

On On

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News

Hashing is waking up

Athens H3 are planning a Spring Weekend 'of fun-filled frivolity on the legendary, sun-kissed emerald island of CORFU.'

London H3 announced that: 'after numerous lockdowns countless lateral flow tests and a few garden parties at No.10, London H3 are finally going to Ludlow! The serially postponed Ludlow Away Weekend (which coincides with the Ludlow Spring Festival) is now scheduled for 13-15 May 2022.

Algarve H3 are planning their 2000th hash and **Pat-taya** have an outstation run to Khao Yai: 'Runs have been finalised and resort is ready for us.'

In Australia COVID-19 restrictions are being lifted, but people are still being careful. **Doncaster & Eltham H3** in Melbourne announced: *we prefer runners to be fully vaccinated. Social distancing is to be observed and face masks carried and worn as appropriate.*

However, COVID has not finished with us yet and **The Hole In The Ice Hash** scheduled for 11-13th February 'somewhere on a frozen lake just north of Helsinki' was cancelled.

Australia

February A new hash, **Melbourne City H3**, have been formed to run every 1st and 3rd Thursday.

Japan

February Japan has been suffering its sixth and most serious COVID wave, with all the hashes in Tokyo officially suspended since mid-January.

Thanks to Crusader

USA

The Burlington Free Press have featured **The Von Tramp Hash House Harriers**, 'the winter alter ego of the Burlington hashing group that meets every week in the summer to drink and run'.

The 31st annual U.S. National Toboggan championships took place in Camden, Maine A team consisting of Abby Godfrey, Isaak Emery and Dave Norman represented the **Portland Hash House Harriers**.

Malawi

From Aruna Gunawardena

Introducing the newest Hash Kennel, the Lilongwe Full Moon Hash

Founder : Ain't Ze Bush (Bushy)

Co Founders : Bimboy, Clitoria

On Secs: Happy Ending, Threesome

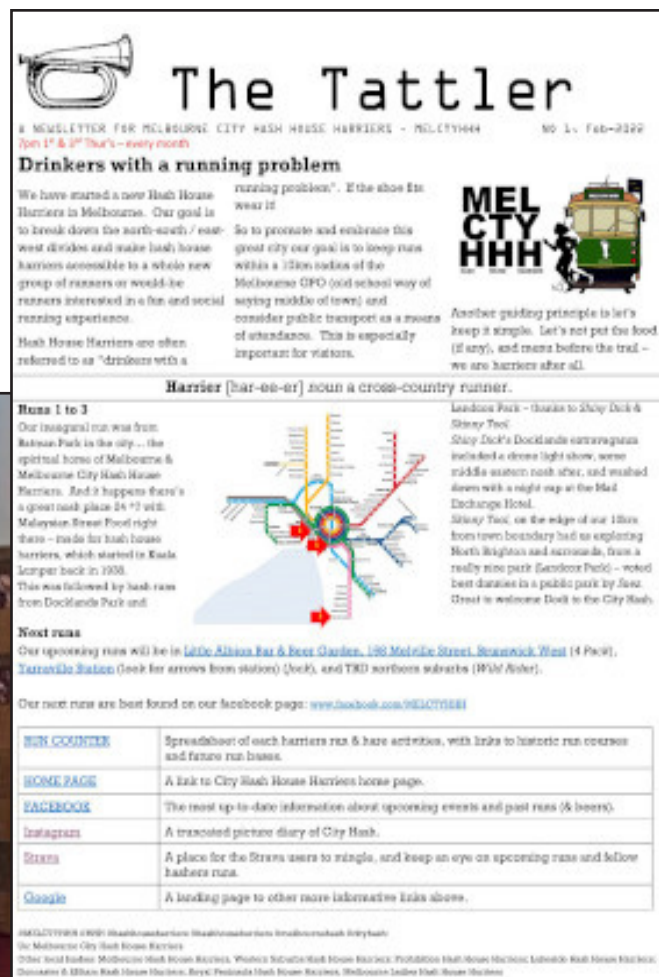
Venue Likoma Island, Lake Malawi.



Bahrain

Thailand

- And, finally, *Sheep Shagger* for being bored by the circle and just watching porn on his phone.



Above: First news-sheet of the Melbourne City H3.

Front Cover:
Little Mo's Hatta Camp
U.A.E.

Vietnam

Virgin's Dream sent the above photos from a recent Hua Hin Hash.



England.

It is 80 years since the death of hash founder Gispert and the London hashes came together for a run that included a pilgrimage to the tombstone in his family plot.

Bouncer, a great supporter of On On Magazine, finally reached his 100th hash with Brighton.

'Finally hit my 1000 with Brighton H7 last Monday! Probably another 3-400 with other hashes on top of that. Having booked the date to set hash on 10th, I tested positive at Christmas and had to miss the 27th December so my 1000th was actually my 999th.'

Spain (Canary Islands)

Wessex Harriers claim the very first 'Volcano Hash' in Lanzarote (or, in their words, anywhere else actually). A few highlights from their trash:

"The calls of 'On On' were soon replaced by 'On Up' as the trail headed for 'Montana Roja' an extinct 620ft volcano that looms over the town.

