied with great local beers and ciders during the first lockdown, and had also implemented major changes to create a safe environment once they could reopen their doors in July. Therefore, on 31<sup>st</sup> October, we invited members to nominate contenders for the award.

Despite the very short timescale required to meet CAMRA's deadline, many members submitted their suggestions, which were then reviewed by the branch committee. The Committee decided that twelve venues deserved to be awarded the title of *Lockdown Hero*. In addition, the Queen's Head Downe, was given the *Outstanding Lockdown Hero* award.



Queen's Head, Downe

Above. The fruit and veg stall outside the pub during the first lockdown.

Right. Nigel and daughter Lana with the award certificate.



Photo: Charles Tucker



## Lockdown Heroes

### The Pubs and Club

Pictured, clockwise from top left are:

Kim, Bricklayers Arms, Beckenham

Michael, Goldsmiths Arms, Penge

Dave, Greyhound, Keston

Tina & Alan, Imperial Arms, Chislehurst

Alistair & Jacques, Lock & Barrel, Bromley

Beth, One Inn the Wood, Petts Wood

Peter, Orpington Liberal Club

Karris, Real Ale Way, Hayes

Siobhan, Red Lion, Bromley

James, Star & Garter, Bromley



All photos by Charles Tucker





## Lockdown Heroes *(Continued)*

The Bottle Shop / The Bar and Brewery / Tap Room



Matt at Three Hounds,  
Beckenham



Charlotte & Sam at Southey  
Brewery, Penge

The Branch Committee would like to thank all members who nominated the pubs, club, bottle shop and brewery for these awards and congratulates all the recipients of the awards.

*Charles Tucker, Branch Chairman (with additional wording by the Editor)*

## More Heroes?

*And here is another opportunity for members, and others, to give recognition to a pub that rose to the challenge during the Covid crisis.*



The British Institute of Innkeeping (BII) has launched the *Heart of the Community Award*, and anybody may submit a nomination, including publicans themselves. Any pub can be nominated, and the pubs do not need to be members of the BII.

They are looking for those pubs which have really gone out of their way to offer support to their communities, whether it was through providing essential groceries, looking out for their regulars, turning their pubs into shops or any of the other excellent things they did.

Members should note that this is not a CAMRA-sponsored award. It is an external recognition scheme run solely by the BII, however its aims and objectives are in line with CAMRA's work to champion the community and social value of pubs.

Nominations close on 31<sup>st</sup> December. More information can be found at:

<https://www.bii.org/events-awards/bii-heart-of-the-community-award/>

# CAMRA's Responses to the new Restrictions

## No evidence and no financial support for 'unfair' restrictions on pubs: CAMRA

Responding to the Prime Minister's statement to Parliament confirming stricter restrictions for pubs in Tiers 2 and 3 when the lockdown in England ends, CAMRA National Chairman Nik Antona said:

"These unfair extra restrictions on pubs will be devastating for businesses, jobs and the future of community pubs across England. To add insult to injury, the Prime Minister hasn't given any evidence about why these restrictions are necessary and didn't announce any extra financial support to give the beer and pubs sector a fighting chance of surviving the next few weeks and months.

"Pubs – particularly those which don't serve food – are being offered up as a sacrificial lamb without any evidence or explanation as to why they are being treated more harshly than the likes of shops and gyms.

"CAMRA is calling on the Government to introduce a decent, dedicated financial support package, and to think again on these restrictions which will force many pubs and the breweries that serve them to close their doors for good and never re-open."

## CAMRA has also called on the Government to publish evidence for new pub restrictions amidst conflicting Christmas rules

CAMRA has written to the Health Secretary urging him to explain why pubs are facing harsher lockdown restrictions than gyms and shops under the new tier system in England from 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

CAMRA is also levelling criticism at the decision to allow household mixing over Christmas in people's homes, but not in COVID-secure pubs, thereby excluding thousands of businesses from the newly announced holiday exemptions. Pubs have invested thousands of pounds to create COVID-secure environments yet are unduly shouldering the COVID burden.

CAMRA is particularly concerned for the nation's wet-led pubs that will be unable to open in Tier 2 or 3 areas after the 2<sup>nd</sup> December due to the new requirement that pubs to provide a 'substantial meal' with alcohol. A new, dedicated financial support package is vital to safeguarding the future of local pubs and the breweries that serve them, otherwise there is a real risk that thousands will close this winter without intervention.

