



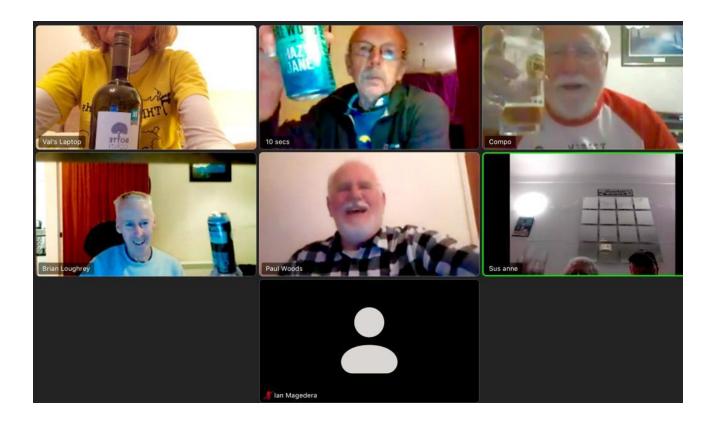
Coronavirus Virtual "Run" Number 457

3rd December 2020

Living rooms across Merseyside, Chester and North Wales

The Pack: Compo (Hare), Snoozanne, Mad Hatter, 10secs, fcuk, ET, VR (briefly), OTT, Welsh Maid, Victim, Bimbo (briefly)

As we gathered, Snoozanne was once again in Hansel mode, changing into Hash gear; though to do her justice we could only see the top of her head and she assured us she was putting things on rather than taking them off. As fcuk appeared, he was gleefully opening a box of beers which had been delivered that day by Neptune Brewery, the location of one of last year's runs. Someone asked if there was a delivery charge and fcuk remarked that there wasn't for large enough quantities, which it had been no problem to attain. Bimbo appeared briefly with Victim but after a long work meeting the lure of a bottle of prosecco was stronger; and OTT appeared accompanied by Welsh Maid. VR also made a brief appearance; but what was that in the background? Eventually we recognised it as a pub, in fact Wetherspoons in West Kirby. But she had forgotten to bring her headphones and therefore left us after some gesticulations. ET appeared, luckily without last week's disturbing lipstick though he did sport a Simon Templar style halo for a while. Compo then started on the quiz. Memories are short these days and it took a while to realise it was the same one as a few weeks ago (see Run 452). It still proved difficult enough, and some new reminiscences were sparked, in particular noting Tia Maria's last appearance and one of Victim's first; and bemoaning Sprog's disappearance from the scene. We reconvened for the answers after the usual Zoom intermission.10 secs was shortly called away to take a Sainsbury's delivery. This would have earned a down-down, but unfortunately fcuk was called away just as he embarked on his RA duties.



We still did our usual drinks comparison. There was some final discussion of the form of a Christmas "run". There seemed agreement that a virtual celebration was possible; would we all decide on the same style of cuisine or would we all bring our own choice? Or would we follow last year's precedent and make a decision and then change our minds at the last moment? It seems the only certainty is that Christmas hats must be worn...