

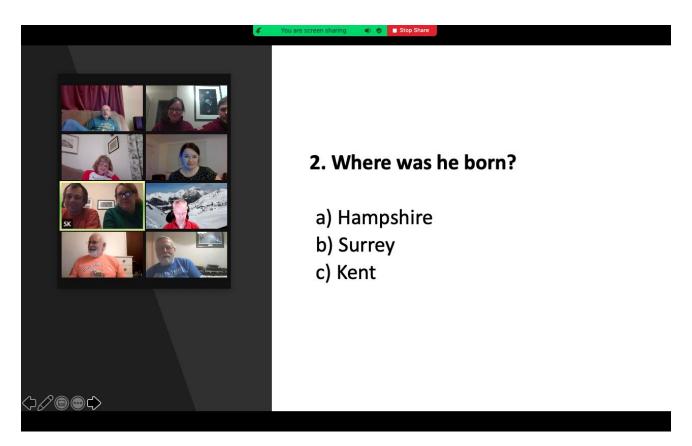


### Coronavirus Virtual "Run" Number 462 Cleo's birthday run 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021

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

The Pack: Cleo (Hare), Compo, Overdrive, 10secs, ET, Victim, OTT, VR, Austin Powers, Hovercrap

There have been many "normal" runs where a small band of hardy hashers gather and congratulate themselves on having got there by braving the rain and cold, or the cancelled Merseyrail trains, or both; this was a virtual version where no-one had been able to find the week's Zoom link and the select few who turned up had had to figure out that last week's link would also work. ET was at first seen with a backdrop of the Liverpool skyline and a Liverpool Council logo, which led to cries of "You have no authority here!" and "Read the standing orders!" inspired by the recent celebrated Handsforth Council meeting. He replaced it with the Sauze d'Oulx ski resort where we agreed to have at least two hash ski trips next year to make up for this year's deprivation. Meanwhile others were experimenting with animal ears etc and Austin Powers produced a backdrop with a "Warning: aliens" sign which was probably Area 51 or Roswell. ET showed us the huge green curtain he said facilitated the use of a backdrop; though it may have been his clever way of accounting for being confined to a padded cell upholstered in nice calming colours. Hovercrap then donned a green sweat-shirt which enabled her to materialise and dematerialise at will. Austin Powers did the same with a beer which seemed a good trick for real life, especially the materialising bit. We discovered from Cleo that her birthday was actually the following day., 19th February. We then started the "run" which was a mixture of quiz rounds interspersed with activities. We were impressed by the clever range of questions revolving around Cleo's birthday – though Hovercrap made a plea for more arcane questions on British topography, having enjoyed last week's so much. There was an odd emphasis on the number "42" whose significance was apparent after a bit of thought. An early question asked us to select which of three weird-sounding national holidays fell on Cleo's birthday. One of them was Uruguay's "Never Again Day". Someone suggested that must be the day after "Allday party Day". Victim said he'd been to Uruguay and never knew they had such a day. 10secs unkindly suggested that maybe they had only introduced it immediately after Victim's visit. There was then a round where Cleo had ingeniously managed to link her birthday with South Georgia.



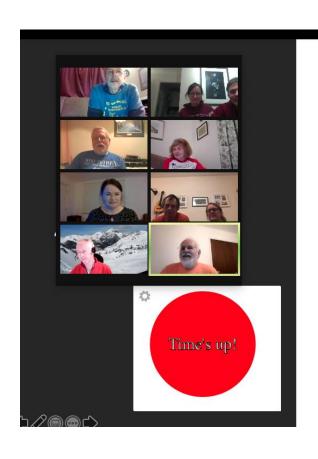
It then spookily turned out that one of the originators of Hashing, "G" Gispert, had been born around this time of year;



### 10. He was killed in action in 1942. Where did he die?

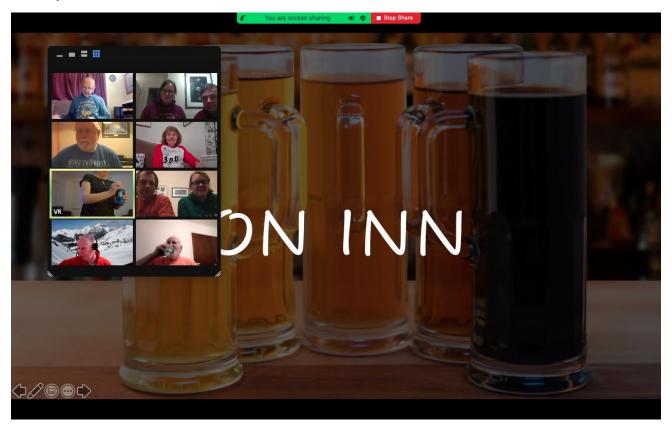
- a) Melaka
- b) Singapore
- c) Kuala Lumpur

and even more spookily, he died in 1942!!





