



**MERSEY THIRSTDAYS
HASH HOUSE HARRIERS**

Coronavirus Virtual “Run” Number 463

3rd March 2021

Living rooms across Merseyside, Chester, Julich and Grantham

The Pack: Cherry Poppins and Hot Nuts (Hares), Snoozanne, Mad Hatter, Austin Powers, Hovercrap, Compo, Cleo, Overdrive, 10secs, ET, Eccles, AE, Victim, Carthief

Cherry Poppins and Hot Nuts had kindly agreed to set a quiz very soon after joining our ranks. They appeared sporting bunny ears, or as they quickly clarified, hare ears, since this was to be a quiz with a March/Hare theme. What's more they were real ears; real as opposed to virtual, i.e. they had not taken authenticity to the ultimate extreme of having actual animal ears grafted on their heads. AP and Hovercrap turned up with miniature hares on their hares; these did have a disturbing appearance of having been jabbed into their skulls on spikes. Not to be outdone, several other pack members donned hare ears from the Zoom special effects kit. We were also delighted to see AE make a welcome reappearance.



We then started on the quiz. Victim said that Quentin Tarantino was featured wearing one of his shirts; well it was a check shirt, appropriately enough. As a consequence of a typo, one question on dates of birth featured three “borns” rather than the intended two; “born again” as someone (Eccles?) said.



We reconvened for the answers after the usual Zoom break. One question had two possible answers, “lucky” or “unlucky”; Victim hopefully asked if he could have ½ point for the wrong answer. When it was revealed that male and female hares used to be called Jack and Jills, someone asked what were baby hares called. When 10secs suggested “Jillettes” someone said they would grow up to be Hare Razors. Cleo revealed that she had broken a toe. We wondered if she had been “on the piste” as she had been the last time this happened, but it turned out that she had kicked a table; lockdown does strange things to people. She was unsure whether to go to hospital to have it checked out. It was suggested that the ever-helpful GP’s e-consult system might provide a tutorial on do-it-yourself surgery. Hovercrap said that she had once broken a toe three times in a single year; apparently it stuck out a little more each time which made it all the more likely to happen again.

There was a discussion about ET’s background featuring the AJ. Someone asked if he always took his office chair down the pub. It turned out that ET had taken the photo that very day, and he showed us a few more. Apparently some people had been forlornly eating their sandwiches on the tables outside

We then compared our scores, which were:

AP & Hovercrap 26.5

Snoozanne & MH; Eccles – 21.5

Victim - 21

ET, 10 secs – 19

Carthief – 17.5

As AP said, their victory made up for their poor knowledge of arcane UK geography a few weeks ago. There was some discussion of when real hashing can start – maybe April 12th? Someone commented that if we can each only meet with 5 other people at once, it might have to be arranged a bit like speed dating but with beer. The conversation then turned as it so often does to the virus. Someone said that the Brazilian is the most exciting, which of course immediately sent the conversation into quite a different direction. Dental floss came into it somehow. Finally Overdrive did the honours as RA, and down-downs were awarded to the Hares for a very inventive and entertaining quiz, and AE as a returnee.



And of course we all displayed our drinks.



Victim's road trip next week

AE returners down, says will be back!



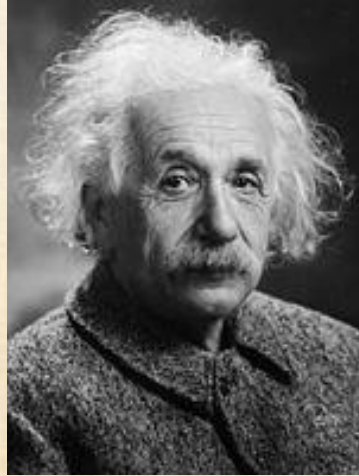
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The March Madness Quiz



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Round 1: Fame-March



ALL THESE CELEBS HAVE BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH. YOU WIN ONE POINT FOR CORRECTLY NAMING THE CELEB AND ONE POINT FOR CORRECTLY IDENTIFYING THEIR YEAR OF BIRTH.

