Musing on Social Distancing and Facemasks.

Whilst "social distancing" is a bit of a pain to remember, I think it has unexpected benefits. In normal times, many people just walk past you, eyes resolutely forward, staying wrapped up in their own little world, avoiding that essential social interaction.

But now we are getting used to shuffling the Two Metre Loop around oncoming pedestrians, we make that little embarrassed smile, we say good morning, we relate to each other. And that is such a valuable addition to our lives, we are united in a common purpose, fighting together against this b***y germ.
Social Distancing is actually bringing us emotionally closer together, and those feelings will stay with us long after this crisis has passed into history.

The World Health Organisation is debating whether to make face masks compulsory across the world in public places.
I hope that doesn't happen, for two very good reasons-

Firstly it will put a huge strain on the supply of facemasks, which must get to the frontline staff at the NHS, and all those who are putting themselves at risk to keep some semblance of normal life going.

Secondly, people will develop a feeling of invincibility, " my face mask will protect me", and social distancing will collapse, completely forgetting that the virus can be picked up on every part of the body- whilst breathing in is the most likely route for contamination, it is by no means the only route. And that is assuming that everyone uses a mask that will actually work against the virus, has not been contaminated by touching, and that fits properly.

Stay Safe