

# *On On*

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# News

## New Zealand

The Winter Camp - the annual run in the South Island was able to go ahead. Deepthroat reports: *'69 of us there (my rugby team is the Soixante neuf - 69ers) so I was able to sing the 69ers song for the circle. Great weekend. Very lucky we are here in NZ. As life gets back to normal Whangarei H3 also have plans to celebrate their 2020th Run in 2020.*

## Thailand

Hashing is also getting back to normal in Thailand with the Bangkok Harriettes planning the first post-covid away trip. See poster below.

## India

Received this report from Monkey Business: *A few small runs over the last 2 weeks that attracted 5-6 people usually from the area where the hash was being set. Numbers increased on the third run although this was*

*still considered 'unofficial'.*

## England

Many hashes around the world have gone over to setting runs that can be completed individually or in small groups. City London for example put out this Covid-19 Disclaimer: *Due to the current social distancing guidance, hashers are grouping together in small socially distanced pod runs. They are doing their own circles, encouraged to dial into the CH3 virtual pub on Zoom.*

My good friend Hindpul (ex Dhaka) has drawn my attention to **Mersey Thirstdays H3**. They seem to be doing a combination of virtual and real hashes. The £3.00 run fee covers the costs of a drink and snack food. VR is the current GM.

## Brunei

Apparently one of the main reasons the Hash stopped during lockdown was that, with borders closed, there was no alcohol! Wes Harry passed on the news that: *'they have restarted the H3 and beer is available at \$4.00 a can. Instead of \$10.00 for 3 cans.'*

## World News

Global Trash, one of the original and most comprehensive hash websites, is making a comeback. Global Trash dates to 1993 when its publications included a magazine, directory and information for hare and hounds groups around the world. The GT website



**Bangkok Hash House Harriettes**  
2000<sup>th</sup> Run Celebration

Bangkok Hash House Harriettes joint run with  
Bangkok Hash House Harriers outdoor Run 2240

Saturday and Sunday, the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020  
Tombae Pak Nam Phan (near chulalongkorn), Prachin District (near chulalongkorn),  
Prachin District (near chulalongkorn) Province

Location: Pattaya Resort & Spa  
12.38367°N, 99.99999°E

Please note, the change in hotel  
The Golden Pine Resort allowed another group to come in for the same weekend,  
and the hotel overlooked.  
Kim C. will contact everyone who has booked at the Golden Pine,  
and she will help you to change your reservation to Pattaya.  
PYS, Pattaya is nicer than the Golden Pine, and they are giving us the same rate.  
Contact the Pattaya sales manager directly for reservation at [sales2433@gmail.com](mailto:sales2433@gmail.com)  
We have agreed a rate of 1100 Baht nett per night, including breakfast.  
Just mention "Bangkok Hash".



Hashing  
returns to  
the USA



Friday the 17th July saw a small group of Stockholm Hashers join in the first SH3 Beer Mile and what an outstanding success it was. Eleven runners set off, but not all finished, there were also two timekeepers and Sir Clever Dick acted as the Hash Medic as he had recently been discharged from hospital owing to being run into by a car while on his new electric bike. No vital organs were affected as only his head needed stitching. He seems to manage one accident a year, having fallen over in March 2019 on the walkers trail and spent the evening at the hospital while we drank beer.

My past experience of slugging beers from the Philippines did me well and would have given me a higher placing as I was quickest in downing the beers, but my running has slowed down over the years and I was soon overtaken by the first four runners. Let's do it again soon. Hearty thanks to the organizers – Violence and John Cleese

dates to July 1995, with the directory going on line a few weeks later. The website was 'neglected' for a while following a massive hacker attack in 2014, but the World Harrier Organization took over the website some time ago and it is now back with its old energy. It will continue to publish web and hard copy directories for harriers with the first GT Magazine coming out in September. Start your exploration at [www.gthhh.com](http://www.gthhh.com).

## Macau

*Anal Stick Will Do* and *Annaporna* organised a week-end hash during 15-16 August. 'We had 2 hashes, 26 hashers, 3 hares and 2 names'. Just Nikhil is now "iSuck" and Just Deepa is now "Not Deep Enough". One of the runs was a gruelling 1km with 4 drink stops.

## China

With the height of the covid-19 crisis seeming to have passed, DGH3 (DG stands for the town of Dongguan in the province of Guangdong) staged their inaugural Red Dress Run. They raised over \$2000 for the charity "One less orphan."

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with thanks to Ra and Hazukashii

# On On Whorater

*By Marty "Garfield" Hanratty, Ron "The Penguin" Strachan and Rex Marshall*

It is with the greatest sadness that we must announce the passing of a great Hasher and gentleman, Frank "Whorator" Benfield at age 72 in Mooloolaba, Queensland on August 15, 2020.

A decorated Vietnam War veteran, Frank loved a glass of red which he often shared with the hundreds of Hashers he called mates visiting from around the world. His well-stocked wine fridge in the garage was always open to Hashers and after a bottle or two, either at the kitchen table or on the patio, the conversation would always turn to memories of old Hashers, gone but not forgotten, peppered with humorous anecdotes about Hashmen and Hash lore.

But, his love of South East Asia and the Hash found him in the region for a greater part of his professional career. While on secondment with the Australian Army in Jakarta, Frank ran with the Jakarta Men's Hash from June 1978 to June of 1980, where he served as joint master in 1979/80. On his return to Australia, Frank with other likeminded Hashers founded the Toowoomba H3 in 1981.

