



Coronavirus Virtual "Run" Number 460

21th January 2021

Burns Night Run

Living rooms across Merseyside, Chester, Grantham and Julich

The Pack: Austin Powers (Hare), Hovercrap, Snoozanne, Mad Hatter, Compo, Cleo, Overdrive, 10secs, ET, Eccles, Carthief, Victim, Grasshopper, SMS (briefly), Hotnuts, Cherry Poppins



As we gathered we were pleased to see Grasshopper rejoining us though not SMS who had been working hard and was also on "tea duty". Austin Powers also introduced a couple of hashers from Julich, Hotnuts and Cherry Poppins (who spoke some curious local German dialect which sounded uncannily like a

Yorkshire accent). Austin Powers was wearing a kilt and plaid cloak fashioned from Hovercrap's best tea-towels, with a butter knife tucked into a sock in lieu of a dirk; while Mad Hatter said he wasn't sure whether his check shirt identified him as a Scot or as a lumberjack; a lumberjock, maybe. There was some reminiscence about previous hash Burns Suppers. Austin Powers thought he recalled one taking place at Snoozanne's flat, but she herself wasn't convinced (AP would later turn out to have been right). More of us recalled the freezing evening near Hamilton Square when Snoozanne somehow managed to keep the haggis warm during the hash. She said she had kept it under her armpits and there was some speculation that a specially designed haggis bra might have been useful. Throughout this discussion people kept retreating to the kitchen to check on progress of their own haggis. Eccles called out that she was mashing her neaps which sounded like a euphemism. Hovercrap was observed blowing something in the background which turned out to be a set (well pair) of bagpipes fashioned out of two of the kids' recorders. AP then produced with a dramatic flourish a much more authentic-looking set of bagpipes which (unbeknownst to Hovercrap apparently) he had bought on the internet.

Austin Powers and Hovercrap were congratulated on the recent election result. AP said he was pleased that he could once again admit to being from the USA and could now take the maple leaf off his back pack.



Overdrive delivers the Selkirk Address

AP then decided it was time to get things moving so Overdrive was asked to deliver the Selkirk Address, followed by the piping in of the haggis. Compo then delivered the address to the Haggis, in a very authentic-sounding Scottish brogue. The Haggis had its own Zoom channel and sat there looking like a medical specimen until it was ceremoniously stabbed.



SMS had turned up at some point and started talking fondly about a Liverpool takeaway called the Lobster pot, one of whose specialities is a deep-fried haggis roll; apparently highly recommended at 2 o'clock in the morning after a night's clubbing.

Austin Powers then delivered the Toast to the Immortal Robbie Burns. He described this as “reheated toast” being an updated version of one he had given at a Burns Supper in Glasgow when “with the misplaced confidence that comes with his nationality” he had accepted a presiding role without ever having attended one before.



10 secs then delivered the Toast to the Lassies. He had googled “Hash Burns” in an attempt to find what Burns had to say about running, but found out more than he bargained for on drug-related injuries. Googling “Burns Check” then revealed an expensive tartan. The rug over Overdrive’s shoulders may well have been an example of this. He then focussed on Burns’ contradictory attitudes to women, in several poems addressing “bonie lasses” but then extolling the lass with “acres of charms”. He finished by saying that any of our male hashers when surveying our own lassies would follow Burns and “hap his hurdies with the passion pleats”, i.e. wrap his buttocks in a kilt. There was a general feeling that Passion Pleats should be a hash name.



Snoozanne then responded on behalf of the lassies. As she said, it was hard to respond when she didn’t know in advance what was going to be said. So she covered all possibilities by saying “Thanks to 10 secs for his kind, amusing, offensive, sexist toast”. There was general agreement that it had indeed been all of those. She then posed a mini-quiz, asking

Who said?

Women who seek to be equal with men lack ambition – (Answer: Marilyn Monroe)

When women go wrong, men go right after them – (Answer: Mae West)