A regroup by the radio mast preceded a steep climb over loose volcanic gravel and a promise from the Hare of "There's a crate of Prosecco at the top".

A tricky descent over loose rocks back to civilization and the "Dino Water Park". Barbarella complain about false promises, too much dust (a rarity for Wessex) and no shiggy! You try finding mud during a national drought!'

UAE

The UAE has changed the weekend from Friday and Saturday to a two-and-a-half-day weekend. This starts with a half day on Friday and then goes into Saturday and Sunday. The hash adjusted, with the **Desert H3** moving from Sunday to Monday. This keeps to the first day of the working week while

moving them to the hash-traditional Monday night. **Creek H3** also shifted one day, from Wednesday to Thursday. This keeps the two-day break between the hashes and gave the lads the chance to party late with the half-day Friday to look forward to the following day.

Italy

Hashing is doing well in Italy with **Bella Napoli H3** planning a Carnival theme hash. They are expecting a handful of visitors from **Vicenza Derelicts H3**.

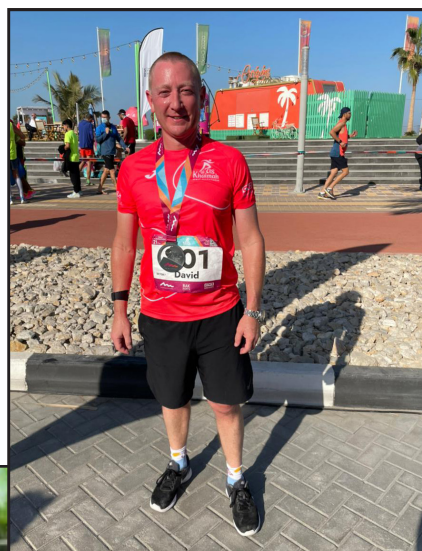
Cambodia

During the strict COVID restrictions **Phnom Penh H3** responded by establishing a weekly Wednesday "Wuhan Outstation" run, '*established by the current, former, and only GM, "Lord Tinkle". (Only known as such on his own Hash. Elsewhere he is Peon Tinkle)*'. The Wednesday kennel was so successful it continues to run as the **Phnom Penh City Hash House Harriers (P2CH3)**. Now *Lord Tinkle* has turned '*his formidable talents*' towards the Full Moon Hash '*and*

what a great start it was. Sen Sok may not strike you as an obvious choice for a run but thanks to the hares, Vestal Virgin and Lord Tinkle it was a great trail and ended at the amazing Stone Head Brewery and Tap Room. 'It will be hard to follow the greatness of the first but that's the GM's problem!'

Turkey

Received this message from **Fethiye H3**: *Our 500th run will be held on the weekend of 11th and 12th June 2022: The cost of the weekend will be 25 Pounds. This*



Left: Vomit, a core member of the Dubai hash scene and a great supporter of On On Magazine completes the RAK Half Marathon.



Hashing is thriving around the south east of Mexico where Merida H3 are doing well.

will include 2 runs, all beers during the circles, a snack after the run on Saturday. Transport to the run on Sunday. A T-shirt and a bbq after Sundays run. If you are interested in joining us can you let us know your t shirt sizes . Registration will be on Friday 10th at the Remer Hotel in Calis. I look forward to seeing you. On On WW.

Inter America Hash

The Inter Americas Hash committee made the following announcement:

Due to a growing number of extenuating circumstances, the IAH committee has decided, in the best interest of this event, to postpone IAH another year, until 1-4 Sep 2023.

Why postpone?

Please understand that this is an unprecedented situation, and the new committee was formed only 3 months ago to take over the event. Although significant progress has been made, we have come to a point where we no longer feel confident that all requirements can be achieved in a 7-month time frame (supply chain requirements are a real thing). COVID is not the primary concern, but it does impact some of our external support as well. We apologize for any inconvenience involving flights and pre/post lubes this may cause.

Benefits of postponement

This gives the new committee almost the normal time that is required to plan and organize a major hash event (in a foreign country which only a few of the committee live in). The date change also gets IAH back on the odd year cycle opposite INTERHASH. As an aside, we understand that many hashers cannot afford, nor have sufficient vacation time to attend both an INTERHASH and InterAmericas' Hash in the same year.

Follow up to the Irian Jaya Song

I can elaborate on the song "Irian Jaya" featured on page 4 of the January edition of the On On magazine.

The words were written by Mike Hansen who had come to Jakarta from Singapore in the very early 1980s while I was Hashmaster of JH3. The original version as sung by Mike had three additional verses to those printed in the magazine last month ie two extra at the beginning plus one final verse.

By way of clarification, it was Jakarta Hash that asked hares to sing a song, preferably an original one, as part of their duty on the day - the call being "Sing, sing or show us your ring and we don't want to see your ring so sing you bastard sing."