But the call of Southeast Asia was strong in Frank and he would not be in Australia for long. He was soon off to Thailand with the Australian Army to assist in the training of members of the Royal Thai Navy. After his Army retirement in 1983, Frank stayed on in Thailand as an advisor to the Navy and continued his Hashing career with the Pattaya Mixed H3, the notorious Pattaya Dirt Road Hash and the Bangkok Men's Hash3. In Pattaya, Frank was instrumental in revising the format of the Pattaya Mixed Hash dropping the "Mixed" from the Hash's name noting that "We're all Hashers". For his leadership, he was voted in as GM of PH3 in 1986/87.

During his time in Thailand, Frank often ran with the Bangkok Men's Hash, where he became close friends with Tim "Magic" Hughes, a Hash legend, early Hash historian and stalwart on the Bangkok Men's Hash. With "Magic", he organized the 1986 Pattaya Interhash, where he entertained all attendees with his dry Australian humor as the Master of Ceremonies.

His success as a MC placed him in high demand and he went on entertaining Interhashers over the next decade retiring from the post of Interhash MC after the Hobart Interhash in 2000. His performances as Master of Ceremonies so impressed the organizers of the first InterAmericas Hash that they provided Frank and his lovely wife, Clare, with an all expenses ticket to participate in the event in Waukesha, Wi.

Frank was a founding member of the Interhash Advisory Group (now known as the Interhash Council) formed to assure that Interhash remained a quality event for what he affectionately called "a piss-up for a bunch of drunks". In Australia, he ran with the Brisbane H3 and the Breakfast Creek Hotel H3. For the past few years, Frank and Clare spent their retirement in Mooloolaba, in a new home that both he and Clare declared would be their last. Unfortunately for Frank, it was here that he was smitten with the cancer that led to his death.

But Whorator was more than an outstanding Hasher. When not hashing, he was an educator serving on the academic faculty at the University of Southern Queensland and the Queensland University of Technology. His commitment to his fellow





*A side of Frank hashers never saw - a veteran of the Vietnam War.  
With thanks to Bob McGuire and AWN*

Vietnam veterans continued to be the major driving force in much of his life. He spent untold hours working with various Australian ex-service organizations, especially in the field of advocacy to better the welfare of his fellow veterans and their families. He did this all pro bono traveling throughout Australia. His tireless commitment to veterans was recognized by the Australian government when they asked him to serve on a federal taskforce convened to review veteran's compensation. For his outstanding service on the taskforce he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2012.

Our hearts go out to Clare, Frank's lovely wife, and his family on his tragic passing. For those who had the honor to know him, at your next Hash gathering raise a glass of Pepperjack, Franks favorite shiraz, or whatever you have available, in his honor.

Frank was a true Hashman and a great mentor. He will be sorely missed. **On On Forever.**



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## Motor Mouth

Halim bin Rahaman, "Motor Mouth", a Founding Member of Chittagong H3 passed away in his sleep around 6 AM today (18 Aug 2020) at his Agrabad, Chittagong, residence.

I understand it was usual for him to send out a 'Good morning' SMS daily to his close friends. Arman in Chittagong received one at 4:19 AM today. I was one of his closest friends; but he never sent me one, as he knew I woke up late, and also that I did not approve of all his antics. He was an honest, forthright man. For years, he fought for the constitutional rights of the members of Chittagong Club Ltd, falling in disfavor of Committees, facing suspension, law suits, etc. He always had my support as he was always right.

For CH3 he was an asset, never missing a run, member in every Committee, and keeping CH3 going in difficult times. He attended Indian and Malaysian NH's, Pan Asia, Inter Hashes and other events. At one, "Infused", Halim and I turned up in Delhi only to find that the date had been changed. Halim and I encountered "Rooster" in Angeles City in 2009, and have never missed a chance to run together.

By profession, Halim ran his family's Customs & Forwarding business, and also ran a Bonded Warehouse.

Halim's family consists of his wife Ruja, a hasher and t-shirt designer, teaching Art at Chittagong Grammar School; his daughter, an under-grad student at an engineering university in Johor Bahru, with Rooster and Camel Jockey as local guardians; and his son, also an under-grad student in Edmonton, with Justin Richards, ex-CH3 as local guardian.

As I write, Halim's funeral is taking place in Chittagong. I am in Dhaka. On On! Motor Mouth. Sir Rail Jerker

# Hashers

## A to Z

### Letter B

#### **Buffalo**

##### **Bill Sutcliffe**

##### **Ankara H3 and others**

A hash veteran whose CV includes founder of Kumas H3 and a spell hashing in Turkey.

#### **Bugs Bunny**

##### **Lennox Butler**

##### **Antigua H3**

Founder and long term member of Antigua H3. Bugs passed away in 2009 and was describe by friends as 'a human dynamo of energy and a dear friend.' On On Bunny. *Quote taken from Flying Booger's website*

#### **Bullett**

##### **Bob Boulter**

##### **Bangkok hashes**

A major player in the Bangkok hash scene with 2196 runs (Bangkok 1524, Bangkok Monday 672 ). He was a noted Hash Music and GM of the Men's Hash in 1984. Also founder of the Monday Hash and co-founder of the bike hash. A noted squash player in his youth.

#### **Bunbasher**

##### **Tony Baker**

##### **Porto H3**

Bunbasher became the fourth GM of Porto H3 in 1999. Under his guidance Run 150 was celebrated by a weekend away trip, an experience repeated every 25 runs.

#### **Bunter**

##### **Terrance Kavanagh**

##### **Cambridge H3, IndoNostalgia H3**

After 4 years in the RAF, Bunter undertook his first over-land trip, touring Asia. Further trips to other parts of the world followed but he was back in England in 1978 when he helped to found Cambridge H3. Soon afterwards he returned to Asia and spent a period managing the Beggar's Bush – the famous hash bar on Bali. In 1992 he went to work in the Falkland Islands, where he founded Falkland H3.

