

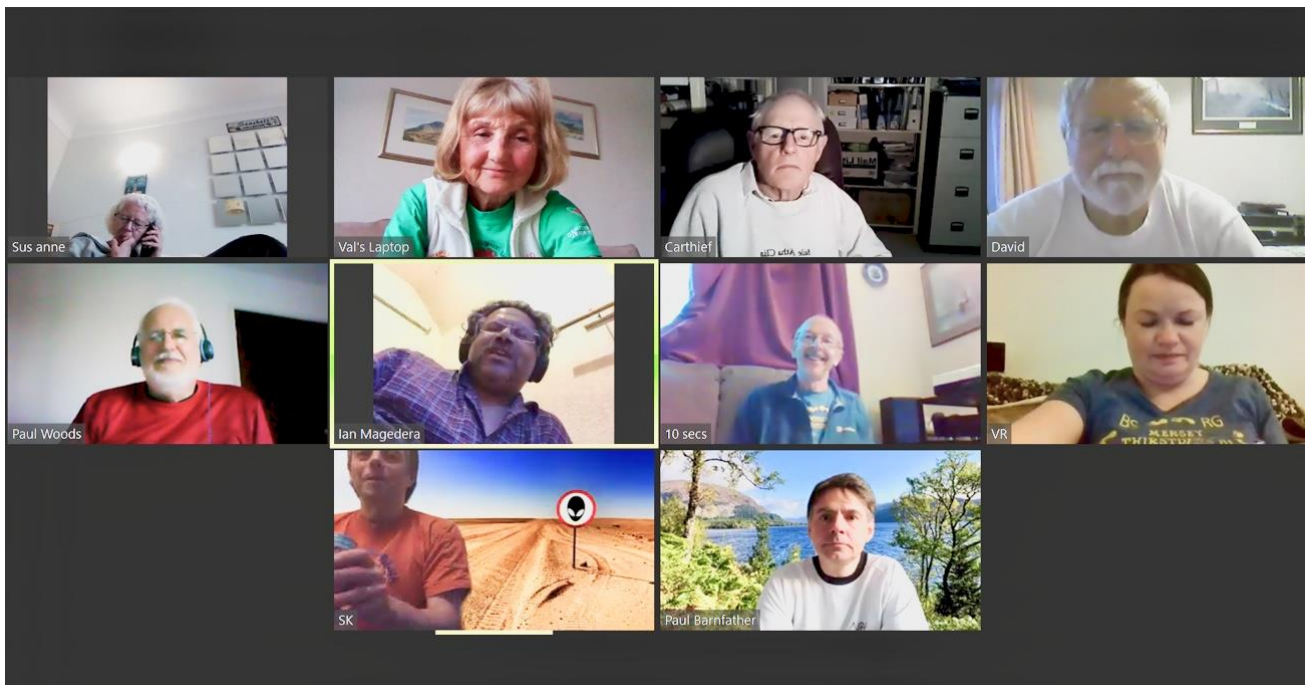


**Coronavirus Virtual “Run” Number 466
OTT Belated Birthday/April Fool’s Day Hash**

8th April 2021

Living rooms across Merseyside, Chester, North Wales and Julich

The Pack: OTT (Hare), Snoozanne, Compo, Overdrive, 10secs, fcuk, ET, Austin Powers, Hovercrap, Carthief, VR



As we gathered Overdrive was flourishing a “Utopian Brexit Pilsener” brewed in Great Britain with Great British ingredients. Austin Powers had a couple of odd-looking stringed instruments on the wall behind him. 10 secs made the mistake of asking him what they were, whereupon AP brought one down and started strumming it. It needed tuning – well he would say that wouldn’t he. But apparently AP had made them himself, using a cigar box as a sound box. Talk of what a nice

evening it had been for last week's real run led to comments on how cold it now was. ET suggested we all join him round the tropical looking pool which featured as his backdrop, a tempting thought. We then started the quiz. The first round asked us to identify various features of past runs which had taken place in previous years around 1st April, and the second gave us cryptic clues to various Merseyside pubs which had featured on hashes. Many of these were quite fiendishly difficult and there were comments about how OTT had raised the intellectual bar quite dramatically.

After we returned from the obligatory break OTT went through the answers. When the scores were in, it turned out that 10 secs had just pipped Snoozanne at the post. When it was commented that clearly previous successes must have been down to Mad Hatter, Snoozanne claimed that on the contrary she'd have done even better if he hadn't been there. As someone said, it was not often one witnessed a domestic with only one of the couple present.

