



Compo Well-Wisher and Nearly-15th MTH3 Anniversary

6th May 2021

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

The Pack: Victim, Cleo, Overdrive, 10secs, fcuk, ET, SMS, Grasshopper, Carthief, OTT, Austin Powers, Hovercrap, AE, VR, RTfuct, Grutel



Rtfuct was first to appear, very impressively given that it was 2am in Oz. Overdrive didn't stand on ceremony, asking her right away how things were down under. She understandably ignored this question and told us about Perth instead. She had clearly gone native, sporting a stetson and a slight Australian accent. There was then the now-traditional exchange about the COVID situation,

and attempts to remember when RTfuct had last run with MTH3. 10secs appeared and immediately decided his PC was in the wrong place, prompting a sarcastic comment from Overdrive about how we had now got this Zoom thing down to a fine art. Austin Powers and Hovercrap appeared on separate screens, provoking topical comparisons to Bill and Melinda Gates. Further technical issues ensued, with OTT initially on her phone unable to open the Zoom link on her computer until the help/hindrance of shouted advice from the pack enabled her to sort it out; first a sort of cat avatar and then OTT herself appearing on her computer link. VR then produced an alcohol-free stout called Galactic and proceeded to tempt Cleo with it, with seductive murmurs of “wouldn’t you like one of these...you know you want it” etc. With the arrival of Grutel, we decided it was time to start the proceedings, and fcuk introduced Austin Powers as RA. It became apparent that AP also had technical issues, with a timelag of about 10 seconds on his voice. As 10seconds himself said, you really don’t want to be 10 seconds behind. The problem was alleviated slightly when AP made the effort to speak v..e..r..y s..l..o..w..l..y and improved further when Hovercrap turned off her connection. Fcuk then said that we would start off with some “sermons” of the kind that Compo often produces. RTfuct told us one about an eminent expert on wasps who goes into a record shop to listen to Volume 2 of European Vespidae Acoustics. He is incensed to find that the recording sounds nothing like wasps, and after some to-ing and fro-ing the manager tells him that the problem is that he’s playing the B-side. She earned a Down-down for this, which revealed that after all these years we still don’t know the words. Fcuk then asked us why the ships in the Norwegian navy have barcodes – so they can scan da navy in. Victim told a series of rather corny lion jokes, inspired by the link to Wirral Lions on Compo’s webpage. Example: What do you call a lion in a fancy hat? Answer: A dandy lion. And 10 secs asked what is the difference between Dubai and Abu Dhabi, answer: the people of Dubai don’t like The Flintstones, but those in Abu Dhabi do. Fcuk then announced that we would have a Compo themed quiz – which Compo himself was banned from entering, since it would be surprising if he scored less than full marks. (See the end for the questions). The quiz was interleaved with a bit of film apparently showing the new marine equipment consisting of a jetpack. This can be seen at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-56979994> if you are interested. Someone said it was powered by beans or even Compo rations. There were comments that RN personnel were being called up to counter the threat of French fishermen blockading St Helier, and this was the way that Compo was going to have to join his ship. When fcuk had revealed the quiz answers, CT had won; possibly for the first time in an MTH3 quiz, but of course as another triple centurion hash member his Compo knowledge should be unparalleled. Since CT won outright there was no need for the knockout questions, but fcuk rattled through them anyway. At this point Grutel (I think it was) put into the Zoom chat the answer to the question of where was RTfuct’s last run; Run Number 71, one of Lilo Lil’s apparently. fcuk said that it was RTfuct who had ensured he became a hasher by convincing him to come a second time, as it were. AP then showed some photos proving that hashing had been a good preparation for a hospital stay, showing him wearing an embarrassing gown, taking in lots of fluids and using a bed pan. Overdrive then played a message from BS and Junior BS. 10 secs showed a selection of past trashes, commenting that Compo is justly proud of our long record of trashes. He focussed on runs hared by Compo (Runs 96, 99 and a recent classic Compo birthday run, Run 383), saying that they illustrated Compo’s practice of picking the On Inn first before starting to devise the trail, and often building the trail around a theme and giving mini-lectures at points of interest. Compo is often described as a wily hare, being a master of misdirection, and this was also illustrated by these various runs. By the way it goes without saying that further details of all runs mentioned here and later may be found in the Trash.