After Interhash in Jakarta in 1982, the reins were handed over to the committee of the next Interhash in Sydney in 1984 and it was at this event that Jakarta Hash performed on stage singing "Irian Jaya". The choir were dressed in yellow T-shirts and yellow sarongs which was the 'livery' of Jakarta Hash and I, with the microphone, sang the verses while the choir joined in the chorus. What was not apparent at the beginning of the song was that I was wearing a Koteka (penis sheath) under my sarong and as the verses progressed, the Koteka emerged and 'grew higher and higher' as related in the penultimate verse of the song.

Jakarta Hash was the singing hash and published the 'Jakarta Hash House Harriers Song Book' with 92 songs on 99 pages. As more and more songs were created by members of JH3, the repertoire increased and in 1989 a further book was published for the 1000th Run of JH3. This version was divided into 12 sections and by far, the largest section was songs 'By and for the Hash'. This publication had by now extended to 274 pages containing 212 songs plus 400 limericks in alphabetical order.

This wonderful collection of songs was collated by Peter "Magic Dragon" Gardiner who devoted years compiling songs written by members of JH3, which he named the "World's Best Singing Hash". Magic Dragon is now hashing in the sky. The Penguin



Hash Songs

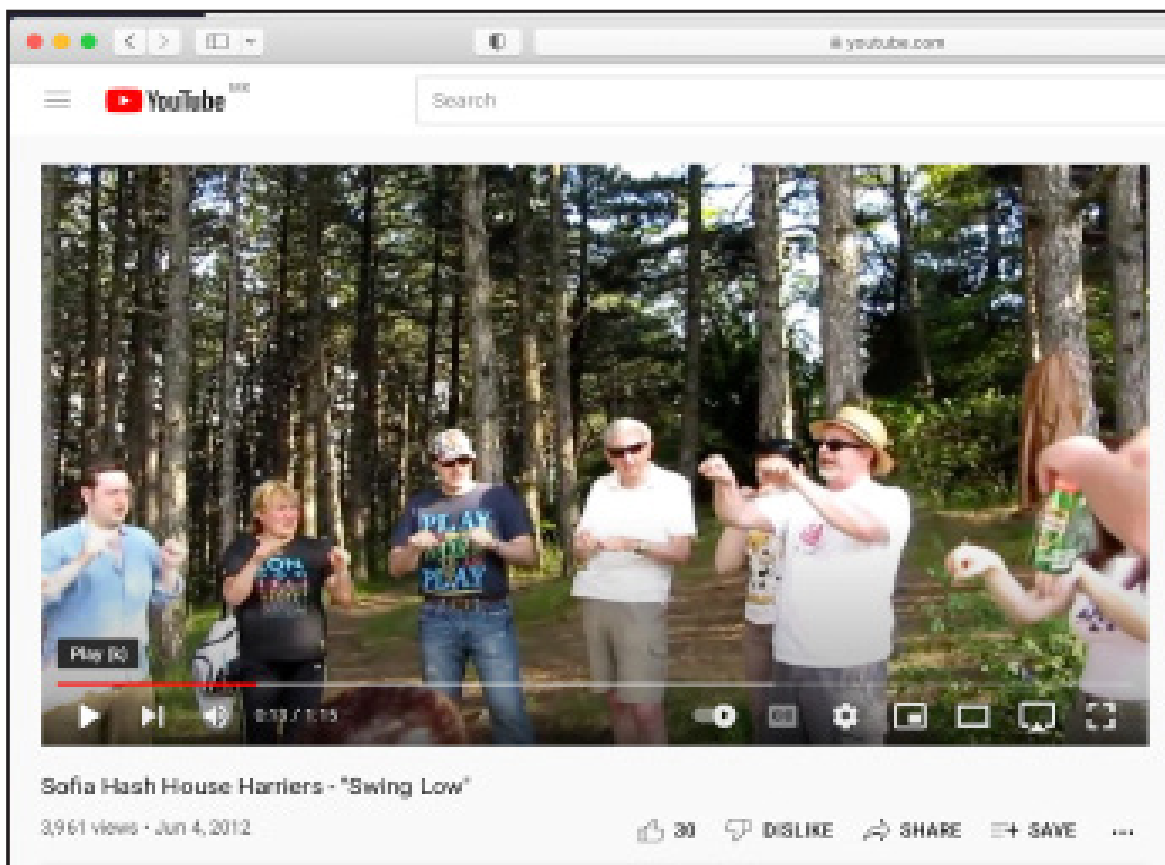
Swing Low

The Rugby Football Union (RFU) are looking at the 'historical context' of '*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*' and considering if it is suitable as an anthem for the sport. The song could be banned from future games.

This has, in turn, opened up debate in the hash.

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The general belief is that *Swing Low* goes back to 1865, when it was written by a slave called Wallace Willis. He may have been inspired by the Red River and of the Prophet Elijah's tale of being taken to heaven by a chariot.

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The earliest known recording of *Swing Low* was in 1909, by students from Fisk University, and they made the song famous during their tour across the US and Europe.



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Swing Low had a revival in the 1960s when folk artist Joan Baez sang it during the Woodstock festival of 1969.

