

Welcome to Doug and Judith's No Name Run Number 3. Members may remember our last run when we used our newly developed Marigold maps which were highly successful and are now globally recognised. These maps replaced the Tulip maps which (had they been used by our army in the second world war would have caused us now to be speaking German).

We now have developed the SNAKES AND LADDERS maps which in turn supplant the Marigolds. During the recent Covid lockdown many hours were spent on several different formats and eventually I laid them all down on a large table for scrutiny. It became crystal clear to me immediately that the Snakes and Ladders format was the one to use (oddly I used to be very indecisive but now I am not so sure).

I have however for many years had a pet hatred of snakes, in fact I have had many pet hates but after years of domestic discipline and lots of therapy these have been reduced to a mere few dozen. For the record and for interest these include the following. Boundary Mill, "Strictly", health food, all TV soaps, brown bread, cooking programmes, Escape to the Country, skimmed milk, reality TV, (all) low calorie (anything), 5 a day anything, garden centres, fat-free anything, wild-life TV, Olympic Games (all events except the closing ceremony), London Marathon, Tour de France, New York Marathon, snooker commentators, social media, show jumping and travel freebies for alleged celebrities.

Back to the ladders. I do not wish to become a bore but I have a long standing interest in these which was sparked off when as a small boy I met Mr. Jackson (John) our window cleaner. John had been a Japanese POW in the second world war and was not well treated, he was given little food and home visits were frowned upon. When he returned to the UK he was given a few pounds and a demob suit and he started his window cleaning business. He did not have a van so he carried his ladder, bucket and wash-leather on his shoulders whilst riding his cycle (and this on a 1 in 12 hill). His idea of safety after his POW experience was not high. It is thus the issue of health and safety that is uppermost in my mind when I suggest that club members have their wives or partners climb their ladders to carry out a number of tasks in the home. For my part I have enjoyed many years of blissful matrimony with Judith with never a cross word. The saving over tradesmen's prices can be considerable