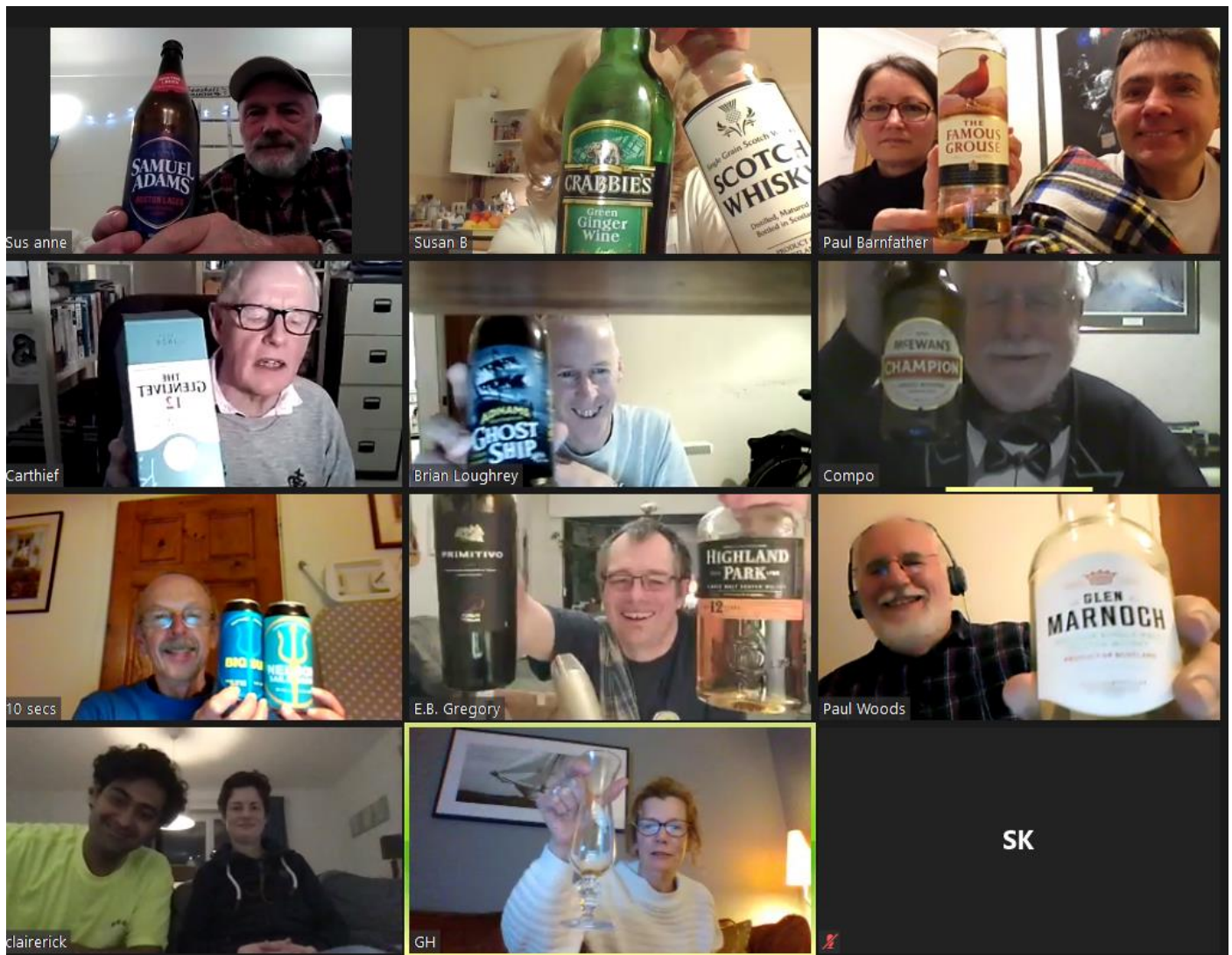
I’d rather have a bottle in front of me than a frontal lobotomy – (Answer: Dorothy Parker)

Several people had guessed Mae West and Dorothy Parker though not necessarily in the right places.



The quiz then followed...someone inevitably suggested that the location of the replica Burns cottage in the USA must be in South Georgia. The round on renditions of Auld Lang Syne in various languages proved especially fiendish, though unsurprisingly Cleo correctly identified the German one.





We then compared our drinks; naturally there was a preponderance of whiskies with one person saying in a slurred voice that on reflection the fourth glass might have been a mistake.

We finished with a discussion of future runs and as usual Victim was listening like a hawk (or whatever it is that has very good ears) for any careless suggestion of setting a quiz. 10 Secs confessed that he had already offered to set the next one, based on a Christmas quiz he'd already used (a re-hash, one might say. There was general agreement that it was never too late, or is it too early, for a Christmas quiz. Cherry Poppins realised to her horror that she had unwittingly "volunteered" to set the quiz on 4th March.