AP then said how much he enjoyed reading the trashes and awarded the “Pullet Surprise” to Hash Scribes past and present; stressing that contrary to what you might think, this was not a sex position with cold hands. He then introduced a section on “Where are they now” focussing on hash related objects which had disappeared over the years, and displaying photos proving that they had once existed. There was:

1. The hash hymnal.
2. The RA helmets - 10secs confessed to having these in his office.
3. The ice block – there was a photo of CT sitting astride one wearing a red dress, a pair of polka dot knickers and a cheerful smile – or was it a grimace? Committed hash scribe as he was, he was still taking notes in his notebook. AP commented that he had kept the ice block for a long time and that the contours of successive buttocks were melted into it.
4. RTfuct's bike saddle. This was apparently all AP's fault, as he had put flour on the saddle giving it the appearance of a piece of junk, which had prompted someone to vandalise it. As AP said, it promised a more intimate riding experience, but RTfuct still seemed to be sore about it. So we did find out how things were down under, after all...
5. The shirt. There was a rare photo of Compo wearing it (since he rarely did anything heinous to earn it). It was apparently last seen on Run 71. Someone suggested Snoozanne might have it.
6. The bed pans. Carthief confessed to having these; SMS also has some. There was a photo of some burnt sausages nestling in a bed pan in a rather faecal sort of way.

This version of Crimewatch had been remarkably successful. AP then suggested that when Compo left hospital he might try to make off with some hospital gowns, bedpans and (slightly implausibly) helmets to make good our losses. Finally as a postscript AP told us that in a rare recent cleaning of chez Powers, the hymnal had been found. At this point RTfuct told us a scouse joke. AP then shared the photos recently circulated depicting MTH3 in uniform. The favourite was fcuk's entry in a fancy dress competition which he had lost to the child behind who was dressed as a bottle of HP sauce. He was sentenced to a down-down in brown sauce.

Fcuk then described another classic Compo birthday run, his 69th (Run 327). This one had a nautical theme; the On Inn was the Cock and Seaman and everyone had been enjoined to wear nautical dress if possible. At some point in the run we found Joan's car, containing a welcome stash of bottles of beer; namely Shepherd Neame's "1698", which Compo had artfully modified to read just "69". Fcuk said this was now one of his favourite beers. Carthief then regaled us with his description of the epic "Beatles Run", Number 122, which was 8.5 miles long and (including the circle) lasted until 10.45. Various passing strangers had been press-ganged into the pack and not allowed to leave until the end.

ET then asked how many social workers it takes to change a light bulb. (Answer: only one, but the light bulb has to really want to change.) OTT reminded us that Compo had done over 250 runs with WCH3 before joining MTH3, and recounted a weekend trip with Compo to SMEG (South Monmouth and East Glamorgan?) which had been an excuse for a long pub crawl.

VR then shared reminiscences of Run 373, which she said had been the one which inspired her to become a committed hasher. She shared a photo taken in the Belvedere showing 3 of her favourite things: Compo, food and beer. She said she had spent the whole night in fits of giggles until having to run downtown for the last train. As fcuk said, many of us enjoy finding ourselves sharing a last beer with Compo before heading to the station.

Carthief then showed a photo showing Compo being reminded of his name by a sign in West Kirby saying Elliott House – a scene which has been repeated on many occasions over the years, apparently. Fcuk then wished Compo well with the hope to see him at a run soon, and we all raised a glass in a Get Well Soon toast.

Fcuk then shared the Word Cloud he had created for Compo.



Finally Victim made a fruitless appeal for volunteers for future hashers; as someone said, he clearly needed a lesson in persuasive Hare Raising from Compo, despite having the beard down to a T. And the proceedings finally drew to a close.



There follow the full texts of the quiz, some of the jokes and various other contributions.

Compo Quiz

No 1 This is a question about how well you know Compo. Compo is hareing the next run, what is the very first thing he decides on when planning the run?

The pub

No 2: During his many years as a hare raiser which technique did Compo use to ensure a steady flow of new hares?

Pen and paper with list of future runs

No 3 During his decade and more creating, maintaining and improving the MTH3 website, which title has Compo given himself and continues to hold? It's in the Mismanagement

Web Apprentice / Apprentice Webmaster

No 4 What was Compo's job in the Royal Navy?