Round 2: March Madness

- 1) The 1st March is the feast day of which patron saint?
BONUS POINT - where is he the patron saint of?
- 2) Frederic Chopin born was born on the 1st March 1810.
Which country was he born in?
- 3) Whose coffin was stolen from its Swiss grave on
March 1st 1978?
- 4) What did the Royal New Zealand Navy abolish on 1st
March 1990?
- 5) In the original Roman calendar which month was
March?



Round 2: March Madness

- 6) March is named after which Roman god?
- 7) If your birthday is on the fifth of March, what is your zodiac sign?
- 8) Caesar was told 'Beware the Ides of March'. On what date are the Ides?
- 9) Why were the Ides of March a significant day for skint Romans?



Round 2: March Madness

10) When are the first three days in March considered unlucky?

When it is unseasonably warm

When the wind blows strongly

When rain falls

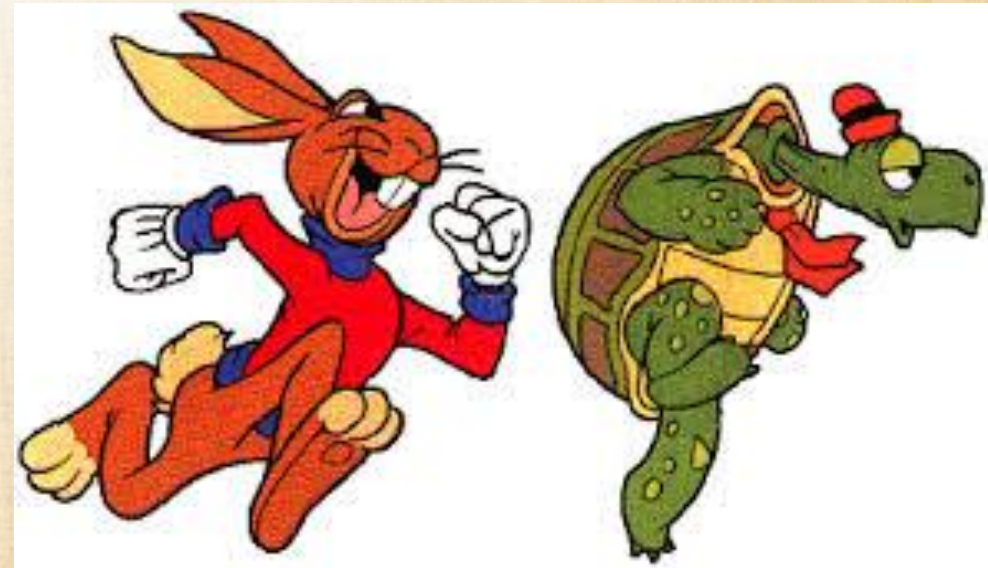
When the sun shines

11) Which sport has a tournament named March Madness?



Now it's time for us to sort out the tortoises from the hares! Time for some 'hare raising' questions Round 3

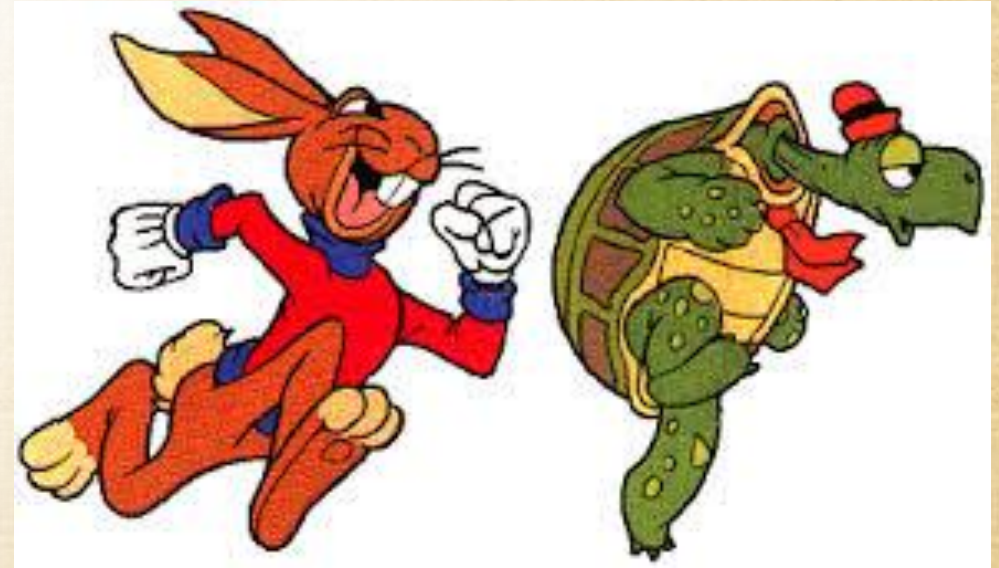
- 1) Britain's fastest land mammal is the brown hare.
Who is credited with its introduction to Britain more than 2,000 years ago?
- 2) Is the otherworldly white hare, which in Cornish legend wove a path between the fishing smacks of the county's harbours at sundown, associated with being lucky or unlucky?
- 3) What is the family name of the hares in Sam McBratney's book, 'Guess How Much I Love You'?