On returning to England Bunter settled down and would manage the St Radegund's Public House for the next 17 years. This tiny bar was full of character and would become home to the Cantabrigensis H3. Bunter also restarted the famous King Street Run and was an enthusiastic member of the IndoNostalgia Hash. He was not always easy to get along with, but with a kind heart to those who got to know him, Bunter passed away in 2012. There will never be another hasher like him. On On Bunter.

#### **Burgess, Clive**

##### **Colombo H3**

Started hashing in Hong Kong and went on to found Colombo H3 (Sri Lanka) in 1980.

#### **Burnt Lips**

##### **Scott Lee**

##### **Oregon H3**

Lee's hashing career started at the age of 17 years. *'I was in Penang, Malaysia with my parents. Some colleagues of my fathers at the university where he taught asked my father to join the hash but he was physically unable to run so he suggested his son (me) to go'.* After 6 months of hashing in Malaysia Scott returned home and in 1987 became a founding member of Oregon H3. He hashed with them for 20 years, including 10 years as GM. He has been awarded the title of Tyrant Emeritus.

#### **Burnt Sox**

##### **Steve Royster**

##### **Mexico City H3**

Still fondly remembered for his spell as GM of the Mexico City H3. Moved to Washington, where his name regularly came up as organiser of Red Dress runs. Despite being a hasher, Burnt Sox has had a distinguished professional career in areas of Diplomacy, Immigration and Law.

#### **Burung**

##### **Jeremy Pigeon**

##### **Jakarta H3**

Jeremy was co-founder of Jakarta Hash, along with the more hash experienced Gordon *Bent One* Benton. The two laid the first Jakarta hash together. Originally named *Bird Brain*. He was later renamed *Burung* which means 'bird' in the Indonesian language. *'Burung went on to become a great hasher who could hold a circle in awe by his wonderful songs and stories.'* He held various mismanagement positions (his favourite being Master of Musique) and *'was a true gentleman well supported by his mug of beer and his pipe'*. Burung died at a very young age (40/41

years old in 1981/82?) and in his memory Jakarta Hash created an award called the “Jeremy Pigeon Award” usually given to the last to leave the circle.

*Thanks to The Penguin and other ex-Jakarta hashers for the quotes*

### **Bushbasher**

#### **Ian Mackay**

##### **Australian Hashes**

Bushbasher completed 25 years of Hashing in 2002. He was the founder of Gladstone H3, Bribie H3, Son of Nigel and Noleen's Noggy H3 and Mackay Full Moon H3.

### **Buzby**

#### **Mark Haydon**

##### **Teign Valley/ Isca H3**

A veteran of UK Hashing. He was a key figure behind Teign Valley H3 staging Nash Hash '97, was on the Cardiff InterHash committee and acted as GM of the SouthWest Post-Ramble. His hash CV also includes being SouthWest On-Sec, GM of Isca H3, founder of the South Of Devon Anti-Lunar Light H3.

### **Bwana**

#### **Robert Martin**

##### **Abidjan H3**

A three time GM of Abidjan H3 during their golden spell of the late 1980's. He was a skilled organizer of events such as the annual Hash Ball. A newsletter of the time described him as having ‘*overcome public outcry*’ to take up the position.

### **Bwana**

#### **Robert Walker**

##### **Mozambique**

Bwana had strong ties with Africa - he went to school in Zimbabwe - and enjoyed a distinguished career as a chartered accountant. He first hashed with Mombasa H3 in Kenya and was then transferred to Italy where he founded Milan H3. While there, he investigated the story (myth?) of the Bordighera Hash. Bwana returned to Africa and by 2000 was in Mozambique, where he would become a long term resident. He founded Matola H3 in 2003 and was their guiding light for many years. Bwana died of malaria in May 2019. *On on Bwana*

# Letter next **C** month!

send in nominations

*My good friend Bubbles offered information to update his profile that was featured last month.*

### **Bubbles**

#### **Andreas Christiansen**

##### **Bergen and Drifters H3**

A maths teacher in real life, Bubbles started his hash career with Riyadh H3 in 1980. He then ran with Bergen H3 for many years, during which time he was a regular traveller around the European hash scene. He dislocated his shoulder on Hole-in-the-Ice in 2004 and broke his wrist during Eurohash in 2007. Also broke a bone in his hand on a run in Thailand in 2018. Was most recently hashing in Vietnam.

**Buzby**



**Burung**



**Bullitt**



*Jeremy Pigeon Master of Mischief*

# Follow-up from Readers

## Brunei

Those were wild days with many great hashers such as Heartache (who hashes is Houston), Tools (who died in Vietnam - I don't think while hashing - in 2016 and was celebrated in Bali IH circles), Snow White (who is remembered for having a wife from Monrovia whom he used to get into bed with in his filthy hash clothes on Mondays - poor woman), Ali-baba ex-Abu Dhabi hash, where he got named. For a bank manager, he was quite a challenge to Standard Chartered who posted him to The Gambia to signal their disapproval. Now retired to Philippines ... Two good stories ... Tools fell over when laying a trail and the pack found him knocked out beside the trail with his head in a stream. Heartache once "borrowed" the company's private jet (saying that he was on business) to go for a hashing weekend in KL - bringing back some godawful banner that was nothing to do with the hash.

## Jakarta

*And from Garfield*

When I was leaving Jakarta, Dave "Browneye" Ives and his daughter gave me a going away party. Since my place was larger and over a hundred people were invited we had it at my place. (A) Great party (was) followed by an after party at Bloc M. I got home late or should I say early in the morning. With a boat load of beer I fell into bed and was asleep in 30 or less seconds. The next morning I awoke with a big head and the sounds of a goat bleating. When I went into the john to take a slash I was confronted by a live goat in my bath tub. I told my maid, Eda, to take care of the damn goat and was off to see a rugby game. When I got home later in the day the house was peaceful. When I asked Eda where was the goat, she said it was in the refrigerator. I open the door and was confronted with four goat feet staring out at me from the fridge. Eda said she was acting on my instructions and took care of the goat. Apparently, it was the Muslim holiday where people butcher a goat and give half to the poor. So I gave half to the poor, took the other half to the Hash the next day to find



out who the hell stuck the goat in my bath. Needless to say I never found out who had done it but the guys on the beer truck were in on it.