"Radar operator"

No 5 What is the motto of the Hash in Scotland with which Compo had many a run

"Where the Fox hat"

KNOCK OUT PHASE

Question One

It's the end of the hash and Compo nods to you and reaches for his phone to ring Joan, what does he say:

A Just ringing Joan

B: Just checking in

C: Where's me dog and bone to ring me Joan?

D: Just phoning my wife

Question Two

At the on in with a beer in hand after one of Eccles's runs where, mid-way, the trail snaked back round almost to the start Compo says:

A: Yes, I thought that was quite neat

B: Yes, what a devious twist in the trail

Question Three

What is name of the hash where compo had his second run in July 1989, ie. the hash in No. 5

Carneyhill H3

Question Four

Cryptic clue – this goes somewhat against the setting principle mentioned in Question 1

Over the last few years Compo has celebrated his birthday in the autumn with a run, in which location will that run be in 2021? There are two names in the answer, either are fine

If that is too difficult...

What are the first three elements (letter and numbers) of the postcode location of that run?

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For want of a better word, what is the formula that Compo uses to calculate the postcode for his birthday run

Question Five

Beside which river in which town in Germany is Compo pictured in one of MTH3's first early items from April 2016. As Compo always tells us read the hash news...

Passau, River Inn

Some Compo sermons from various runs:

Run 61

Austin Powers lit the BBQ and **Compo** launched into a sermon about Mahatma Ghandi who walked barefoot, developing callouses, did not eat, had bad breath and was a really first class chap or a Super calloused fragilehalitosis. (I missed the middle bit).

This set **Compo** off again, and he related the story about Mary Poppins, some macaroni cheese and some inedible eggs leading to a Supermacaroni cheese but eggs quite atrocious. He was almost thrown out into the rain.

Run 92

Compo then told the assembly that breast implants had now been invented that had a built in music player. This was because women complained that men looked at their breasts but did not listen to them.

Run 300

Compo's joke: Apparently Compo has just returned from treatment at a clinic for premature ejaculation. When he came round from the anaesthetic, he asked how the operation had gone. The surgeon told him that everything was now fine, but for a while it had been touch and go...

From RTFuct

Hopefully something here to raise a smile:

A scally goes for a job at sea.

The Captain asks, "Have you any experience away at sea?"

"No," the lad replies, "but I'm honest!"

The Captain decides to take him on and off they sail. After three weeks at sea the lad is busy swabbing the decks when a big wave crashes over and sweeps the Scouser lad overboard.

The 1st mate runs to the Captain, "Captain, Captain, you know the lad we took on, the one who said he was honest? Well he just fucked off with your mop!"

The world's leading expert on European wasps walks into a record shop.

He asks the assistant "Do you have 'European Vespidae Acoustics Volume 2? I believe it was released this week."

"Certainly," replies the assistant. "Would you like to listen before you buy it?"

"That would be wonderful," says the expert, and puts on a pair of headphones.

He listens for a few moments and says to the assistant, "I'm terribly sorry, but I am the world's leading expert on European wasps and this is not accurate at all. I don't recognize any of those sounds. Are you sure this is the correct recording?"

The assistant checks the turntable, and replies that it is indeed European Vespidae Acoustics Volume 2. The assistant apologizes and lifts the needle onto the next track.

Again the expert listens for a few moments and then says to the assistant, "No, this just can't be right! I've been an expert in this field for 43 years and I still don't recognize any of these sounds."

The assistant apologizes again and lifts the needle to the next track.

The expert throws off the headphones as soon as it starts playing and is fuming with rage.

"This is outrageous false advertising! I am the world's leading expert on European wasps and no European wasp has ever made a sound like the ones on this record!"

The manager of the shop overhears the commotion and walks over.

"What seems to be the problem, sir?"

"This is an outrage! I am the world's leading expert on European wasps. Nobody knows more about them than I do. There is no way in hell that the sounds on that record were made by European wasps!"

The manager glances down and notices the problem instantly.

"I'm terribly sorry, sir. It appears we've been playing you the bee side."