Fcuk then took on the mantle of RA. He awarded the down downs as follows:

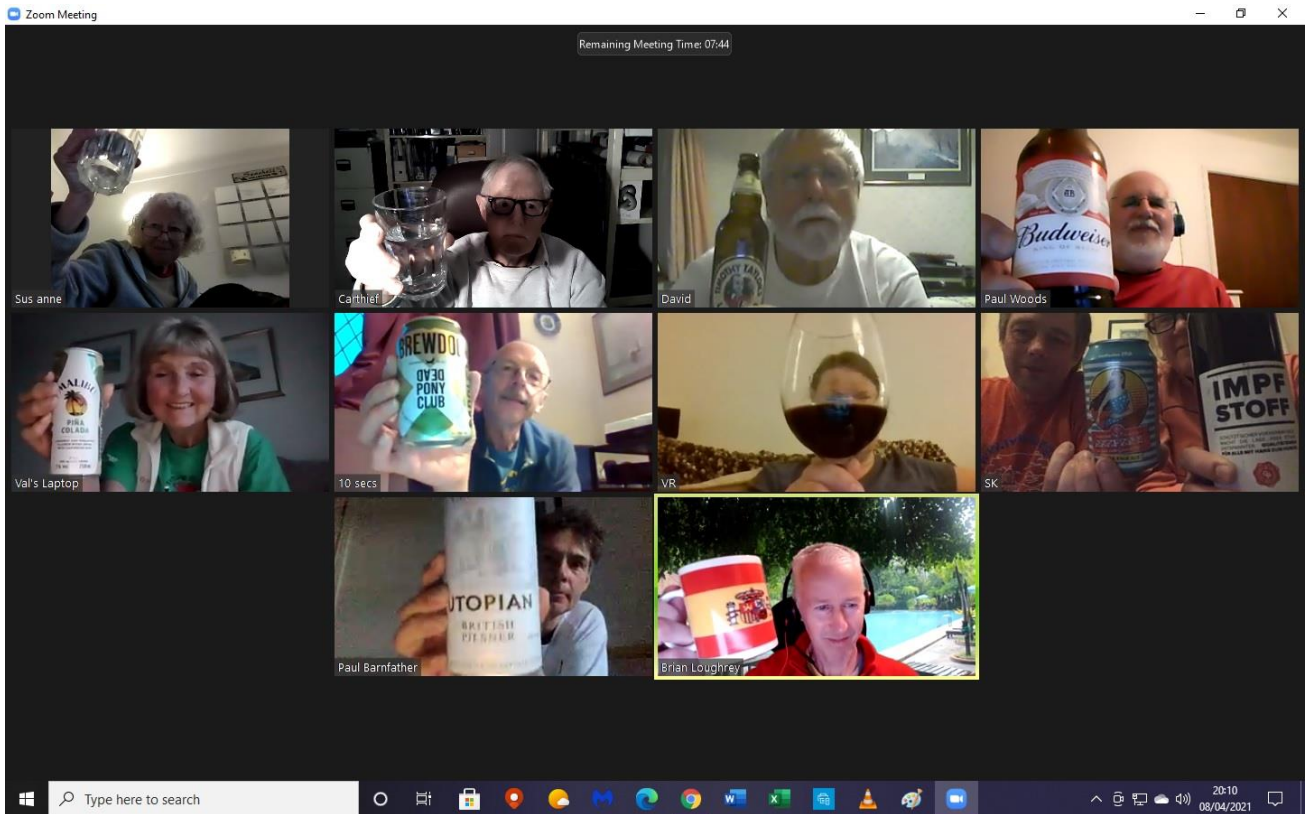
The Hare: He commended this Times Crossword amongst quizzes, and also awarded a down-down to OTT for the best hair. This naturally led to

Fcuk: Worst hair – fcuk's extreme case of lockdown hair had already been noted. There was a threat of a no-hair award, at which 10 secs and Victim kept very quiet.

VR: One of the questions asked us to identify the owner of a birthday cake, which VR gave away somewhat by mentioning that the hash in question had been on her birthday.

Victim: A senior moment – he complained that the sound had been turned off before realising that he wasn't wearing his headphones.

OTT's cat had joined us by this time, named Luka but not after the Suzanne Vega song. Fcuk asked if he was a castrato which is a posh way of saying his bits had been removed. Around this time someone pointed out that Hovercrap kept disappearing, and someone else said that perhaps she'd been abducted by aliens – a sign on the backdrop behind her showed a "Beware aliens" sign in a desert somewhere; Roswell? Area 51?



We then did the usual drinks display. Victim commented that he was still on his American road trip. Austin Powers told us that "Impfstoff" is German for vaccine. VR appears to be drinking a wine with a good head on it.