



**Coronavirus Virtual "Run" Number 429
16th April 2020**

Living rooms across Merseyside, North Wales, Grantham, and Julich

The Pack: Mad Hatter and Snoozanne (Hares), Compo, Eccles, Overdrive, 10secs, ET, Brookside, SMS, Grasshopper, fcuk, OTT, Hansel, Carthief, Grutel, Austin Powers

This was the third of our virtual Coronavirus special runs, and this week it took the form of a quiz set by our hares Mad Hatter and Snoozanne to commemorate various notable birthdays, especially Shakespeare (see the end of the Trash).



It was interesting to get a glimpse of hashers' home environments. Eccles seemed to be on holiday, Brookside was in some kind of dream version of West Kirby and OTT and Hansel appeared to have left their corporeal bodies behind and joined the astral plane.

The quiz soon had us thinking. Most people knew West Side Story was based on Romeo and Juliet but My Own Private Idaho?... And likewise Cleopatra was a familiar image but even if you recognised the other actors, the plays weren't obvious. I've always admired Ian McKellen's Bottom but which part was he

playing here? Lots of verbal head-scratching ensued. Then Mad Hatter revealed the answers, giving extra points to anyone who thought he was born in the 60s. Snoozanne asked a couple of bonus questions: Where did Glenda Jackson have a Saturday job as a teenager? (Answer: Boots in West Kirby) and how much did she (Snoozanne, not Glenda Jackson) pay to see Judi Dench and Ian McKellen at Stratford in the 70s? (Answer: 80p). The final bonus question caused some debate, the pedants among us insisting that Germany didn't exist in 1516.

Very soon the first Zoom meeting was over, and we said a temporary farewell in order to reconvene in the second scheduled Zoom meeting.



For some it was less temporary than others; Overdrive had to head off for another meeting, and sadly SMS and Grasshopper thought we weren't resuming until after 8pm; by which time in fact it was all over. We had continued almost immediately, and Mad Hatter was elected to take on RA duties in view of his experience as a DJ, of which he gave us a tantalisingly brief glimpse as he called the circle to order. And this week there was a chance, soon squandered, for more tuneful downdowns since VR had produced an online version of the hymnal. In the event the only song we could render with any kind of accuracy was the one which just had the phrase "What a w*nk" endlessly repeated, but this was certainly bellowed out with some gusto.

Down downs were awarded to:

Eccles: for winning the quiz.

Brookside, Eccles, OTT and Hansel: for living in various alternate versions of reality.

Snoozanne: NHS volunteer. She has been knitting footwear for a charity and was variously urged to Show us yer bootie or Shake yer bootie, and she did indeed produce various items of small and colourful footwear. There was speculation about whether it would be worn by the Syrian football team or rebel fighters.



Compo: This week's Wooden Spoon award.



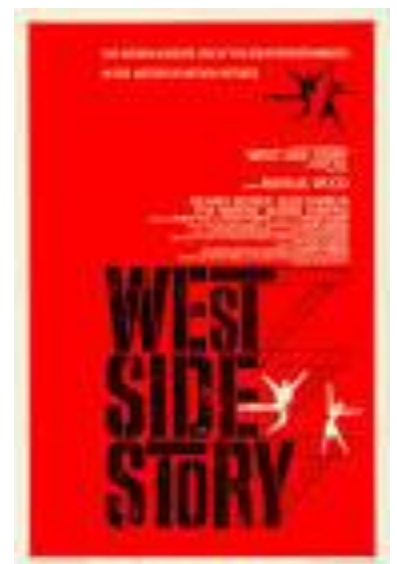
Austin Powers: for the most distant hasher.



Mad Hatter and Snoozanne: The Hares

Finally Compo told a story to explain his T-shirt. Apparently on this very day some years ago he had turned up for a hash in Hay-on-Wye, to find that the Hare had not shown up. Nobly he stepped into the breach and set a hash. So his T-shirt was presented by a grateful hash and reads "Compo to the rescue".

Which Shakespeare Play?





Which actor(s), which Shakespeare play?
(Bonus point for which year)

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April Questions

- 1. Today is Saint Georges Day the patron Saint of England, but where was he born**
- 2. Which two signs of the Zodiac fall in this month**
- 3. Which Jewish festival is held in April**
- 4. What is the birthstone for the month of April**
- 5. 20th of April was Hitlers birthday - in what year was he born - (Accept 10 yrs either way)**
- 6. 21st April is Her Majesty the Queen's birthday - in what year was she born (Accept 10 yrs either way)**
- 7. 22nd of April is Mad Hatter's birthday! - in what year was he born (Accept 10 yrs either way)**
- 8. 23rd of April was William Shakespeare's birthday - in what year was he born (Accept 10 yrs either way)**
- 9. George Washington was inaugurated as the first president of the USA on this day - in what year (Accept 10 yrs either way)**
- 10. American comedian Ruby Wax was born in which year (Accept 10 yrs either way)**

Special Hash Bonus Question

- 11. On this day in April 1516 a Beer Purity Law was introduced in which country**

Answers

Pictures - film titles

10 things I hate about you – The Taming of the Shrew
She's a Man – Twelfth Night
My Own Private Idaho – Henry IV parts 1 and 2
West Side Story - Romeo and Juliet
Forbidden Planet – The Tempest

Pictures – Shakespeare plays

1. Judi Dench and Ian McKellen Macbeth 1976
2. Elizabeth Taylor Cleopatra 1963
3. David Mitchell Upstart Crow 2016 TV, 2020 stage
4. Glenda Jackson King Lear 2019
5. Lawrence Olivier Henry V 1944
6. Benedict Cumberbatch Hamlet 2015 onwards

1. Turkey
2. Aries and Taurus
3. Passover
4. Diamond
5. 1889
6. 1926
7. 1952
8. 1564
9. 1789
10. 1951
11. Germany