At this point someone spotted that VR had appeared; though a look at the screenshots shows that she had quietly slipped in some time ago. A final round featured pictures of far-flung places which had to be identified. Someone suggested that the quiz must have been set on a bike to take in the wide range of locations – which turned out all to have been places where Cleo had celebrated her birthday. We then found the On Inn.



When we reconvened, Cleo revealed the answers and we totted up the scores. There were some surprises, Victim winning with 13 and Compo scoring a career best of 11. ET and 10secs only got 6.

Overdrive took on RA duties and Cleo was awarded a round of Hashy Birthday and commended for a carefully researched quiz.

Compo then asked Cleo how old she was – I think this was a joke... and Austin Powers revealed that he had quietly had a birthday on 14<sup>th</sup> February.



Hovercrap then revealed that in another uncanny coincidence she happened to have a towel emblazoned with Cleo's exact age.



Finally we compared our drinks...

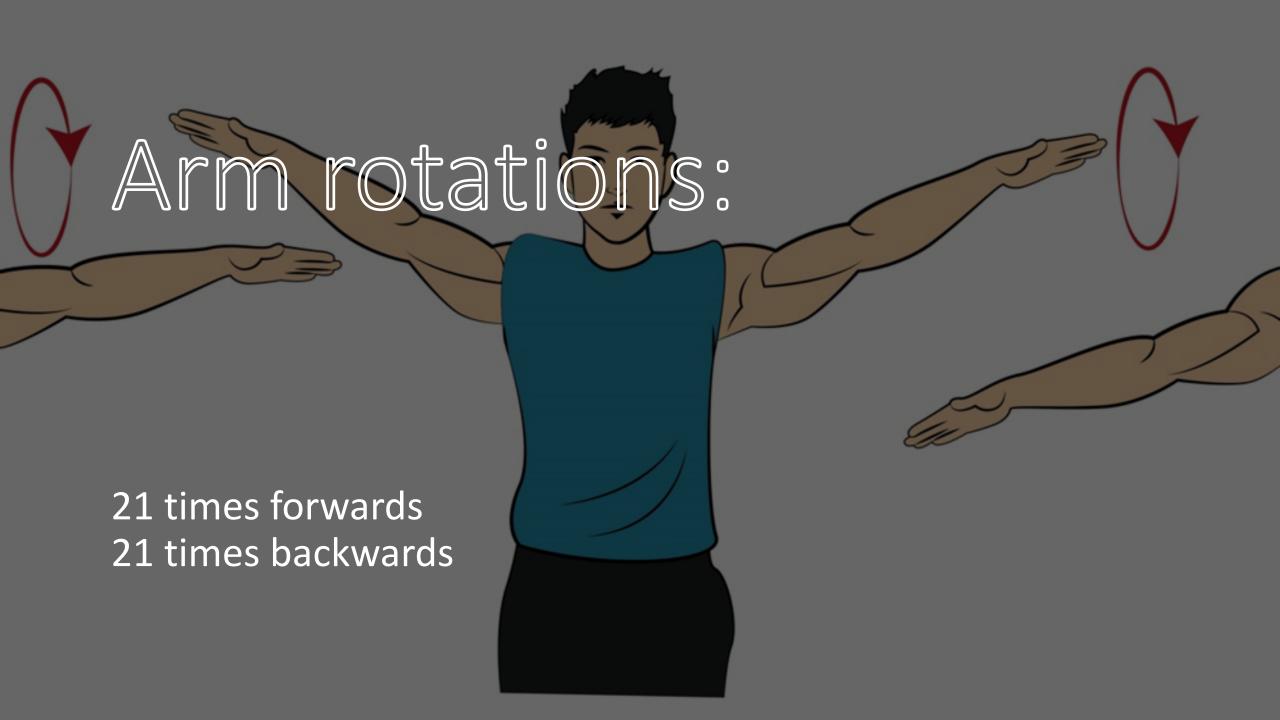


...and said our goodbyes.