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There are different theories about what the song actually means, but it has a role as a '*cherished 19th-century African-American spirituals, with lyrics that invoke the darkness of slavery*'.

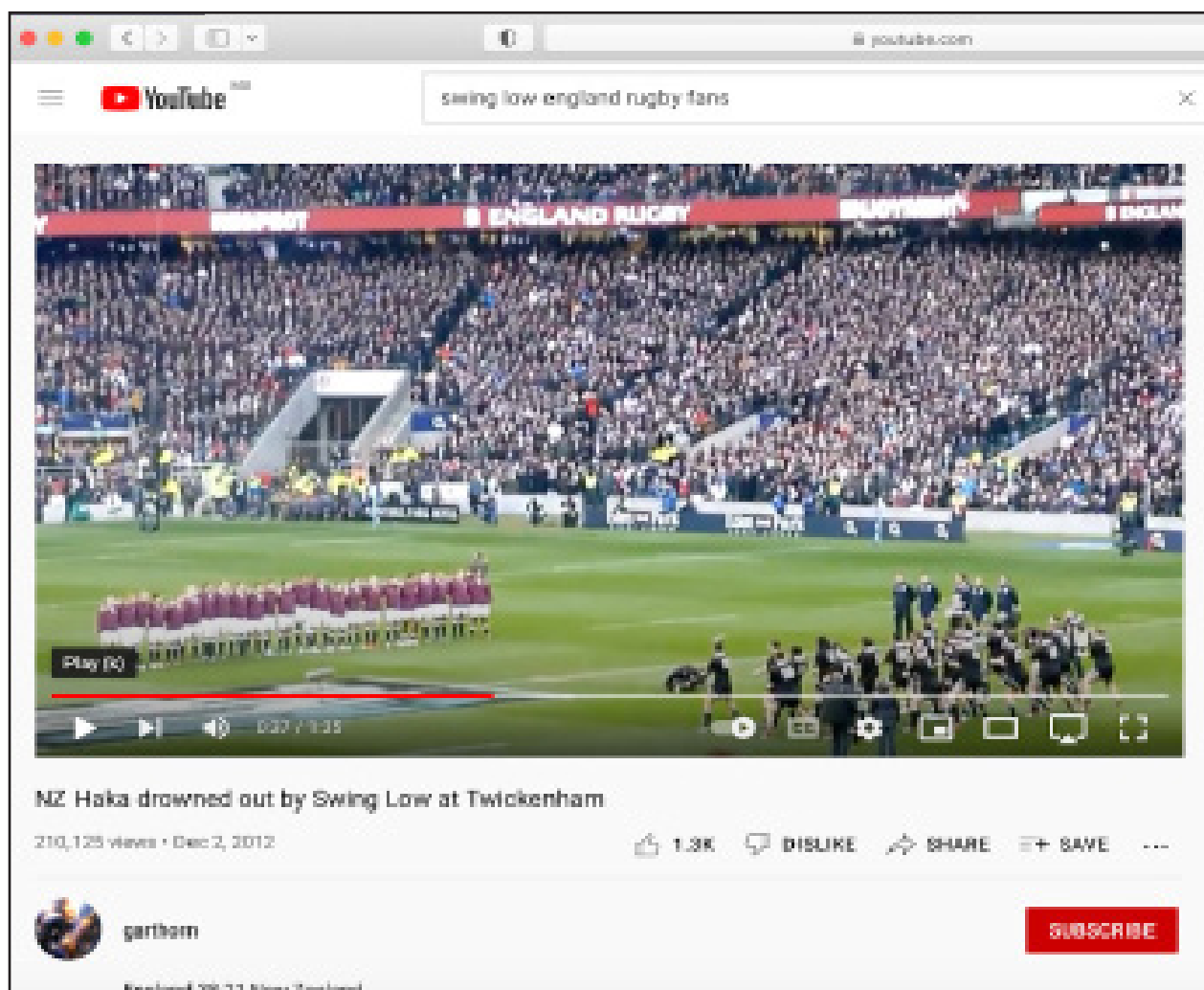
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When did RFU fans start singing *Swing Low*? Probably since the 1960s, although there is no firm evidence, explanation or point of origin.

The first **firm evidence** of rugby fans singing *Swing Low* dates to much later - to 1987- when there is film of fans singing it at the Middlesex 7's. On this occasion it was in honour of Martin Offiah, who was nicknamed 'Chariots' in a play on words from the film *Chariots of Fire*. *As far as the hash is concerned this is a vital point. The later date of 1987 would suggest the hash DID NOT adopt the song from rugby players.*

When was *Swing Low* adopted by the hash? We have just learnt that Mother Hash used *A Frog he would a Wooing, Hey ho! said Rowley*, as their theme song. They might also have sung *Swing Low* but this would suggest it came later. This is only a guess, but Ian Cumming was both a noted singer and rugby player and it might be a good bet that *Swing Low* was first adopted by the Singapore hash.