CAMRA's National Chairman Nik Antona said:

"Pubs and pub-goers are more than willing to play their part in reducing the spread of COVID – indeed, many publicans have invested thousands to ensure they offered COVID-secure environments over the last few months. Yet pubs continue to be singled out as a scapegoat for the spread of COVID-19 without any compelling evidence to support the claim. These incoherent and inconsistent restrictions will decimate businesses, cost jobs and lead to the loss of community pubs up and down the country.

"This is a make-or-break moment for thousands of community pubs that now face measures such as only being allowed to serve alcohol with a substantial meal – without any evidence presented that this measure would help to control the virus.

"To make matters worse, whilst people will be able to mix in people's homes over the festive period pubs won't be able to open normally over the same period, a decision that spells doom instead of cheer for pubs this Christmas.

"The Government must urgently publish the evidence behind their decisions – or think again about these new measures. With 72% of hospitality businesses saying they expect to fail next year – even before these new restrictions were announced – it is clear that pubs and breweries urgently need a new, dedicated financial support package to survive."



## Did you Sign The Petition?

*For several months, CAMRA was urging members to sign the petition and to lobby their MPs about the proposal to end the Small Breweries' Relief Scheme. Our Branch Public Affairs Officer updates us on progress on the campaign.*

The Small Breweries' Relief Scheme was introduced in 2002, and was intended to help newer breweries become profitable and compete with the big players. The relief gives any brewer producing less than 5,000 hectolitres (about 880,000 pints) annually a 50% discount on beer duty. Once a brewer starts making more than 5,000hl, the relief rate is reduced on a sliding scale.

In July 2020 the Government announced a reform of the scheme and that the 50% threshold for the small breweries relief scheme would be reduced to 2,100 hectolitres. This would increase the tax paid by some small independent breweries in the UK. It could lead to brewery closures, and less choice at the bar.

An e-petition to parliament, opposing the proposed change, was initiated by Croydon-based brewers Anspach & Hobday, with the support of CAMRA and SIBA.



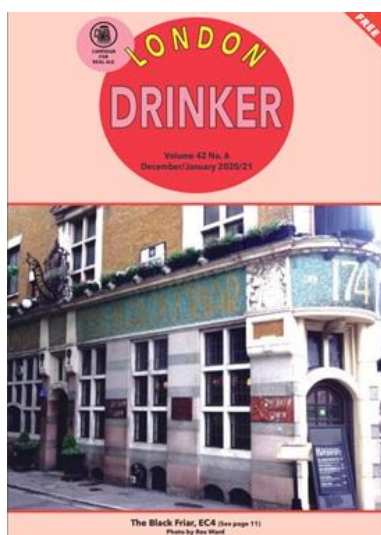
On 9th November 2020 there was a debate in the House of Commons on this issue. At the end of the debate Kemi Badenoch (The Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury) agreed to meet with a select number of MPs to discuss it further.

CAMRA has joined calls for the Government to think again as this is bad for UK brewing and bad for consumers. The final reform will not come into effect until 2022 at the earliest.

There are four Members of Parliament covering the Bromley branch area namely, Bob Neill MP for Bromley and Chislehurst; Gareth Bacon MP for Orpington; Bob Stewart MP for Beckenham; and Ellie Reeves MP for Lewisham West and Penge. Bob Stewart MP is a Bromley member of CAMRA. In my role as Public Affairs Officer for Bromley Branch, I wrote to all four MPs asking for their support.

Over recent months several Committee members, and many other branch members, have also written to their MP's on beer related matters and received replies.

*Maggie Hopgood, Public Affairs Officer.*



Once again, Covid-19 restrictions mean that the latest issue of London Drinker is only available on-line.

A PDF version of the December/January issue can now be downloaded via [this link](#):

Alternatively, a 'computer-friendly' version may be viewed here: <https://londondrinker.camra.org.uk/wordpress/>

## CAMRA News

*The Branch Secretary runs through some of the (mostly) non-Covid national and regional news from CAMRA.*

### Good Beer Guide 2021



This 48th edition, now published, highlighted, for the first time in nearly 2 decades a fall in the number of breweries– and that was BEFORE the arrival of Covid-19... For more on this follow [this link](#). Have you bought your copy yet? If not, you can order one from the [CAMRA Shop](#).