## Brazil

*From Chorizo*

I've seen your Vietnam Hash History snippet on Facebook. The arrest story was on a Saigon run I hared. I had to leave my co-hares at the mercy of the military (after running them into the restricted area), while doing a quick alternative run for the pack.... For your archives, here's a write-up of the first Hash Curitiba, Brazil. We forgot to put a date on the sheet, but it must have been around November 1992.

## Bibs

*From Holy Moly, Late of Mooloo HHH NZ*

'Just read the April 2020 edition of On On .... specifically the article on p10 about Bibs ... and have in my possession a Bib that was issued by the Soroako HHH of Sulawesi, Indonesia .... so there is a 'another' Hash out there that has/had Bibs.

# Baghdad

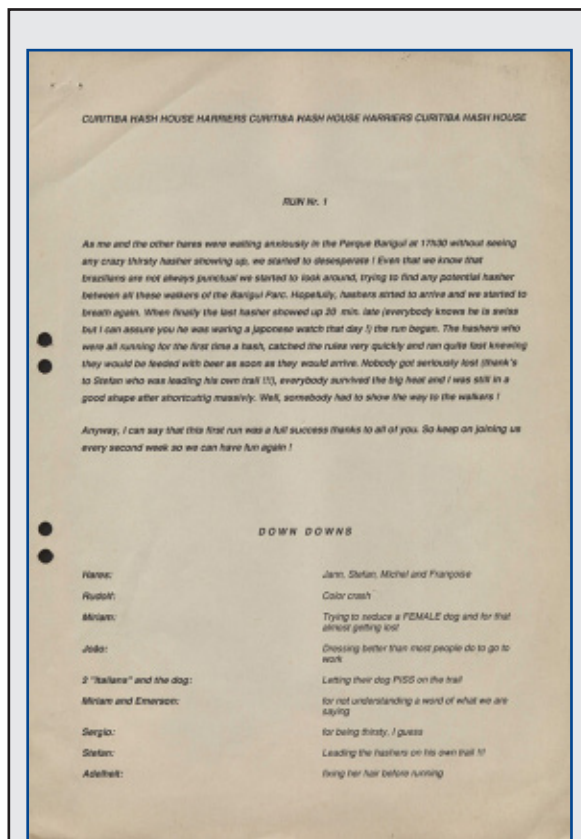
*This 2006 blog gives a wonderful insight into the Baghdad hash:*

For those of you who don't know the Hash House Harriers, this may be bewildering; the 'drinking club with a running problem' has been running every Friday (except one when a torrential downpour forced them to skip the run part altogether) for over 2 years, in the Green/International Zone (IZ).

Baghdad H3 bills itself as 'The Most Dangerous hash in the World', it may have been but I think my liver was at more risk than any part of my hide. We met after dark Friday night near Saddam's Place (one of the 63 he had), 3 women and about 20 men, mostly military, ran through the streets of the IZ, doing what Hashers do: chasing "hare's" who laid a trail of flour blobs, false trails and checkpoints that took us past the tomb of the unknown soldier, rows of humvees, fortified walls and various compounds yelling "On On" and "Are You?" to communicate the pack that we were on trail or wondering who was.

The trail finished in a gated villa where we did the Hash 'circle' and Down-Downs in the grass, with ice seats for the offenders, and named 4 hash virgins, including one elder Scotsman who protested loudly when his new Hash name of "English Rose" was announced - his real name is Rosie (not sure how he spells that.) Then we headed to a giant party with an open bar somewhere with some group (I never found

out who) but it was a lively gathering and filled with a mix of civilians and military from all over. After all that I returned to USAID to join the outdoor party in progress in the compound.



## First Curitiba Hashtrash

### Key points

**Venue:** Purque Barigul 17:30

**Hares:** Jann, Stefan, Michael, Francosie

Nobody had turned up by the 5.30 start time but *'Brazilians are not always punctual.'*

The first hash left 20 minutes late with a reasonable number of walkers and runners. Numbers are not given but 13 people and a dog are named in the trash.

They agreed to meet every 2nd week

**Down downs** included Joao *'dress better than most people do to go to work'*  
Miriam and Emes *'for not understanding a word of what we are saying'*



# Mother Hash

Pre 1941

## The original sources

*Cecil Lee's written  
Interview with Magic  
Part 1*

In 1986 Magic posted thirteen questions to Cecil Lee. The written replies form one of the most detailed first hand accounts of pre-war Mother Hash.

The full interview can be read in the Bangkok 500th Run Program, which is available on-line in the Hash Foundation archives.