3 Quiz rounds - with exercises in between





Do 42 knee lifts, alternating left and right





### 1. Cleo shares a birthday with:

- a) Leonardo da Vinci
- b) Nicolaus Copernicus
- c) Galileo Galilei

### 2. 19th of February is:

- a) Flag Day in Turkmenistan
- b) Dialect Day in Japan
- c) Never Again Day in Uruguay

### 3. Which of these happened on 19 February 1819?

a) The SS *Savannah* leaves port at Savannah, Georgia, on a voyage to become the first steamship to cross the Atlantic Ocean.

b) British explorer William Smith discovers the South Shetland Islands and claims them in the name of King George III.

c) The Georgian Kingdom of Kartli-Kakheti, part of which was the major territory of modern South Ossetia, is annexed by the Russian Empire.

#### 4. 42 is the atomic number for:

- a) Niobium
- b) Molybdenum
- c) Technetium

### 5. 42 is the title of a 2008 song by:

- a) Snowpatrol
- b) Maroon 5
- c) Coldplay

Do star jumps fo 42 seconds



# In memory of "G" Gispert

Died 11 Feb 1942

### 1. When was Gispert born?

a) 1899

b) 1903

c) 1907

### 2. Where was he born?

- a) Hampshire
- b) Surrey
- c) Kent

#### 3. What was his full name?

- a) Alberto Estaban Ignatio Gispert
- b) Alfredo Esekial Isandro Gispert
- c) Alejandro Eberto Innocentio Gispert

### 4. Which language did he speak at home?

- a) English
- b) Spanish
- c) Portuguese

### 5. How man siblings did he have?

a) 6

b) 7

c) 8

### 6. What was his profession?

- a) Chartered Accountant
- b) Chartered Engineer
- c) Chartered Surveyor

### 7. What was his wife's name?

- a) Anne
- b) Eve
- c) Lil

8. He was with the Federated Malay States Volunteer Reservists. What was his rank?

- a) Major
- b) Lieutenant
- c) Captain

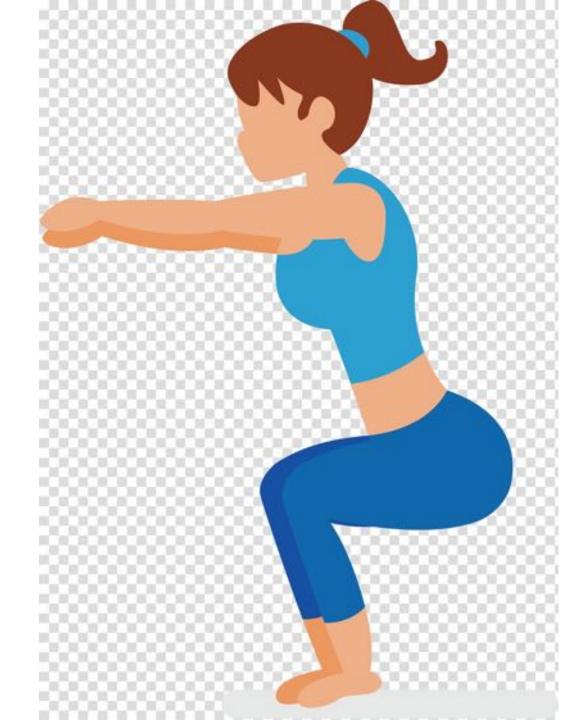
9. Along with "Torch" Bennett, Cecil Lee and a few others, he founded the Hash House Harriers in....?

- a) 1936
- b) 1937
- c) 1938

### 10. He was killed in action in 1942. Where did he die?

- a) Melaka
- b) Singapore
- c) Kuala Lumpur

Hold squat for 42 seconds



### Name that place:

1.



## Name that place: 2.



Name that place:

3.



### Name that place: 4.



### 5. Can you guess what links these places?

### Answers:

1: Kirchberg

2: Melbourne

3: Salt Lake City

4: London

5: Cleopatra has celebrated a birthday there



Run on spot for 42 seconds