Round 3 cont'd

4) 'The Tortoise and the Hare' is one of Aesop's Fables. What number is it in the Perry Index?

5) In Aztec mythology, the Centzon Tōtōchtin (Nahuatl pronunciation: [sent͡son toː'toːt͡ɬtin] "four-hundred rabbits"; also Centzontōtōchtin) are a group of divine rabbits. What do they have in common with Hashers?



6) What activity marks the madness of the hare?

7) Bucks and does are commonly used to denote the male and female species of many animals. However, historically hares were given different names. What are they?

Time to get the drinks in as we go to The Mad Hatter's Tea Party...

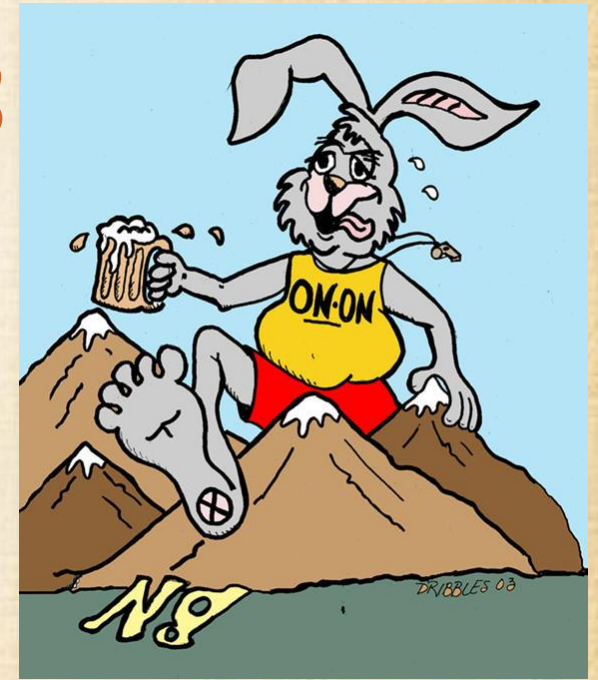
Round 4

- 1) The March Hare is famous for attending the tea party in Lewis Carroll's Alice In Wonderland. Who else attended the tea party?
- 2) In what month was the tea party held?
- 3) What was Alice offered at the tea party but never received?
- 4) What is unusual about the March Hare's watch?
- 5) In Alice Through the Looking Glass, the March Hare's has a special job – what was it?



Round 5: Hashing Hares

- 1) Kuala Lumpur is designated as the mother hash, which country has the father hash?
- 2) Which school yard game did hashing evolve from?
- 3) Where does the name “hash house” come from?
- 4) Originally during a hash, the hare would set the trail using what?
- 5) Which countries do not have hash houses?
- 6) What is the name of the hash house in Antartica?