Hi Shakes,
Happy New Year. Thanks for sending out the latest edition of On On.
There is another reason why some Hashers don't sing "Swing Low", and it has nothing to do with political correctness. The song has sadly become part of English rugby fans' repertoire; I can't speak for the Irish and the Scots, but I can say that no self-respecting Welsh rugby fan will ever be heard mouthing those words!
Keep up the great work!
Crusader, Tokyo H3
Ed: a good point from Crusader!



Swing low, sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home
Swing low, sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home
Coming for to carry me home
I looked over Jordan and what did I see
Coming for to carry me home

A band of angels coming after me
Coming for to carry me home
Swing low, sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home
Swing low, sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home
If you get there before I do
Coming for to carry me...

Hash Songs

Swing Low

Hash Classics

The King's Road

Run 1986

The King Street Run was a bi-annual combined run and pub crawl that took place along King Street, Cambridge. It is claimed to have started from a 1955 discussion between three undergraduates of St John's College, all either Royal Navy or Royal Marines, and a group of medical students of unknown college affiliation. The discussion centred on the drinking capacity of the human male, one of the medical students asserting that the male bladder could hold no more than four pints. The St John's students disagreed in principle and the group agreed to settle the argument by meeting on a specified evening and having a drink in every pub on King Street.

After reportedly carrying out the feat of having a drink at each pub without stopping to urinate, the King Street Pint to Pint Club was formally constituted, with the basic objective drinking a pint of ale in seven of the street's pubs before returning for an eighth in the pub you started in.



The club set rules to be observed for the duration of drinking, among which was a penalty pint awarded for the commission of either of the two Ps, "peeing or puking". Successful members of the club wore a special navy blue tie decorated with the image of a tankard surmounted by a crown. The tie became a highly sought after item of apparel.

Wikipedia



The King Street Run was banned by the university authorities, but was resumed by the Cantabrigensis Hash House Harriers in 1982. For several years it was a biannual event.

The 1982 event was won by Gordon Stuart

The 1984 winner was John Phillips, who set a record time of 18 minutes exactly.

The 1986 saw 21 competitors start.

There were no longer enough pubs in King's Street, but drinkers started nearby and entered King's Street later in the 'race'. The rules were 8 pints with a penalty pint for any P or P (piss or puck).

In 1986 Ronnie Bamberry and George Wilks were neck and neck for much of the race.

George lost contact after having down a penalty pint. Ronnie was unaware of this fact and presumed his rival was still in close pursuit.

John Barker, an ex Cambridge GM, puked on the 4th pub. The Cambridge yearbook notes that - like many competitors - he selected Tollys as his drink of choice. They also suggested this was not a particularly wise choice!

Gerry Gurney, making his the third attempt at the event, made it to King's Street but puked at the 7th pub.

Elaine Earl gets special mention as the first (only?) Harriet to finish. She took 1hour 20minutes

1986 Results

1st Ronnie Bamberry

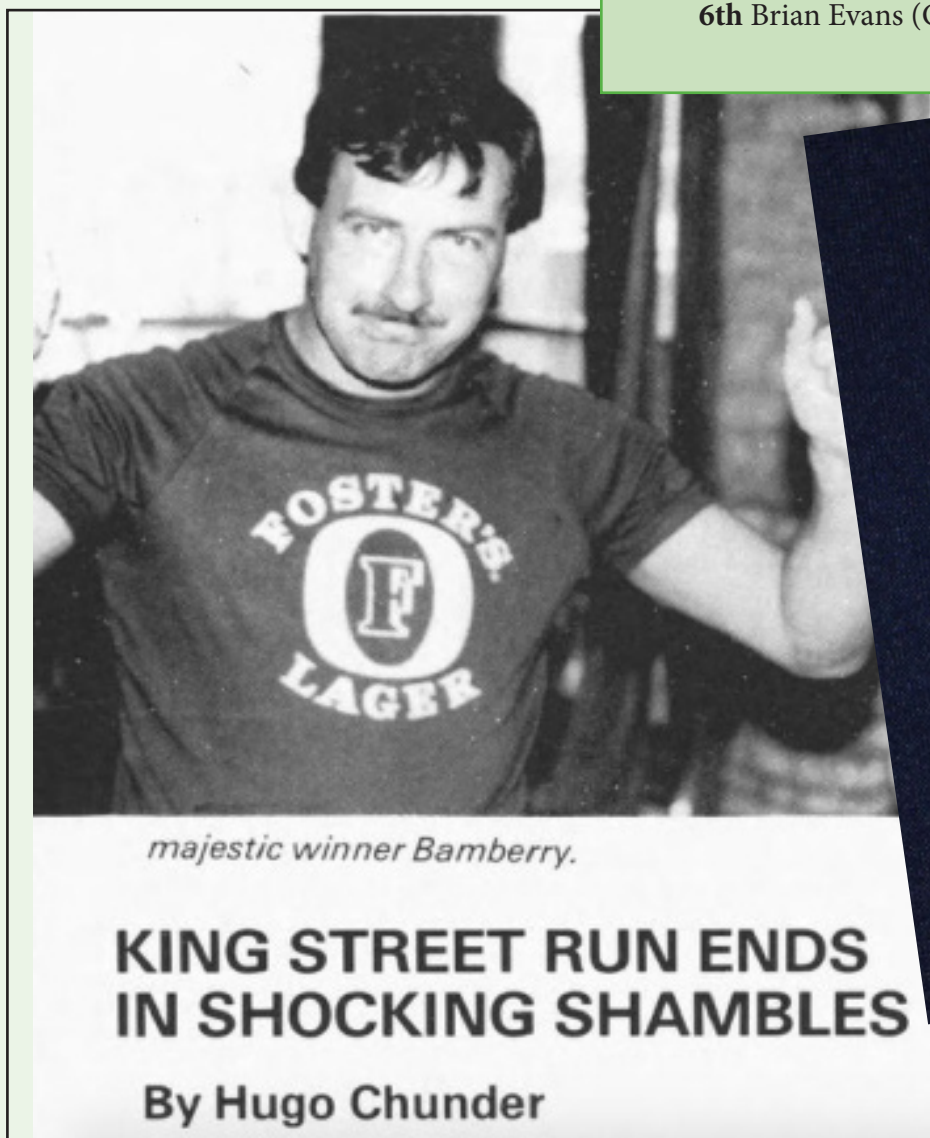
2nd Dave Obnoxious Lee (Riyadh H3)