### Brew2You

This CAMRA app helping pubs trade through lockdown has already generated some £100,000 for the industry. Brew2You acts as a one-stop shop, allowing pubs and breweries to create a menu for customers to order from, making it easy for them to sell beer, cider and perry either alongside or instead of creating their own online shops or complicated e-commerce services.



I quote “Beer lovers have been supporting their local pubs and breweries by ordering over £100k of beer, cider and perry using this app”. See more via [this link](#)

### Following the £2M fine imposed on a PubCo

When the extent of the fine was announced, CAMRA welcomed this and reiterated that it was looking forward to the Pubs Code Review. This has now been released and CAMRA’s Nik Antona commented that whilst it was good to hear that the Government agreed that the Code is not working as it should, the proposed course of action fell short of changes needed. He added that *“the review stops short of making more enforcement powers available to the Pubs Code Adjudicator and doesn’t recommend the comprehensive changes needed to address operational issues that have arisen since the Code came into force, or to require pub companies to publish information about rents and tied prices in the interests of transparency”*. See more [here](#).

### And onto Cider

Well I did say I would make this a regular item – so here we go!

Discover cider’s rich history with Ciderologist, Gabe Cook – This can be found on the CAMRA [‘Learn and Discover’](#) platform with the aim of introducing members to an exclusive new article all about cider’s rich history in Britain. As you will appreciate from last month’s articles referring to Gabe, CAMRA has a close relationship with the resident cider expert for C4’s *Sunday Brunch*, who is seen as truly leading the charge for a cider revolution. For more on this see [here](#).



*Kent Sadler, Branch Secretary*

## Other News

*A round-up of other items that have arrived in the Editor's in box.*

### Good Beer Guide 2022

The Bromley Branch selection meeting for GBG 2022 will be held on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021**, however for the first time the meeting will be held via Zoom, instead of being in the back room of a pub. As normal, all branch members are welcome to attend the meeting and take part in the ballot for the selection of the Bromley entries. More information, including details on how to register to attend the meeting, will be in the January edition of the e-Newsletter.

### Beer Scoring

Bromley Branch uses Beer Scoring results as the means of shortlisting pubs and clubs to be considered for inclusion in the Good Beer Guide. More information about beer scoring can be found on the [branch website](#).

There is still time to send us your scores. The final deadline for submitting beer scores for the 2022 GBG selection has now been extended to 23:59 on **24<sup>th</sup> January**.

Please note that you can submit scores for any cask ales bought to take away from the pub or club (or via their delivery service).

### New Pubs News

In previous issues of the e-Newsletter we have reported that planning permission had been granted for the Cockpit micropub in Royal Parade Chislehurst, and for the BR3WERY taproom and brewery in Kent House. Work is now in progress at both, and we look forward to being able to visit them, as soon as Covid restrictions allow wet-led pubs to open their doors.



### Pub/Club of the Year.

In previous years, the December newsletter would have been inviting members to submit nominations for the 2021 Bromley Pub and Club of the Year awards. CAMRA is due to issue further guidance next month about how branches should manage the selection process for the 2021 awards. We hope to be able to give further information in the February e-Newsletter.

### Branch Committee Meetings

As mentioned by the Chairman in his Christmas Message, your Branch committee continues to meet on a monthly basis, albeit now via Zoom, rather than in a room at a pub. I've been asked to remind members that Bromley Branch Committee meetings are 'open', which means that any member of



the branch is welcome to attend if they so wish, although only Committee members are able to vote on any resolutions etc being discussed.

Attending meetings was of course much easier when we were able to meet in pubs. However if you would like to 'attend' on Zoom, please contact the Branch Secretary by [email](#). Meetings are normally held on the final Tuesday each month at 19:30.

### On TV (1), The Real Ale Way

On 27<sup>th</sup> November the late evening BBC London News included an interview with Karris from the Real Ale Way, who highlighted the bizarre situation where the [Real Ale Way in Hayes](#) was in Tier 2, whereas not very far away the 'other' [Real Ale Way in Westerham](#) was in Tier 3.

