



**Coronavirus Virtual "Run" Number 456**

**26<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Living rooms across Merseyside, Chester and Grantham**

**The Pack:** Eccles (Hare), Snoozanne, Mad Hatter, Compo, Cleo, Overdrive, 10secs, ET, Victim, Carthief

When ET appeared it looked like he been spending lockdown getting in touch with his feminine side, sporting pink lipstick and red eyebrows.



It was surprisingly realistic and even when he appeared in quick succession in a halo, a pirate hat and various wigs, 10secs took some convincing that it was just part of the magic of Zoom. But Eccles seemed to be the only other person able to follow suit and for a while it was like watching a pair of wizards at a shape-shifting competition.



Oddly, he never seemed to be able to get rid of the red cape thing that Zoom had put on him.

Eventually we started the quiz. The first round was on the topical topic of Thanksgiving. The first question was "Who was the first President to pardon a turkey?" which set off various turkey-related jokes such as "Who was the first turkey to be president?". Question 4 was about skipping turkey which at first we thought was some strange sport like bear baiting or goat throwing. Our Thanksgiving knowledge turned out to be pretty sketchy, and we didn't do much better at the start of Round 2 which was about pubs visited on Thanksgiving runs in previous years. It was only when we recognised Auntieyclone in Question 3, and recalled that he never strayed far from his native Chester, that there were some cries of delight and relief at the first sure point scored. Snoozanne however pointed out that AP and Hovercrap's Thanksgiving run which had apparently been the ne plus ultra of all Thanksgiving runs, featuring as it did a real turkey, or at least real turkey, had unaccountably been omitted on the hollow pretext of being before the hare's time. "You only had to look back in the trashes" said Snoozanne reprovingly.

Then it was Round 3 which featured Olympic Dingbats. Most people finally managed to rack up a few points here, though some were pretty tough. Unfortunately we could all hear Victim's ruminations which usually stopped just short of actually being right, as for Question 10 where he said "Is that an anagram of diving board because I can see the letters "dive" surrounded by the letters "board"?"

We then went on to the answers; it seemed that there was a special Thanksgiving unlimited Zoom, so we continued without the usual pause to refresh our glasses. We compared scores – Snoozanne and Mad Hatter had naturally won with 11.5 points, but 10secs was at their heels with 11, Cleo and Overdrive on 10.5, CT and Victim on 9.5, ET on 7 and Compo on 5. Considering it was out of a possible 27, it had been pretty tough.

There was then some discussion of whether the next run could be a real one; but Compo had to leave fairly promptly for another Zoom call. Since he was host, he said he would let the meeting continue without him. We expected he would nominate someone else as host...



...but in fact he disappeared leaving us in some consternation since it seemed possible he would be unable to start another meeting without finishing this one. We also wondered if he would come back dressed appropriately for his next meeting - in a lion costume, or dressed as a large bell. Or...the mind boggled... Eventually to our relief or disappointment he reappeared still in his hash gear and we decided it was now time to call it a night anyway.

# Run 454 - Answers

## Round One      **General Thanksgiving questions**

**1:** Who was the first President to pardon a turkey?

**Answer:** John F. Kennedy

**2:** Which President made turkey pardoning an annual event?

**Answer:** George H.W. Bush

**3:** How many women were at the very first Thanksgiving celebration?

**Answer:** Five

**4:** What percent of Americans skip turkey on Thanksgiving?

**Answer:** About 12 percent

**5:** Black Friday is the biggest day of the year for what trade profession?

**Answer:** Plumbers

**6:** Sarah Josepha Hale, who campaigned for Thanksgiving to be a national holiday, wrote what famous song?

**Answer:** "Mary Had a Little Lamb"

Round Two **Thanksgiving hashes – name the pub**

**2018** Sgt Bilko

Run 360

The Swinging Arm

Birkenhead



**2015** Wigan Pier

Run 306

The Junction

Rainford



**2012** Auntie Cyclone



Run 224

Old Harkers Arms

Chester



Olympic Dingbats

	<p>FASTER STRONGER</p>	<p>JUMP</p>
<p>1. Football</p>	<p>2. Higher, Faster, Stronger</p>	<p>3. Long jump</p>
<p>GOLD GOLD GO GOLD GOLD</p>	<p>Bull e</p>	
<p>4. Going for gold</p>	<p>5. Bully off</p>	<p>6. Opening ceremony</p>
<p>LEAP</p>	<p>Kg ↑</p>	<p>IS IS IS IS IS IS IS IS IS IS</p>
<p>7. High jump</p>	<p>8. Weightlifting</p>	<p>9. Tennis</p>
<p>Bodiveard</p>	<p>Sea Bass<sup>t</sup> CO</p>	<p>bleat</p>
<p>10. Diving board</p>	<p>11. Sebastian Coe</p>	<p>12. Medal table</p>
<p>La ↑ ne</p>	<p>Aspirin Paracetamol <b>Litmus</b> Penicillin Codeine</p>	<p>chess draughts ludo cards LEG 0-1-1-0</p>
<p>13. Inside lane</p>	<p>14. Testing for drugs</p>	<p>15. Games legacy</p>
<p>JUMP JUMP JUMP</p>	<p>GOLD GOLD Shoot Shoot GOLD GOLD</p>	<p>↓ King Edwards • Route</p>
<p>16. Triple jump</p>	<p>17. To shoot for gold</p>	<p>18. Spectators along the route</p>



