

Coronavirus Virtual "Run" Number 436

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

The Pack: ET(Hare), Compo, Snoozanne, Mad Hatter, 10secs, Carthief, Eccles, Victim, fcuk, Hansel, Overdrive, Brookside, Sticky Rice, Austin Powers



Here is the pack at the start of the quiz, just after Eccles had joined us (late again after another milk run). (Thanks again to Eccles for screenshots and remembering what was going on in them.) There were various extraneous noises including what sounded like a TV; Victim proved to be the culprit. There was also an Indiana Jones ringtone on Brookside's phone. ET was questioned as to whether he had set his quiz on his bike, and indeed in the rain (it being a wet evening in the real world). ET revealed that the quiz had already been used for a meeting of his skiing buddies. This provoked a certain amount of indignation at the idea of doing a recycled skiing quiz. It was the start of a slippery slope, and would be downhill all the way. Or maybe down-down hill all the way... But then someone (fcuk) diplomatically said it would be all the better for having been pre-tested on someone else. Anyway, ET launched into Round One which was a Liverpool round.

Sticky Rice joined just at the end of Question 2, for only the second time we had seen her during lockdown. At first sight it appeared that she was sticking pins into some kind of voodoo totem, but it turned out she was only knitting a rag doll.



When ET asked who was the first born in the Beatles, CarThief pointed out that he certainly knew who was the first Bjorn in ABBA.... After the solutions for Round One, we had the usual temporary recess due to the Zoom session running out. This was followed by a General Knowledge round. Question 2, which asked for a country in Africa with a name containing all the vowels, created some controversy. The quizmaster's answer was Mozambique, but Snoozanne suggested South Georgia and kept on suggesting it despite it being pointed out that it was far from being in Africa. Indeed subsequently Snoozanne gave South Georgia as the answer to most of the questions in the hope that it had to be right sometime. Meanwhile 10secs' suggestion of Equatorial Guinea was ruled as wrong by the quizmaster in an arbitrary display of authority. In fact its full name "The Republic of Equatorial Guinea" contains all the vowels twice over and very nearly three times. So there! And Question 5 prompted Compo to give Austin Powers a virtual nudge and say "Remember the joke". He was reproved for sharing "in-jokes" but in fact this one is on the website at

https://www.merseythirstdayshash.com/home/faq-s/



Everyone thinks hard about countries with coastlines

Round Three was a "wipeout round" with just one question, to name all ten countries in South America with a coastline; with a point for each correct answer, but all points lost if an incorrect answer was included. Victim got zero despite knowing all 10 countries, through over-confidence, insisting there were 11 and adding French Guiana. He should have realised from the clue of "French" in the name that in fact it is a French overseas Département. Was it my imagination or did he say at one point that he was being Victimised? 10secs also wiped out through including Belize which

is in Central America. Presumably Mad Hatter eventually managed to restrain Snoozanne from including South Georgia on the list, since they won, as usual. Though there were suggestions that their score should be halved since there were two of them.

After giving his score, Hansel disappeared, soon followed by Brookside:



Down downs were then awarded by the RA to

The Hare: for recycling the quiz and giving us an experience of downdownhill skiing Victim: Extraneous noise

The RA commented at this point that it was a pity Compo couldn't deploy his celebrated device for muting generic TVs, at which point Compo produced the said device. It didn't seem to work, unfortunately.

Sticky Rice - knitting

Brookside - Indiana Jones Ring tone

10 secs– best wrong answer—ET gave various options for the answer in Qu 6 of Round 1 including "a boot" which 10 secs suggested would have been a Net Wellie rather than a Wet Nellie

Carthief: for knowing that Bjorn was the first Bjorn in ABBA

Compo & Austin Powers – for their "private joke" about accepting Vietnamese Dong Brookside and Hansel: Leaving early

Eccles and Snoozanne: mutineers—Eccles had taken ET to task for giving her score wrongly, and Snoozanne for his ruling out her answer of South Georgia for the trivial flaw of being in the wrong continent.

At this point Overdrive (I think it was) stepped in and proposed a down-down for: fcuk: best "lockdown hair"



A Collective Down Down

Finally Austin Powers shared a photo:



Compo cheerfully said that he had always been full of guano.



Bye byes

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Round one – Liverpool

- 1) Which city is further north Liverpool or Dublin?
- A Liverpool
- 2) RMS Titani was registered in Liverpool. What does RMS stand for?
- A Royal Mail Ship
- 3) Which Beatle was born the first?
- A Ringo Starr
- 4) How many European champions cup or Championships have Liverpool won?
- A Six
- 5) What does Scran Mean?
- A Food
- 6) What is a Wet Nelly?

- A Pudding
- 7) Which actor played Jim Royal in the TV series the Royal Family?
- A Ricky Tomlinson
- 8) Which Rodgers & Hammerstein musical features the tune 'You'll never walk alone'?
- A Carousal
- 9) Which ferry company would you used to travel from Liverpool to Dublin?
- A P&O Ferries
- 10) Which Liverpool entertainer had a big hit with hit song called Tears?
- A Ken Dodd

Round 2 - Pot Luck

- 1) What is the full name of the philanthropist/slave trader whose effigy recently went for a swim in Bristol docks?
- A Edward Colston
- 2) Name the African country whose name includes all five vowels?
- A Mozambique
- 3) Who piloted Thunderbirds 2?
- A Virgil
- 4) What is Donald J Trump's middle name?
- A John
- 5) What is worth the most -1.10 Euros, 10 Norwegian Krona, 135 Japanese Yen or 18 Israeli shekels?
- A 18 Israeli Shekels
- 6) How many countries in the EU
- A 28 (Inclusive of UK)
- 7) Who was the villain in Oliver Twist who had the dog called Bullseye?
- A) Bill Sykes
- 8) What does Antarctica mean?
- A Opposite the Artic
- 9) In which country was the Boxer Rebellion take place?
- A China
- 10) How is Marion Morrison better known as?
- A John Wayne

Round 3 – Wipe Out round.

Name the 10 countries which have a coast on the South America mainland.

A Guyana, Surinam, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, Columbia & Venezuela.