ANSWERS

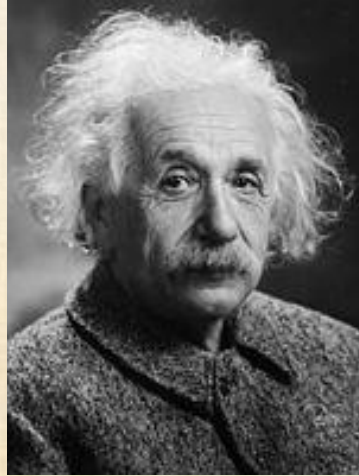
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Elton John
1947



Reese Witherspoon
1976



Albert Einstein
1879



Lady Gaga
1986



Justin Bieber
1994



Liz Claiborne
1929



Quentin Tarantino
1963

Round 2: March Madness

- 1) The 1st March is the feast day of which patron saint? **David**
 2) BONUS QUESTION: Where is the patron saint of? **Wales**

- 2) Frederic Chopin was born on the 1st March 1810. Which country was he born in?
In the Duchy of Warsaw - Poland

- 3) Whose coffin was stolen from its Swiss grave on March 1st 1978?
Charlie Chaplin's

- 4) What did the Royal New Zealand Navy abolish on 1st March 1990?
The rum ration

ROUND 2

March is named after which Roman god? **Mars - the god of war**

If your birthday is on the fifth of March, what is your zodiac sign? **Pisces**

Caesar was told 'Beware the Ides of March'. On what date are the Ides? **15th March**

Why were the Ides of March a significant day for skint Romans? **It was a deadline for settling debts**

When are the first three days in March considered unlucky?

When it is unseasonably warm

When the wind blows strongly

When rain falls

When the sun shines

If rain falls during the first three days in March it is supposed to foretell a bad harvest

Which sport has a tournament named March Madness? **Basketball**

NOW IT'S TIME FOR US TO SORT OUT THE TORTOISES FROM THE HARES! TIME FOR SOME 'HARE RAISING' QUESTIONS IN ROUND 3

1) Britain's fastest land mammal is the brown hare. Who is credited with its introduction to Britain more than 2,000 years ago? **The Romans**

2) Is the otherworldly white hare, which in Cornish legend wove a path between the fishing smacks of the county's harbours at sundown, associated with being lucky or unlucky?

Unlucky - either a warning of imminent tempest or the spirit of a broken-hearted maiden determined to haunt her faithless lover

3) What is the family name of the hares in Sam McBratney's book, 'Guess How Much I Love You'? **Nutbrown**

4) The Tortoise and the Hare" is one of Aesop's Fables. What number is it in the Perry Index? **226**

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They like to meet up to get drunk!

ROUND 3

6) WHICH ACTIVITY MARKS THE MADNESS OF THE HARE? **Boxing matches**

7) BUCKS AND DOES ARE COMMONLY USED TO DENOTE THE MALE AND FEMALE SPECIES OF MANY ANIMALS. HOWEVER, HISTORICALLY HARES WERE GIVEN DIFFERENT NAMES. WHAT ARE THEY? **Jacks & Jills**

TIME TO GET THE DRINKS IN FOR THE FINAL ROUND AS WE GO TO THE MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY... ROUND 4

1) The March Hare is famous for attending the tea party in Lewis Carroll's Alice In Wonderland.

Who else attended the tea party? **Alice, the Dormouse, the Mad Hatter**

2) In what month was the tea party held? **May**

3) What was Alice offered at the tea party but never received? **Wine**

4) What is unusual about the March Hare's watch? **It measures the day of the month**

5) In Alice Through the Looking Glass, the March Hare's has a special job – what was it?

The personal messenger to the White King

HARES HASHING

- KUALA LUMPUR IS DESIGNATED AS THE MOTHER HASH, WHICH COUNTRY HAS THE FATHER HASH? **Singapore**
- WHERE DOES THE NAME „HASH HOUSE“ COME FROM?
Nickname for a cafe in Selangor base, Malaysia because of its lacklusture food.
- WHICH GAME IS ACCERITED AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF HASH? **Paper chase; hare and hounds**
- ORIGINALLY DURING A HASH, THE HARE WOULD SET THE TRAIL USING WHAT?
4inch square paper cuttings from local newspapers
- WHICH COUNTRIES DO NOT HAVE A HASHING GROUP? **North Korea & Iran**
- WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE HASH GROUP FROM ANTARTICA? **Deep Freeze Hash House Harriers**