3rd *Unrecorded*

4th Warren *Mighty Tummy* Dosanjh

5th Landbrock

6th Brian Evans (Cambridge H3)



Hashers

A to Z

Letter **K**_____

Kamikaze

Kohei Kashiwagi

Dhaka H3/Manila H3 (Bangladesh/Philippines)

Kohei *Kamikaze* Kashiwagi started hashing in Dhaka in the 1980s and then moved on to Manila, **Sulaimania H3** in Saudi Arabia and **Jebel H3** in Oman. Last heard of hashing in Nairobi.

Kanaga, Kevin

Mother Hash (Malaysia)

An important member of **Mother Hash** in the seventies. He joined around 1972 or '73 and became On-Sec in 1975 and Joint Master in 1976. Around 1977 he returned to New Jersey where he met Gill Jackson and between them they formed **Rumson H3**. Kanga later moved on to New York where he founded **Queens H3** and **Brooklyn H3**.

Karamoja

Kampala H3 (Uganda)

English doctor and long term GM of **Kampala H3** who has been there 'for ever'.

KC

KC Lai

London H3, West London H3 (England)

Born in Kampar, Perak, but a long term London resident who will probably have over 700 hashes with **London H3** by the time this is published. He has clocked up a similar number of runs with **West London H3**.

KBKC

The Brigadier

Dhaka Men's Hash (Bangladesh)

The Brigadier was a senior military figure and a hero of the independence struggle. He was also a great hasher who completed a record 1336 runs with the men's hash. He has sadly passed away, but his family still invite the hash to enjoy food with them at the end of the Victory Day Run. *Ed: The family home has display cabinets of the great man's life, in which medals presented by the President sit-side-by-side with hash mementos!*

Kcuntsuland

O'Neale Payne

Barbados H3

A veteran hasher with 1226 runs which places him 5th on the Barbados all-time list. Born in Bridgetown he had a distinguished career in construction before retiring.

Keeps it in his Pants

Kabul H3 (Afghanistan)

Infamous for accidentally dropping his gun at the



"KINGFISHER"



hash which went off. Everybody survived and he went on to take the roll of hair-raiser.

Keeps it Up

Brent Crowle

Brighton H7 (England)

A central figure on **Brighton H3** where he is currently webmaster. He 'only' has a modest 608 hashes to his credit but has hashed in 69 countries which places him in the top 20 of *Where Have you Hashed*.

Kennedy, F.D. (Don)

Mother Hash (Malaysia)

An Irish accountant who did a few pre-war runs then drifted away. He started to run again after the war and took over as On-Sec from *Torch* in 1949. It was Kennedy who drew up the rules when the hash had to register with the authorities and he also introduced the idea of subscriptions. His interview with Stu Lloyd for 'Hare of the Dog' was an important addition to our knowledge of the pre-war hashing.

Kerbrawler

John Ellis

Delta H3 (Egypt)

A great character with **Delta H3** in its early days, running 178 of their first 300 hashes (which ranked him third in the group). Issues such as injuring his leg trying to unsuccessfully leap a drainage ditch, or locking his keys in his car with the engine still running, made him a contender for the 1991 Wanker of the Year Award. He worked with the WHO and later hashed in Zimbabwe.

Kermit

Jeff Strong

Melbourne H3 (Australia)

Kermit runs with the Melbourne Hash and claims to be the longest serving hasher in Australia with 1700 plus runs with **Doncaster and Etham H3**. Rumoured to have posed naked for the Harriettes' yearbook.

