



### Coronavirus Virtual “Run” Number 431

7<sup>th</sup> May 2020

### Living rooms across Merseyside, Grantham, Cyprus and Julich

**The Pack:** fcuk (Hare), Compo, Snoozanne, Mad Hatter, Eccles, Overdrive, Cleo, 10secs, Brookside, Carthief, VR, Grutel, ET, Austin Powers, Hovercrap



A Zoom screen shot is now the “New Normal” for the group photo, and these are provided as ever (together with additional material, both photographic and filling crucial gaps in my memory) by Eccles.

This was another virtual Coronavirus special, and this time the Hare had set a quiz using the full gamut of Zoom technology. The pack were welcomed to the hash by an endless rerun of 10”s leap over the Iron Man (someone suggested that if we waited long enough we would see it all go badly wrong with dire consequences). The pack was initially divided into teams of three or four; though one team did have the dubious advantage of having two copies of 10secs, one of which started out speechless and later became invisible as well. Each team was given its own “breakout room” within Zoom. The first task of the teams was to devise a Team Name, incorporating the individual Hash Names in as witty a fashion as possible. We were given 5 minutes; the Quizmaster was able to pop up in our chat rooms from time to time to give us encouragement and/or sympathy as appropriate



Here is one of the teams deliberating...

The final results for the team names were: “It was all over in 20 seconds”, “Ridikulous Cartel”, “Sneccle Powered Hats”, and Compo and the Brookettes”. It would be a good extra quiz round to try to reconstruct the team members from the names... The Hare awarded these names 2, 2, 1 and 3 points respectively, which was probably fair. The next round, titled “Home and Away”, started with a list of names of MTH3 hashers and the assignment was to decide whether these hashers had been christened by MTH3 (“Home”) or by a different hash (“Away”); and in the latter case, for a bonus point, to identify that different hash. (See later for the list of names plus answers.) At this point the limits of Zoom began to reveal themselves; it proved impossible to display the list of hashers to more than one team at a time, and the Hare’s appearances in each team room were greeted by a chorus of desperate complaints as the 5 minutes ticked inexorably by.

The final round was the crossword, which was fiendishly ingenious. We were first given the seven clues, in the form of cryptic MTH3-related questions. (Again, see later for the list of clues.) Firstly we went into team huddles to get the answers and fit them into a grid of our own making. We then emerged from the team rooms to show our answers, and fcuk then gave us a couple of examples of correct grids (see later). We then went back into our teams to adjust our answers if necessary to make them fit into the correct grids. If memory serves, and I could see the screen properly, most teams got the final grids pretty well exactly right, which was quite a triumph.

The marks were then added up

Compo & the Brookettes – 20 ½  
Ridikulous Cartel - 22 ½  
All over in 20 seconds – 24  
Sneccle powered hat – 27 ½

and Sneccle Powered Hats proved to have overcome the initial handicap of their crappy name to emerge as clear victors.

Finally we shared some reminiscences of how each of us had acquired our names. Here they are for the record (possibly including some which weren't recounted at the time, for completeness...):

Brookside: almost fell in a stream on a hash but was rescued by Hansel.

Eccles: named (by Brighton and Hove hash) for her work in a cake factory.

Cleo: she was once observed to "Walk like an Egyptian" as she demonstrated for us.

Overdrive: Once drove halfway across Canada to go to a Hash.

Austin Powers: apparently he once had jet-black chest hair which gave him a resemblance to Austin Powers (or possibly he had a single jet-black chest hair which itself had a resemblance to Austin Powers).

Hovercrap: after visiting some dodgy looking toilet was asked what it was like and replied "I don't know, I just hovered over it"

VR: her amusement at Chico's jokes "verged on the ridiculous".

Compo: while staying in a bothy with the Cairney Hill hash, while everyone else produced bacon and eggs he produced his 24 hour Naval "Compo Rations". There were several requests to repeat the name of the hash. This was very timely since apparently he had been asked this question so many times that he had had a T-shirt printed saying "Wear the fox hat" which as luck would have it he was wearing this very evening.

CarThief: After a hasher had lost his car keys on a hash in Hong Kong, he had gained access to the car using a coat-hanger in time-honoured fashion,

Hansel: Had got lost on a hash in Delamere Forest

Grutel: Initially named Gretel after the same incident as Hansel; but misspelt after a hash with Oxford University.

10secs: proudly reported his time on the Great North Run to this accuracy.

Snoozanne: a propensity to fall asleep in the car after hashes.

Mad Hatter: Had chivalrously saved a female hasher's hat from a raging torrent.

fcuk: named for his "French Connection" at the university.

ET: The earthly twin of 10 secs

Time was now marching on; the Hare was using a corporate version of Zoom without a time limit, and we had even missed the 8pm clap. So we proceeded pretty smartly to the DownDowns. In view of the quiz answers, Compo had no excuse for not officiating.

