

# Allara News



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## Virus Update

The English are now feeling the pinch in relation to the coronavirus threat and have therefore raised the threat level from “Miffed” to “Peeved”.

Soon enough the level may be raised yet again to “irritated” or even “A bit cross”. The English have not been “A bit cross” since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out.

The virus has been re-categorised from “Tiresome” to “A Bloody Nuisance”. The last time the British issued “A Bloody Nuisance” warning level was 1558 when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

The Scots have raised their threat level from “Peed Off” to “Let’s get the Bastards”. They don’t have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British Army for the last 300 years.

Belgians on the other hand are all on holiday as usual. The only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

Australia, meanwhile has raised its alert from “No Worries” to “She’ll be alright mate”. Two more escalation levels remain “Crikey, I think we’ll have to cancel the barbie” and “The barbie is cancelled”. So far no situation has ever warranted use of the final escalation.

As I see it Canada is currently at the “annoyingly inconvenient” level but it may well escalate to “tedious, eh” in the foreseeable future.

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## Questions With No Apparent Answers

- 1) If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
- 2) Which letter is silent in the word ‘scent’ the S or the C?
- 3) Do twins ever realise that one of them is unplanned?
- 4) Why is the letter W in English called double U? shouldn’t it be called double V?
- 5) Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and it takes 75-100 years to fully work.
- 6) Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
- 7) The word ‘swims’ upside down is still ‘swims’
- 8) 100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has a car and only the rich own horses.

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## The Newsletter

The aim of these internet versions of Allara News is to enable our members to keep in touch, informed and hopefully entertained for the duration of these troubled times. With this in mind, please send in any items of news or interest that you might think benefit our Allara readers, or indeed any other members of the Active Retired Association family as I know that other members do download our newsletter. Having said that, I would like to thank our regular contributors, as without their input a regular monthly publication would not have been possible.

Ed

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## Grey Matter Exercise

1. Name the *twelve* words that are contained in the word **‘therein’** (without rearranging or separating any letters)
2. List the names traditionally given to the *three* Wise Men
3. Name the *three* sons of Adam and Eve
4. Name the *four* members of the Goons
5. List the four American states whose names begin with the letter ‘A’
6. Recall the *five* members of The Rat Pack
7. Name the *six* standard classifications of vocal range

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## Lockdown

It’s eight long weeks since we closed our doors  
But we must follow all these laws  
Covid 19 must be kept at bay  
And we must do all they say.  
The washing is done, the floors are clean  
Everything, polished and all’s a gleam  
We have mastered the shopping on line, WHOOPIE,  
Also computer bowling, how can that be?  
The scrabble comes out, the words are flowing  
But some of them seem less than glowing  
We go for our walk, one hour we are allowed  
Don’t be late or we may be curtailed..  
When will it end, we just don’t know  
I hope it’s over before the SNOW!

Christine Kemp

### Are Computers Male or Female?

A university professor told his students to discuss the gender of computers. He split them into separate male and female groups.

The male group declared that computers were female because :-

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic.
2. When computers communicate with each other they speak in code language that only they and experts can understand
3. Every mistake you make is stored on their hard drive for later retrieval
4. Every time you commit to one you spend half your income on accessorising it

The female group stated that computers must be male because :-

1. First in order to get their attention you have to turn them on
2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems but half the time they are the problem
4. As soon as you commit to one you realise that if you had waited a little longer you could have got a better model

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### You Must Be Joking

Q. What's the difference between out-laws and in-laws?  
A. Out-laws are wanted.

Q. How do you get holy water?  
A. You boil the hell out of it.

Q. If you throw a stone into the sea what will it become?  
A. Wet

Q. What often falls but never gets hurt?  
A. Rain

Q. Where do you get virgin wool?  
A. From an ugly sheep.

*Kathy R.*

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### Four Great Confusions Still Unsolved

- 1) At a cinema, which arm rest is yours?
- 2) If people evolved from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?
- 3) Why is there a 'D' in fridge but not in refrigerator?
- 4) Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made?

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### Sure Signs of Boredom

Your toothpick model of the Eiffel Tower is now life size  
You invite Jehovah's Witnesses in for a chat.  
You start reading the dictionary to learn new words.  
You wear out your computer mouse playing solitaire  
You actually start doing things on your 'to do' list.

### Old Age

Old age is golden, or so I've heard said  
But sometimes I wonder as I crawl into bed,  
With my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup,  
My glasses on the table until I get up.  
As sleep dims my vision, I say to myself:  
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?  
Thee reason I know my youth is all spent?  
Is my get- up-and-go has got up and went!  
But, in spite of it all, I'm able to grin  
And think of the places my getup as been!

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### Who is this Allara Member?



Can you identify the "unnamed" little lad sitting on the extreme left of this picture taken in Dover Street Maidstone at the 1945 VE Day celebration party?

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### QuizAnswers

1. The/There/He/In/Rein/Her/Here/Er/Ear/Herein/Therein
2. Balhazar/Caspar/Melchior
3. Cain/Abel/Seth
4. Michael Bentine/Spike Milligan/Harry Seacombe/Peter Sellers
5. Alabama/Alaska/Arizona/Arkansas
6. Frank Sinatra/Dean Martin/Sammy Davis Jr./Peter Lawford/Joey Bishop
7. Soprano/Mezzo-soprano/Contralto (or Alto)/Tenor/Bartitone/Bass