Mersey Thirstdays Hash House Harriers

Burns Supper

21 January 2021

PROGRAM

Welcome

Selkirk Grace ~ Overdrive

Piping in the Haggis

Address to the Haggis ~ Compo

Toast to the Haggis

The Food and Drink

Toast to the Immortal Memory ~ Austin Powers

Toast to the Lassies ~ 10 Seconds

Reply to the Toast to the Lassies ~ Inoexanne

The Quix

The Down-downs

Auld Lang Syne

A Toast to Burns' Immortal Memory

Austin D. Powers

31 January 2009

A slightly updated Toast to Burns' Immortal Memory

Austin D. Powers

21 January 2021



“Just give some quotes and biography and stuff.”

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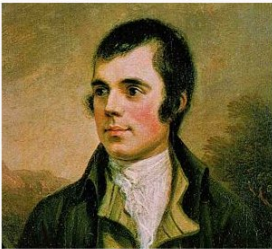
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[Alloway, Ayrshire, Scotland](#)

Died 21 July 1796 (aged 37)
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OF
ROBERT BURNS:
CONTAINING HIS
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WTF, Germany?

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THE TWA DOGS,

A TALE.

'Twas in that place o' Scotland's isle,
That bears the name o' *Auld King Coil*,
Upon a bonnie day in June,
When wearing thro' the afternoon,
Twa dogs that werena thrang at hame,
Forgather'd ance upon a time.

The first I'll name, they ca'd him *Cæsar*,
Was keepit for his Honour's pleasure:
His hair, his size, his mouth, his lugs,
Shew'd he was nane o' Scotland's dogs ;

THE TWO DOGS,

A TALE.

'Twas in that place o' Scotland's isle,
That bears the name o' *Auld King Coil*,
Upon a bonnie day in June,
When wearing thro' the afternoon,
Two dogs that weren't *strang* at home,
7. Forgather'd *ance* upon a time.

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Was *kep*it for his Honour's pleasure:
His hair, his size, his mouth, his lugs, 7.
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Ode For General Washington's Birthday

1794

Type: Ode

No Spartan tube, no Attic shell,
No lyre Aeolian I awake;
'Tis liberty's bold note I swell,
Thy harp, Columbia, let me take!
See gathering thousands, while I sing,
A broken chain exulting bring,
And dash it in a tyrant's face,
And dare him to his verv beard.

also JFK

LXXV.

TO JOHN KENNEDY.

Now, Kennedy, if foot or horse
E'er bring you in by Mauchline Cross,
L—d, man, there's lasses there wad force
A hermit's fancy,
And down the gate in faith they're worse
And mair unchancy.

But as I'm sayin', please step to Dow's,
And taste sic gear as Johnnie brews,
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XCVI.

COCK UP YOUR BEAVER.

Tune—"Cock up your beaver."

I.

WHEN first my brave Johnnie lad
Came to this town,
He had a blue bonnet
That wanted the crown;
But now he has gotten
A hat and a feather,—
Hey, brave Johnnie lad,
Cock up your beaver!

CCXXX.

THE LOVER'S MORNING SALUTE
TO HIS MISTRESS.

Tune—"Deil tak the Wars."

I.

SLEEP'ST thou, or wak'st thou, fairest creature?
Rosy Morn now lifts his eye,
Numbering ilka bud which nature
Waters wi' the tears o' joy:
Now through the leafy woods,
And by the reeking floods,

CCLXVI.

HEY FOR A LASS WI' A TOCHER.

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Hash Trash ca. 1789

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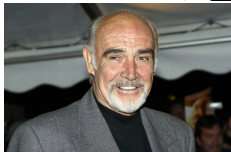
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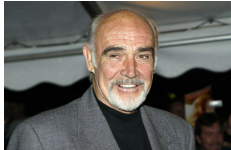
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Isop, saveray, þou schalle take þen,
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If you followed the above recipe from *Liber Cure Cocorum*, what would you make?

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"Hagese" or Haggis

The heart of sheep, the kidneys you take,
The bowel naught you shall forsake,
In the vortex made, and boiled well,
Hack all together with good parsley,
Hyssop, savory, you shall take then,
And suet of sheep take in, I know,
With powder of pepper and eggs good quantity,



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Tam O'Shanter



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Christopher Columbus ~ 600

Mao Zedong ~ 180

Queen Victoria ~ 144

Robert Burns ~60



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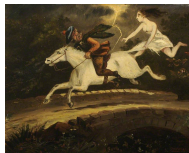


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Nannie

Ah! little ken'd thy reverend grannie,
That sark she coft for her wee Nannie,
Wi' twa pund Scots, ('twas a' her riches),
Wad ever grac'd a dance of witches!