Ketteridge, Ron and Ruby

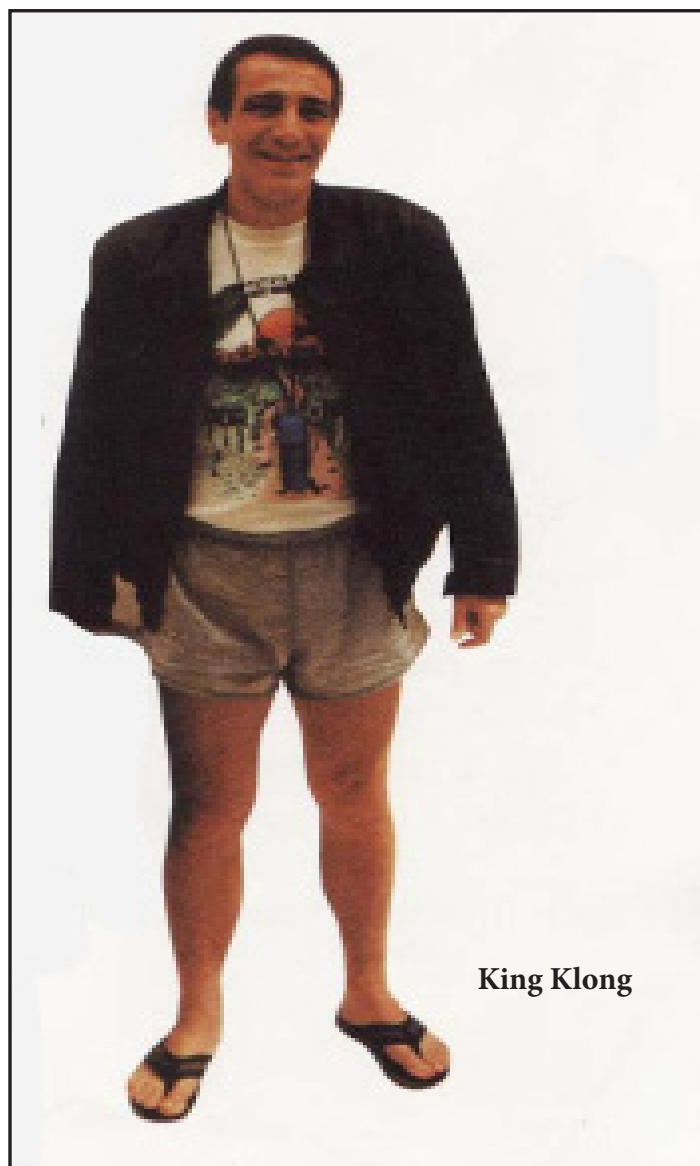
Cambridge H3 (England)

Ron and Ruby are long term members of **Cambridge H3** and are last recorded running with them in 2007. At that time Ron was on 939 runs and Ruby 955. They had learnt their hashing in Qatar and organised the 2nd Qatar Reunion Run in Lincoln.

Khoo, Denis

Mother Hash/Damansara H3 (Malaysia)

Denis was a good runner at school so accepted the invited from a Canadian colleague, John Marsh, to go along to the hash. This was 1969 and makes him



King Klong

one of the first 'locals' to join Mother Hash. He is still 'running' with them 50 years later. During the 1980s he played a major role on the committee, being Joint Master 1985-86 and On-Sec 87-88. He was editor of the 1998 InterHash Yearbook by which time he was more likely to turn out with **Damansara H3**.

Kila, Pia

Port Moresby Harriettes (Papua New Guinea)

Pia worked at the Papua New Guinea Women's teacher college and was one of three harriettes who finished 1-2-3 in the 1981 PNG Marathon. This was an historic event as they were the first women to complete a marathon on the island.

Killer

Tim Watt

Durban H3 (South Africa)

Tim *Killer* Watt was a member of the **Durban H3**, founder of the **Durban Blue Moon** and was well known around the African Hash scene. Those at Africa InterHash in Dar will remember him parading naked for most of the circle, in fact for most of the

weekend. (To particular amusement of the Kenyan Harriettes). He was killed in a motorcycle accident around Christmas 1998. *On On*.

Kingfisher

Bryan Fisher

Jeddah H3, SLOSH Hash (Saudi Arabia, England)

Bryan went to work in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia in 1984 where a few 'ex-forces lads' introduced him to the hash. *'The Hash Circle was held before the trail and then we set off on the trail. From that point on I was hooked!'* He would sign in as King because *'I was King of the family'* and this was written as 'Kingfisher' by mistake. He became On Sec, then Hash Flash, and eventually Grand Master, a position he held for a number of years. In 1993 the family came back to the UK where they founded SLOSH. *Kingfisher* moved into test management and contract work allowed him to hash all across Europe as well as Abu Dhabi and Florida. Whilst in Croatia he joined *Cor Blimey* and *Antibiotics* in forming the **Dalmatian Hash Cruise**. Kingfisher is still hashing at 69 years old, *'albeit much slower, and have laid hundreds of trails - so I hate to think how many hashes I have been on!'*

King of the Mountains

Ian Maguire

Hashemite H3 (Jordan)



Dennis Khoo, Editor

An important influence on the Hashemite Hash where he was (sarcastically) voted the best dressed hasher. Quote from the 1985 yearbook, *'its not true that what Ian Maguire wears today will be on a scarecrow the next day - it's the other way round'*. Was in charge of the trails at the 1985 Middle East Interhash. Believed to have moved on to Zanzibar.