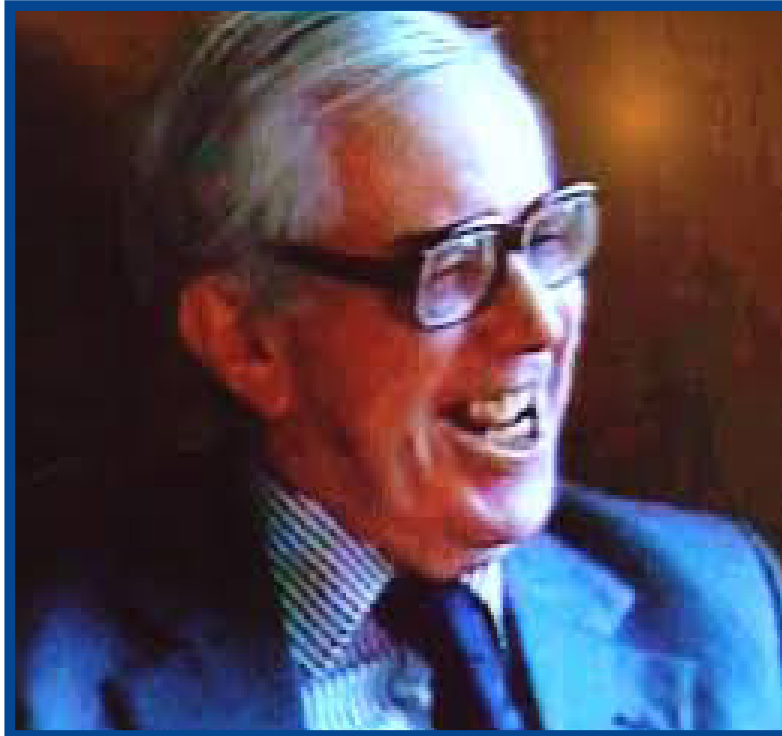
Here is a summary of some of the key points.

### Question 1

**Lee was asked to give his views on the growth of hashing.**

He was amazed at the new popularity and gave credit to the name: *'I think the alliterative name of this happy go lucky idea of G has helped for it to catch on'*.

He also gave credit to the jogging craze that had started by the time he left Malaysia. He identifies Brian Gray (B. Sc, Ph.d), Douglas Gold (World



Bank) and members of the American diplomatic crop as pioneer joggers in KL.

### Question 2

**Concerned the rumour that G was an Australian**

*'He was English to the core probably with a French ancestry'*. The interesting point is Lee's vagueness about G's exotic background, which was Spanish, not French. This might suggest that in 1930's colonial society a foreign background was an embarrassing subject that G did not wish to talk about.

## What can we learn from this?

- Lee draws our attention to the important role his brother, Curly Lee, played in hashing after the war
- He points out the importance of the Hash name. Had they simply been the KL Harriers, the special identity of the club would have been lost in the jogging boom of the 1960's!
- He provided names of the KL jogging crowd. At least one of those named, Douglas Gold, was a noted hasher. He is someone we will cover in a later issue, when we look at the links between Mother Hash and the Sussex village of Burpham.
- G seems to have down played his exotic background, this perhaps not surprising in a colonial setting.
- There is some interesting background information about Arthur Westrop and Davidson. He notes that he and Davidson were prisoners together in the war, reminding us of how little this part of hash history has been explored.
- The mention of the relatively unknown John Haskins is interesting. Magic makes a brief note of him with the fact that he won the DFC. This suggests that he might be Squadron Leader John Haskins, who flew Hampden bombers with 49 Squadron.

### Questions 3 and 4

#### Concerned women and hashing

Lee mentioned that the previous harrier group in KL had been mixed. In passing he makes the interesting observation that this early paper chase group had probably collapsed because of the Great Depression (Lee uses word slump) which saw many ex-pats get transferred home. He also adds that, according to Arthur Westrop, the mixed group fostered several marriages. This identifies Westrop as a veteran of the community, whose arrival in KL pre-dated Lee and Gispert by several years.

### Question 5

#### Was a simple question of what beer did he prefer

A good Yorkshire ale such as Smiths

### Question 6

#### Inquired if Lee was still in contact with Torch and Horse.

His reply, featured briefly in the written answer, but in more detail in two letters, produces some interesting background information.

It seems that up until this point (1986) *Horse* was making an annual trip to London. Lee, Philip Wickens (alas! gone) and John Haskins (MCS) would meet up. Lee wondered if *Horse* was still okay, for apparently he had not looked too well on his last trip, and there had been no news of him at Christmas. (Presumably the two were in the habit of exchanging cards?) Lee was also in touch with Frank Woodward, this thanks to *Magic*.

Lee was also regularly visiting LR Davidson, who was farming in Shropshire. There was some suggestion that his friend was not doing so well, Lee noting that the farm was 'only rented'. He points out that he and Davidson had been POW's together and that '*we visited every year and have a good time.*' Davidson's wife also had an interesting ex-pat background having been a medical missionary with the Chinese in Malaysia. *To be continued next month.*



## Cecil Lee

Lee was born in 1911. He became an accountant with Harrison and Crosfield and was posted to KL in 1934. He never lived in 'The Club', as his company kept their own house for bachelors.

He was one of the most important figures in the founding of Mother Hash, serving as Joint Master from 1938-40, and was probably involved in selecting the 'Hash House' name.

He survived the horrors of working on the Siam- Burma railway and played a major role in getting Mother Hash restarted after the war. This included two more spells as Joint-Master. Lee hashed regularly until 1957 and occasionally after that. He spent a spell in Borneo late in his career, before retiring to Surrey.

Lee re-discovered hashing when the Surrey H3 pack raced by him shouting 'on on'. He gave various interviews that have laid the base of our knowledge of pre-war hashing.

# Hashstats

## 1000 Club

Here is the updated 1000 club.  
We will publish a full list next month but there have  
been numerous additions so it seems worth  
presenting the new top 40 in this issue.