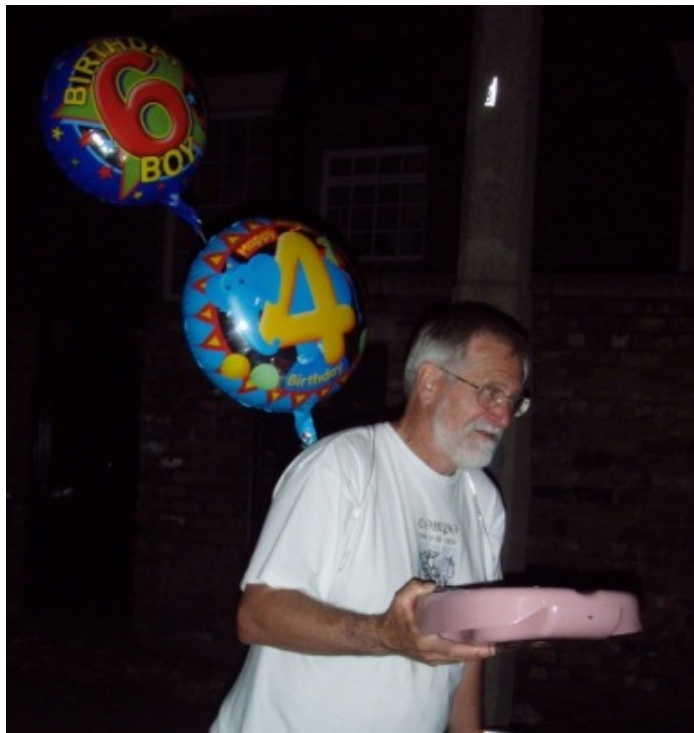


MTH3 preparation for hospital stays









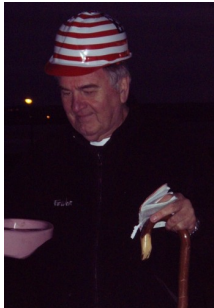


Stay strong, Compo! You've been trained!

Hymnal



RA Helmets?



Ice Block?



RT's bike seat?



The Shitshirt??

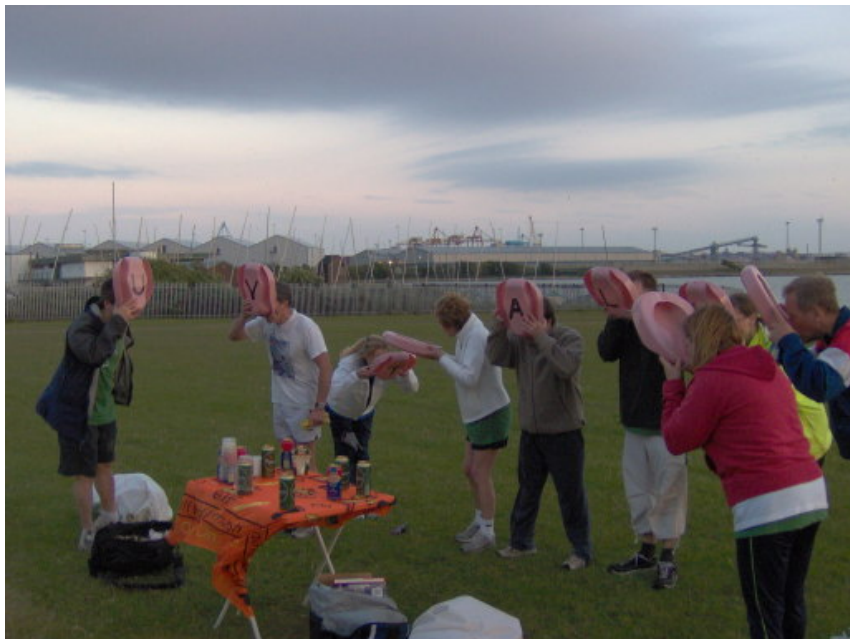


The Shitshirt??



Last seen on Run # 71.

The *Bedpans*!!







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- ▶ hospital technician's helmet

Compo, can you help us out?

When they let you out, can you steal for us:

- ▶ nasty hospital gown
- ▶ hospital technician's helmet
- ▶ bunch of bedpans

One more thing...

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We cleaned the house and found...

MTH3 in uniform









