



INSPECTOR GENERALS' MISSIVE WEEK 6



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I'm not actually shouting at the Today programme or the television news yet but I'm getting there. I was pleased to hear "questions from the public" appearing on the daily afternoon briefing and it was refreshing to hear questions from people who actually wanted to know the answer instead of having journalists asking questions to try and score points or make political criticism. Nice too to hear this morning that Captain Tom Moore is now an honorary colonel (see quiz question below).

I had thought the list of jobs to be done was getting smaller, but Sally has found a few more which have been on a very low burner for quite some time. The garage hasn't had a car in it for some years and whilst sorting out the various bits of furniture, books and other paraphernalia into a slightly tidier order she came across the exercise bicycle we used to use. Having been directed to rejuvenate it, I took it to bits and re-assembled it and am now competent to repair yet another form of machine. Unfortunately, the small adapter supplying power to the computer assembly has disappeared so until we find the correct one amongst all the other computer, telephone and printer power bricks, we shall have to just guess at our heartbeat, revolutions per minute and distance "travelled". The other by-product of the tidying exercise is a fairly large volume of books, dried paint tins, jars containing unidentifiable fluids and various other superfluous objects now bound for the dump when it re-opens.

The COVID-19 symptom tracker has been circulating on email and it seems a worth-while project. Sally signed us both up to it some time ago and though (touch wood) we are both fine so far, the fact that the research team are including nil returns in their statistics as well as reports of symptoms should make their results much more useful in finding solutions. If you might be prepared to contribute, you can find out about the research by going to covid.joinzoe.com. A cautionary note for those of us less aware of how statistics are produced - always remember that the root research is never shown and that knowing who produced the "resulting" published numbers is often an important guide to their veracity.

Bill Parrish was once again the star scorer from last week's questions. He did miss a couple, but I commend him for his response. Here are the answers:

1. Tiger Woods
2. Tom Watson
3. Henrik Stenson
4. Costantino Rocca
5. Byron Nelson
6. Michelle Wie
7. Stewart Cink
8. Luke Donald
9. Tony Jacklin
10. Corey Pavin
11. Adam Scott
12. Jack Nicklaus
13. Annika Sorenstam
14. Tommy Fleetwood

15. Manuel Pinero
16. Lee Trevino
17. Mike Weir
18. Ross Fisher
19. J B Holmes
20. Rich Beem
21. Webb Simpson
22. Bobby Locke
23. Jim Furyk
24. Georgia Hall
25. Billy Horschel

This week's quiz questions then. The current emergency is depressing of course but let's see what else we have taken notice of in the last few weeks:

1. Of which Army unit is Tom Moore now Honorary Colonel?
 1. What is the main function of face masks for the general public?
 2. How does that differ from the PPE used by NHS front-line staff?
 3. Name five towns/cities in which Nightingale hospitals have recently been constructed.
 4. To whom was the phrase "...lies, damned lies and statistics" attributed in 1892?

As soon as I have finished this week's message it seems that decorating the bathroom is next on our schedule. I know we are all wondering how long the lockdown can go on, but we shall of course have to do as we are told so there really is no point in worrying about it. There seems to be a possibility that golf might be permitted (with numerous conditions attached) so those of us who are actual club members may have an extra way of exercising. However, that doesn't help the majority of our members who aren't into golf (or at least aren't yet?). Let us hope that we are at least half-way through this lockdown. We have made it thus far and let us pray that the situation eases soon. Keep phoning and emailing those you know who need our support and, if you need support, you should definitely ask.

Stay Safe.

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