Boob a Lube	Thailand (437 Bangkok 439 Monday)	4112
Deep Throat	New Zealand (Wellington 1160 Geris 1080)	3689
Charlie Tuck	Scotland (1831 EH3 1750 TNT)	3581
HazuKashii	USA (Hawaii and world travels)	3186
Polly	Brunei	2800
Dinki	New Zealand (Geris 1450 Wellington Ladies 1225)	2675
Mad Duster	Scotland (Edinburgh 1326 TNT 1328)	2654
Rambo	England (London 1159 West London 1369)	2528
Uncle Gerry	England (Singapore 364 Surrey 2158)	2522
70/-	Scotland (Edinburgh 1089 TNT 1221)	2310
11-20		
Thunderthighs	England (London 1569 West London 728)	2297
Camel Jockey	Bangladesh (Men 781 Mixed 1502)	2283
Geli	Bangladesh (Men 1156 Mixed 1100)	2256
Bob Bullitt	Thailand (Bangkok 1524 Bangkok Monday 672 )	2196
General	New Zealand (Rotorua )	2102
Joseph Chin	Brunei (Brunei H3)	2090
Spinning Dwarf	Thailand (Bangkok Monday 1101 Bangkok 980 )	2081
Crusader	Japan (Tokyo)	2075*
Father	New Zealand (Rotorua)	2062
Spiderman	Sri Lanka (Men 1538 Harriettes 487)	2025
21-30		
Miss Piggy	Sri Lanka (Men 1120 Harriettes 893)	2013
Ahpisto	UAE (Creek 1179 Desert 830 )	2009
Flying Dutchman	Scotland (Edinburgh 665 TNT 1337 )	2002
Argue	Australia (Hobart)	2000*
John Fletcher	Brunei (Brunei H3)	1985
Mr Nuisance	Scotland (Edinburgh 906 TNT 1073)	1979
Little Big Horn	Bangladesh (Men 916 Mixed 1051)	1967
Pope	England (London 570 West London 1358)	1928
Demon Dave	New Zealand (Auckland H3)	1924
Frank Noriega	Thailand (Bangkok Monday 1076 Harriets 838)	1914
31-40		
Pirelli	Scotland (Glasgow and world travels)	1910
Sniffer	England (Bicester)	1809
Albert Woo	Brunei (Brunei H3)	1883
Little Shit	Scotland (Aberdeen H3)	1879
Minty Hole	Bangladesh (Men 779 Mixed 1093)	1872
Ryde	England (London 1120 West London 758 )	1878
Biggles	New Zealand (Wellington)	1845
Popeye	Australia (Perth H3)	1800*
Boof	Australia (Perth H3)	1800*
Barry Moore	Brunei (Brunei H3)	1749

# Hashstats



## Brunei H3

Joseph Chin	2090
Barry Moore	1749
Bart Stewart	1730
Richard On	1688
Jimmy Koh	1417
George Hanson	1312
Paul Turton	1306
Albert Woo	1883
Yagus	1499
Hj Ahmad	1432
Ricky Ho	1254
Jackson	1187
Mike Saxon	1152
Gordon Nicol	1117
John Malthouse	1114
John Fletcher	1985



## Merseyside H3

Carthief	286
Compo	283
Snoozanne	282
FCUK	240
10 Seconds	229
Cleoparta	199
Madhatter	192
ET	184
Overdrive	172
OTT	154
Hansel	138
Sprog	95
Virgin on the Ridickulous	86



## Bicester H3

Ian <i>Sniffer</i> Harris	1809
Iain 'Amnesia' Belton	1255
Gary <i>Monkey Glands</i> Gibbon	1249
Bonnie <i>Bondage</i> Cox	1198
Ken <i>Silverfox</i> Pass	1197
Gordon <i>Prof</i> Williams	1150
Bob <i>Dingaling</i> Cox	1137
Iain <i>Wha-de-say</i> McRobbie	1112
Kip Blake	1106
Karen <i>Fagend</i> McRobbie	1000



## Melbourne H3

Real Name	Joined	
Doug <i>Quasi</i> Traynor	1981	1571
Ian <i>Grotti</i> Scott	1978	1482
Paul <i>Fairbrother</i> Six	1980	1465
Jack <i>Phantom II</i> Walker	1986	1350
Titto <i>Titto</i> Radas	1974	1331
Barry GG Kerr	1985	1201
Ray Irish Chadwick	1980	1152
Ross <i>Steamshoes</i> Johnstone	1981	1134
Nils <i>Top Gum</i> Broders	1998	1118
Bill <i>Happy</i> Cross	1992	1112
Tony <i>Smurf</i> Brown	1974	1094
Bob <i>Ticket</i> Stubbs	1980	1060
Mike <i>Pol Pot</i> Hodgson	1993	1047
Kevin <i>Clit</i> Kitteringham	1985	1029
Graeme <i>Puck</i> Bowes	1982	1027
Lee <i>Lethal</i> Chapman	1977	999

# Hash Legend

## Sir Clever Dick

He might have taken to hashing late in life but few people have incorporated the hash spirit better than Richard Holroyd, known as Clever Dick, and more recently Sir Clever Dick. He has been a regular on both Stockholm hashes (Absolut and Underground) for the last 25 years.

Born in England, his first job was fireman on the Flying Scotsman. This involved not only throwing coal into the boiler, but sticking his head out the side of the train to check if the approaching level crossing was clear. This was the extent of the safety measures on 96 tones of locomotive travelling at a hundred miles an hour.

At the other end of his career Clever Dick worked in insurance. We are not talking about giving Aunt Mabel a policy to protect her garden gnomes from vandals. We are looking at Richard flying off to Moscow or New York to advise whether his company should, or should not, insure a new airport or power station.

He came to Sweden through marriage although by the time the author meet him in 2001 he was a single man whose great loves (in no particular order) were

his daughter, his dog and his classic wooden boat.

Richard has an amazing love of dancing. The author arrived at the Stockholm Jazz Festival, attended by hundreds of people, to see somebody up on stage with the band and dancing away. *'What a dick head... ahh, hi Richard!'*

It was Clever Dick dancing on the stage at Euro-hash that led to him falling off and crashing to the ground. Luckily he fell on his head so there was no serious damage. (Actually two Stockholm hashers ended up in hospital that trip, a second being pushed to the ground by skinheads during the Red Dress Run.)