Down Downs were awarded to:



The Hare: for his “complicated evolved quiz” (by the way this is the first time we’d actually seen the Hare in person for the whole hash.)



Brookside: for abandoning his glamorous virtual reality to be revealed as inhabiting the same kind of humble abode as everyone else.



VR: Compo claimed not to have noticed her at first due to her camouflage gear, which was definitely not a hash T-shirt.



AP: it was claimed that he couldn't identify the American state in the crossword. When he refuted this, it was said he deserved a down-down just for being American.



Hovercrap also appeared, to share the glory and/or the shame of being American...





10secs: He was asked whether he had remained intact after his exploits with the Iron Man and replied that last time he looked everything was fine (possibly recalling fcuk's "Hello There Down Under" greeting from a few weeks ago).



Grutel: there were communication problems due to him being in Cyprus.



Snoozanne and Mad Hatter: Possibly for being part of the winning team...memories getting hazy by this point.

#### Home or Away round (with solutions)

Auntie Cyclone - Home

Grasshopper - Home

Wigan Pier – Home

MH – Away – Wirral & Chester

ET - Home

Snoozanne – Away – Wirral & Chester

FCUK - Home

AE - Home

Cleo – Away, Vienna hash

Victim – Away, Sao Paolo, Brazil, ½ if we just got Brazil

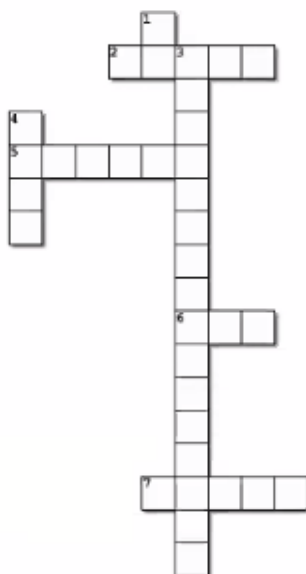
#### Crossword 7 words

Initial clues, then the length that was given after the first round:

1. A pre-Roman name for a country linking JSL and FCUK's hash name (4)
2. The process responsible for the names Grasshopper and ET (8, 8)
3. Treble Centurions. 2 letter abbreviation of an American state. 1<sup>st</sup> is shared in names of 2 male treble centurions, 2<sup>nd</sup> occurs twice in two of the hashers' names (2)
4. FCUK, Auntie Cyclone and 10 secs – what links these 3 hashers? (3)
5. Which pub did AP's virtual run end in? (6)
6. What's Snoozanne's favourite hash drink? (5)
7. According to current mismanagement who is the RA of this hash? (5)

### MTH3 quiz

Complete the crossword puzzle below



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**Across**

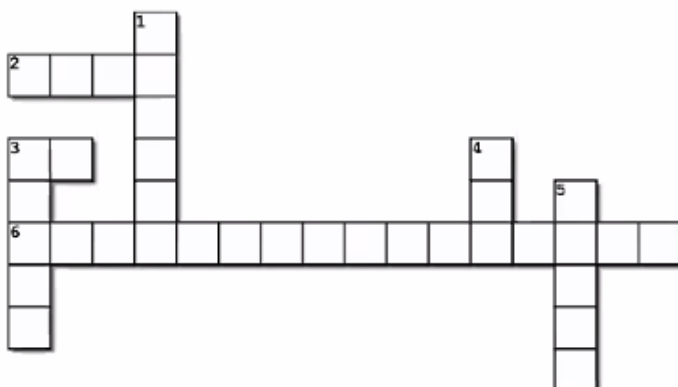
- 2. Current RA
- 5. AP's run
- 6. Three Hashes
- 7. Snoozanne's drink

**Down**

- 1. Double Centurions
- 3. Grasshopper ET
- 4. JSL FCUK

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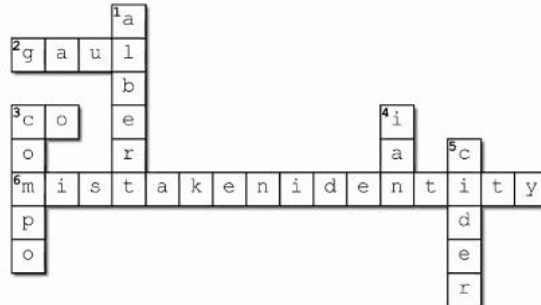




Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## MTH3 quiz

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### Horizontal

2. pre-Roman name of country linking JSL & FCUK (**gaul**)
3. Abbreviation for a US State. Letter one shared by names of two Double Centurions & letter 2 occurs twice in DC names (**co**)
6. process that led to the naming of Grasshopper ET (two words no space) (**mistakenidentity**)

### Vertical

1. The name of the ON INN in AP's virtual run (one word) (**albert**)
3. The 64 thousand \$ question, who is the Current RA. (**compo**)
4. What do 10secs, FCUK and Auntie Cyclone all have in common (**ian**)
5. Snoozanne's favourite hash drink, occasionally chargeable to hashcash (**cider**)