### On TV (2), Saving Britain's Pubs with Tom Kerridge

Many members will probably already have seen this three-part series of programmes broadcast during November on BBC 2. Tom Kerridge, who also wrote the forward to GBG 2021, looked at the challenges facing publicans. Whereas most CAMRA members would already be aware of some of these problems, such as the long hours, low margins, 'tied' houses etc, it was good to see this being featured in considerable detail on TV.



Filming for the series started before the arrival of Covid-19, but the third episode was during the 'first wave'. The programmes are available to view on BBC iPlayer:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000pb9g/saving-britains-pubs-with-tom-kerridge-series-1-episode-1>

## Do you receive emails from Bromley CAMRA?

*Do you receive an email each month from Bromley CAMRA to tell you when the latest e-newsletter is available to be downloaded from the Branch website? If your answer is 'yes', then please skip this item...*

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At the beginning of each month we send an email to most members of the branch to notify them that the latest edition of the e-Newsletter is available to download. In addition we also need to occasionally send other emails to members, normally about urgent items, such as late changes to the branch social calendar.

But, due to GDPR<sup>1</sup>, we are only able send these emails to members who have 'opted to receive emails from their branch'.

It's probable that most members reading this e-Newsletter will have received an email. However, if you did NOT receive an email, but would like to do so in the future, you will need to amend your 'communication preferences'; this is very easy to do via the 'My Membership' tab on the CAMRA national website.

If you have any problems trying to change your preferences please send an email to: [membership@bromley.camra.org.uk](mailto:membership@bromley.camra.org.uk).

*Norman Warner, Membership Secretary*

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<sup>1</sup> GDPR = General Data Protection Regulations

## The December Quiz

*This month our Quizmaster has provided us with a bumper set questions (perhaps unsurprisingly) on the theme of Christmas.*

This month's quiz has 'sleightly' more questions than usual!

- 1) Astronauts broadcast which Christmas song from space in 1965?
- 2) Doing which Christmas activity sends roughly 14,700 Americans to A&E departments each year?
- 3) Mistletoe literally translates from Anglo Saxon as what, on a stick?
- 4) Which country has donated a Christmas tree to the people of Scotland since 1949
- 5) Which Christmas decoration was originally made from strands of silver?
- 6) Who played 'Scrooge' in The Muppet Christmas Carol?
- 7) According to the folklore of Austria what horned figure punishes naughty children at Christmas time?
- 8) In which modern-day country was Saint Nicholas born?
- 9) Donald Trump makes a cameo appearance in which Christmas film?
- 10) In Christmas carol the 12 days of Christmas, what gift is offered on the seventh day?
- 11) Name the YouTube personality who won consecutive UK Christmas number 1s in 2018 and 2019.
- 12) Which Christmas beverage is also known as 'Milk Punch'?
- 13) In the movie It's A Wonderful Life, what happened every time a bell rang?
- 14) What's the name of the main villain in The Nightmare Before Christmas?
- 15) In which popular American TV series does the idea of Christmukkah originate?
- 16) Which royal first delivered the Royal Christmas Message?
- 17) What does Noel mean in Latin?
- 18) A Roman holiday held between December 17th to the 23rd had an influence on how Christmas was celebrated. Which God did it celebrate?
- 19) The German Nazi regime replaced Santa Claus with which figure?
- 20) The custom of erecting a Christmas tree originated from which country?
- 21) The official record for the tallest snowman is held by the US town of Bethel, Maine. To the nearest 10ft, how tall was it?
- 22) In Catalonia, the Caga Tio, a cheery festive log, is fed treats until it does what?
- 23) Swedes traditionally celebrate Christmas Eve by watching which famous cartoon?
- 24) Which pop song has won the Christmas Singles Chart Number One twice?
- 25) And finally, in 2020 Prime Minister Boris Johnson described Christmas as the season to be jolly and...?

*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!*

*Martin Gee, Quizmaster*

### The answers for the November Quiz:

1) The Turkey; 2) Killer Whale; 3) Snake; 4) Green; 5) Dutch Elm Disease; 6) The Jet Engine; 7) Farad;  
8) Centigrade; 9) Neptune; 10) Green.



The Editor sometimes has to make some very difficult editorial decisions

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