On his seventieth birthday Clever Dick was knighted by the hash and became Sir Clever Dick.

His amazing ability to chat to anybody brought him a long time appointment as the official Stockholm de-viginizer who would introduce new runners to their first circle. The people he has chatted to while running (or in this case cycling) includes the crown princess, who responded to Clever Dick's flirting by waving back at him. That is how the Stockholm Bash became the Royal Bash.

Another accident led to a quite serious arm injury for a Harriett (for which Richard would have been devastated). It had a funny side, with this account appearing in a hash newsletter - *'I have told him so many times he is not to pick up naked women in the sauna*



Richard's first Absolut was Run 190 on 22/10/94. I gave him his hash name on that day. He told me his name was Richard, and after his escapades on the trail, I thought him a right Clever Dick. He has never let me down to this day. We added the Sir on his 70th Birthday.'

He now has 420 Runs on the Absolut and 975 on the Underground **for a total 1395 runs.** This ranks him third on the all time Stockholm table.

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Termite.

# Nobby Land

As a hasher I love everybody and wish all of mankind well. The exception of course is Nobby Land, may his offspring be cursed to the 69th generation and be forever forced to drink warm beer.

What did Nobby do to warrant such wrath?

HE TOOK GISPERT TO COURT!

And for no better reason than Gispert had run off with his wife!

Could the lad not take a joke?

The man was obviously both a bonder and a cad!

However, the version of the story that is posted on numerous websites and printed in dozens of year-books might not be accurate. The traditional story goes:

*'in July, (1937) "G" became a father. His son, Simon, arrived during his U.K. home leave. The marriage came later. His bride-to-be was then still awaiting the finalisation of divorce proceedings from a certain Mr. Nobby Land, another old Malaya hand. Putting Nobby's wife in the family way cost "G" a placatory payment of 200 pounds.'*

However, this 'standard' and much repeated account is unattributed. We are not sure who wrote it, or where they got their information from.

In 1971 Colin Snow (whose hash career included being on the committee of both Mother Hash and Bangkok) traced down Torch Bennett, who was then living in South Africa. Torch offered a very different account. He agreed on the 200 pounds fine, but suggests **this was paid to a third unnamed person**. 'G always said she was a very expensive wife'.

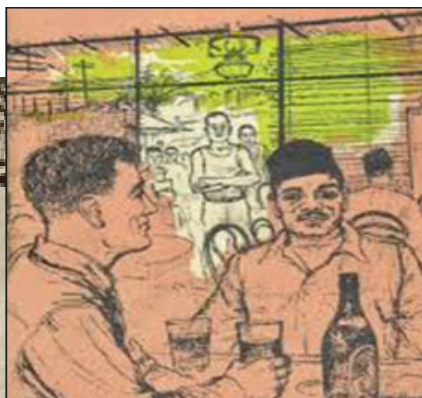
According to Torch, G did not steal the lady from Nobby, **but lost her to him**.

In this account G marriage didn't last '*because she decided Nobby Land would be a more suitable partner*'.

Torch recalls being with G when Nobby walked into the bar. Being a diplomat Torch warned his friend, whereupon G summonsed three large anchors with the remark, '*Nobby and I may not be on speaking terms, but that does not affect our drinking terms*'.

## What to make of it? Take your pick from the three possibilities -

1. G enticed his wife from Nobby Lands.
2. G enticed his wife away from a third unnamed person and shortly afterwards she moved on to Nobby Lands.
- 3 Or (if we put the two versions together) G won the lady from Nobby Lands but she changed her mind and went back to Nobby.



# How Hashing came to Europe



One of the most influential figures in bringing hashing to Europe was Ray *The Brig* Thornton. He had been introduced to hashing in Singapore in 1962 and his military career had taken him to many of the world's trouble spots. While in Borneo he had helped found **Kuching H3**. Thornton was then posted to Dhekelia on Cyprus, where he approached his senior officer, Gris Davies Scourfield, with the idea of starting up the first hash in Europe. The commander of the base not only gave his permission, but joined in with enthusiasm.

Scourfield was a remarkable man. He had been captured by the Germans in 1940 and made numerous escape bids, including slipping out of Colditz by hiding in a handcart. Staying in the army after the war, he fought in numerous colonial conflicts and was awarded the Military Cross, MBE and CBE. After co-founding **Dhekelia H3** (January 1967) Scourfield was transferred across the island to another British base at Episkopi, where he founded **Episkopi H3** (November 1967).

Hashing on Cyprus was open to 'officers and equivalent status civilians', a social discrimination that becomes a little more acceptable when you see pictures of what the lads were getting up to in the circle. A British officer couldn't have squaddies seeing him standing with his shorts down by his ankles and a toilet seat around his neck!

The local countryside was impressive and the runs short, with the boys intending to be back at the bar within 45 minutes. The atmosphere at a military hash (of a later date) is beautifully described by Trevor Evans in *Sunjet Magazine*, hashers ranging from the baby-faced young lieutenant 'whose ambition is to complete the trail in ten seconds flat and shatter the 'jolly old pain-barrier' to an 'overweight brigadier in knee-length shorts, convinced it is dashed good for morale to be seen 'getting on with the chaps'.

In 1971, Ray Thornton returned to England where he founded the **Commando Forces H3** at Plymouth. He believed this to be the first hash on British soil, but had actually been beaten to this honour by Richard *Mountain Rescue* McAllister. *Mountain Rescue* had been introduced to hashing in Brunei in 1964, after which his CV included founding the extremely influential **Kluang H3** in southern Malaysia, staging the first hash on British soil (**Longmoor H3**, September 1968) and taking hashing to mainland Europe with the founding of **Lubbecke H3**.