But here my Muse her wing maun cour;
Sic flights are far beyond her pow'r;
To sing how Nannie lap and flang,
(A souple jade she was, and strang),
And how Tam stood, like ane bewitch'd,
And thought his very een enrich'd;
Even Satan glowr'd, and fidg'd fu' fain,
And hotch'd and blew wi' might and main;
Till first ae caper, syne anither,
Tam tint his reason a' thegither,
And roars out, "Weel done, Cutty-sark!"

Ah! little knew your reverend grandmother,
That underskirt she bought for her little granddaughter,
With two Scots pounds (it was all her riches),
Would ever graced a dance of witches!

But here my tale must stoop and bow,
Such words are far beyond her power;
To sing how Nannie leaped and kicked
(A supple youth she was, and strong);
And how Tom stood like one bewitched,
And thought his very eyes enriched;
Even Satan glowered, and fidgeted full of lust,
And jerked and blew with might and main;
Till first one caper, then another,
Tom lost his reason all together,
And roars out: " Well done, short skirt!"



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USDA (1971):

§ 310.16 Disposition of lungs.

(a) Livestock lungs shall not be saved for use as human food.



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66m (53 - 79m)



Halls of Scotland set the Guinness world record for the largest Haggis in 2014.

How much did it weigh? ($\pm 20\%$)

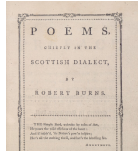


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2226 lbs (1781 - 2671 lbs)

1010 kg (808 - 1212 kg)



Burns' *Poems Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect* is 240 pages long. A contemporary writer, using the pen name AmaryllisGardner produced > 27000 pages in 'Scots' over a seven-year period.

- ▶ What is the work to which AmaryllisGardner contributed?
- ▶ What is notable about AmaryllisGardner?

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Liverpuil

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Coordinates: 53.4°N 3°W

This airticle is about the ceety. For the fitbaa club, see [Liverpool F.C.](#). For ether uises, see [Liverpuil \(disambiguation\)](#).

Liverpuil (*Inglis: Liverpool*) is a ceety an burgh o [Merseyside](#), [Ingland](#), that is alang the [River Mersey](#). It haes 435,000 fowk, the fowert lairgest ceety in the [Unitit Kinrick](#). The [Liverpuil Urban Aerie](#) haes aboot 816,216 fowk.

The ceety grew bi bein a important port toun, wi muckle troke frau the [Wast Indies](#). Ceetizens o Liverpuil is aiftimes cried "Scoosers" acause o a kynd o local stove cried "Scoose". [The Beatles](#) helpit mak the ceety weel-kent.



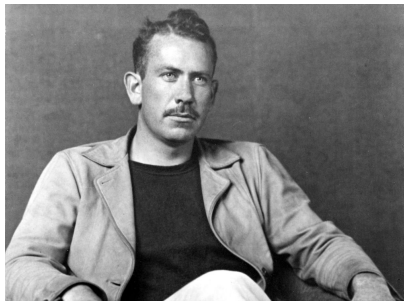


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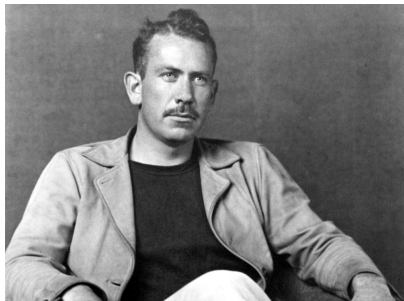
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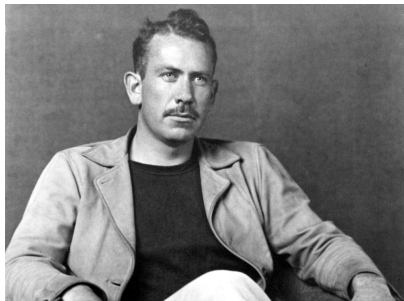
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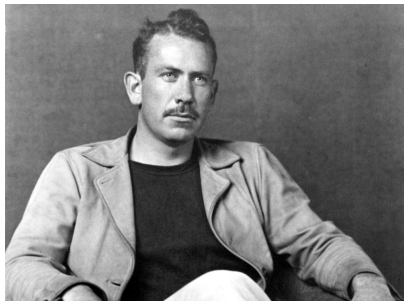
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The best laid schemes o' mice an' men / Gang aft agley
The best laid schemes of mice and men / Often go awry.



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