Richard is uncertain of the exact date of this first Ger-

man hash, but it was sometime in the summer of 1971. A photograph exists of run number one, and shows fourteen male runners posing outside the Officers' Mess. Thirty years later *Mountain Rescue* was still traveling the world and when at home hashed with **North Hants and Deep-cut H3**.

While the military did wonderful work in bringing hashing to Europe, army personnel tended to move on relatively quickly and several of the early kennels only lasted as long as their founders were around. In many cases it was hashes formed by returning civilians that were to create a more lasting legacy. The first of these was **Westcombe H3**, which dates to December 1971. Mike Read (believed to be formerly of Lagos) was founding father and the group was closely linked to the local rugby club. Westcombe still exist, but only run monthly. (*Note: It is worth remembering that Read could not have learnt about hashing in Africa at this early date*).

Thornton's next posting was Bicester where – of course – he founded another hash. **Bicester H3** started as a military hash with a sharp 5.00 pm start, allowing the boys to get out of the pub in time for dinner in the mess. Hashing was seen as an official army sport, so everything except the beer was provided via the base.

Unlike some of the earlier military kennels Bicester opened their doors to civilians and prospered, becoming the oldest continually running weekly hash in the UK. The military link continued for many years, with the St George Barracks a regular venue for anniversary runs. In those days hashers tended to be younger and fitter, so many took the opportunity to try out the assault course.

**Surrey H3** (April 1975) was next up, founded by the remarkable Jim Raper. While Bicester H3 had been founded before Surrey, for the first couple of years they closed down during the winter. Surrey played on this technicality to dispute Bicester's claim of being the oldest continually running hash in the country. This became a feature of the early Nash Hashes, with the two groups shouting at each other panto style:

'We're the oldest hash'

'Oh, no you're not'

'Oh, yes we are.'

The fun we hashers have!

While British servicemen brought hashing to a few places where 'The Empire' still had bases, the spread of kennels across the rest of the continent was a slow process. Few European countries had much need for outside expertise so the missionary work was dependent on:

- 1.Experienced hashers being posted to big international organisations such as the EU, UN or NATO
- 2.A nation's own expatriates returning home with the hash bug.

Finland led the way with **Helsinki H3** being founded by Ulf *Dirty Old Man* Burmeister and Osmo Jalovaara in 1977. Unmentionables generally joined the lads after

a run, which led to the first mixed saunas. The all-male policy, plus a tendency towards long competitive trails, eventually led to the founding of the **Helsinki Harriers and Harriettes**.

**Copenhagen H3**, 'The Viking Wankers', followed in March 1980. Founders were Kaj *Der Tulip Eater* Petersen (who died on trail in 2018), Poul-Erik Dam and Steffen Harpoth. A year later a new Copenhagen Hash was started, this group unaware that a Copenhagen kennel already existed. The established hash turned up at the advertised run site to wish the new group luck and the two groups immediately amalgamated.

Belgium, with its NATO and European Union offices, was next up, with Stephen Lunn (ex Washington) founding **Brussels H3** in December 1980. The Mons based **SHAPE H3** (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe) followed in 1982, and despite the obviously military link was a family hash. There was a strong feeling that Brussels was too serious – good runners and no circles – so **Manneke Pis H3** was founded in 1990 as the capital's second hash. The founder was *One-Way Dick* (ex Dhaka) while *Core Blimey*, a Dutchman who had hashed in Asia, was a key figure in the early days. They met on Sundays and attempted to be more 'Hash like'. Despite the distinction of Manneke as a 'Hashers' hash, and Brussels as a 'Runners' hash, there has always been a considerable overlap of membership between the two kennels.

Vienna – home to both OPEC and the United Nations - was another early breakthrough point, with **Vindobona H3** (Vindobona is the old Roman name for the city) being founded by Hans Saxinger (ex Hong Kong) and Lan Yarbrough (US Embassy via Tunisia) in April 1982. Vienna hashers show remarkable loyalty. *Glo-Balls* joined

on Run 12 and at the time of writing had well over 1500 runs to his credit. *Cardinal Munk* and *The Blessed Saint Norman* are both veterans of 1300 plus runs, with *Saint Norman* being given the honouree title 'GM Retired and Retarded'.

Fifteen years had passed since the founding of the first kennels on Cyprus, but hashing was now firmly established across Europe.

The same enthusiasm that was spreading hashing around mainland Europe was also driving the growth of new kennels in the UK. While there was some internal fertilization, with **Cheshire H3** being founded via Brighton H3 and the **Isle Of Wight H3** via Hunch of Venison, most of the new kennels were conceived by returning expatriates. **London, Scarborough, Barnes, North Hants, Bristol** and **Chelmsford** all descend from Hong Kong, while **Tamar H3** trace their roots to Singapore H3.

**Chichester H3** lies deep in the wealthy Sussex retirement zone and was founded by Andrew Tarry of Cheras Bandit fame and his wife Veronica. Hashing here could get rather refined. When asked what he thought of the run, the author (making his first visit to the group) replied in hash fashion that it was '*a load of shitte with too much mud, hills and stinging nettles*'. This was met by a deadly silence, until somebody raised their hand and said, '*well I thought it was rather good*' and everybody clapped politely.

## On on

1. Dhekelia H3  
1967
2. Episkopi H3  
1967
- 3 Longmoor H3  
1968
- 3 Commando Forces  
1971
- 4 Lubbecke H3.  
1971
- 5 Westcombe H3  
1971
- 6 Bicester H3  
1975
- 7 Surrey  
1975
- Other British hashes
- 8 Helsinki H3  
1977
9. Copenhagen H3  
1980
10. Brussels H3  
1980
11. SHAPE H3  
1982
12. Vindobona H3  
1982