King Klong

Paul James

Phuket H3 (Thailand)

Born in London, Paul had a working career that took him to France, Saudi and Bahrain. In 1986 he opened a bar in Phuket and the island was to be his home from then onwards. He became involved with **Phuket H3** and was their 4th GM in 1989-90. The gradual acceptance of the ExPat Hotel as *the* hash bar moved the centre of hashing from town to the beach. He was GM of the successful 1992 Interhash and has recorded 1426 hashes.

King Khalid

Khaled Abdel Nour

Hashemite Hash H3 (Jordan)

A enthusiastic member of **Hashemite H3** during their early years. By 1991 he was on 236 hashes, placing him second behind Cecil Gullen who had recently left Jordan. He went from Whipper-In to RA. Judging from comments in the yearbook he seemed to own a sportswear shop - this being considered an insufficient qualification for the role of hasherdashery!

Kingshit

Mike Babulic

Calgary H3 (Canada)

Was drinking in a Calgary bar when the hash came in. He joined them the following week and has been hashing ever since. Is now one of a handful of Calgary hashers over 1000 runs - in fact is over 1500. Worked in computers and put these skills into service for the hash acting as Sexetary and Übergeek.

King Sir James

Jim Dobson

Madrid H3 (Spain)

Was GM for Madrid's 1000th Run and went on to clock up a record 1462 record runs. Described in the 1000th Run Yearbook as *'so old that Indiana Jones was looking for him.'* Was also noted as a fan of Ma-hou beer.

King Yao Yao

John Guenther

Pattaya H3/Dirt Road H3 (Thailand)

Born in 1938, John first turned to hashing in 1988 when he was already 50. He hashed with both Pattaya and Dirt Road, becoming a 'judge' on the latter. He continued to run even when troubled by his knees and eventually clocked up over 1400 hashes (Pattaya 881, Dirt Road 581). Yao Yao passed away in October 2020. *On On*

Kip Blake

Bicester H3 (England)

Bicester veteran with over 1100 runs to his credit. Currently Hare-razor.

Kipper

Tim Ord

Glasgow H3 (Scotland)

A long term member of **Glasgow H3**, where he leads the run total with 1117 hashes and is second on the hare list with 140 hares. He was first introduction to hashing in Hong Kong around 1973, aged about 15. *'I was a keen runner and I couldn't understand how so many unfit-looking blokes could get to the checks before me. It's not so much fun when all you were allowed to drink was 7up and that could have been my first and only hash run'*. However, years later (this in 1984) he was working in Salisbury when the **Haunch of Venison H3** came to his local pub. He joined

them the following week and went on to clock up 202 runs (as well as 53 with Wessex). He then moved to York where he completed another 172 runs over four years. In 1990 he moved to **Glasgow H3** where, in addition to his record number of runs with Edinburgh, he can claim 250 with TNT and over 200 with **Trossachs H3**.

Klinger

Ian Halse

Cambridge H3 (England)

Long term Cambridge hasher who was on run number 70 and who has been GM twice (1997, 2019). Recently completed his 1500th hash.

Knickers

Sue Featherstone

Luanda H3 (Angola)

Reached Angola in July 1995 and is listed as one of the three founders of **Luanda H3** along with Doyle Snake-eater Raymer and George G-Cubed Greene.

Knickers

Yvonne Rice-Oxley

London H3 (England)

A central figure with **London H3**. A regular hare and committee member with 700 plus hashes to her credit.



Kipper and wife Glauy Hole Hole, on trail at the 2019 Eurohash in Orkney.

Knight, Cameron
World Hasher

Cameroun Knight made a considerable contribution to hashing in the seventies and eighties. Ever present at the first five InterHashes, he ran with several kennels around Africa and the Middle East and was one of the founders of **Abu Dhabi H3**.

Knob Jockey

Jim Czerwinski

Dar es Salaam H4/Warsaw H3 (Tanzania/Poland)

Was GM of **Dar es Salaam H4** during their golden period in the early nineties. Spent a period hashing in Poland and then re-emerged in the Middle East. Ed: On one occasion Jim missed the Dar hash due to an important business meeting only to find the pack outside his office singing '*Jim Czerwinski is a horses arse.*' He opened the window, told the pack to bugger off and continued with his meeting.

Koco Loco

Dhaka Alternative Hash (Bangladesh)

An enthusiastic hasher in the pioneer days of the Dhaka Men's hash. A dispute over whether women should be allowed to run in the special Victory Day Hash led to Koco forming his own kennel. They continue to hash with small numbers.

Krusty

John Marken

Calgary H3 (Canada)

Calgary hasher with over 600 runs who was a respectable marathon runner in his youth.

Kuan, B.T.

Mother Hash (Malaysia)

Mother Hash joint master 1979-80 and in charge of drinks at the 1980 Interhash.

Kuan, Mike

Mother Hash (Malaysia)

Mother hash Joint Master in 2007.

Kueh, Stephen

Kuching H3 (Malaysia)

Stephen Kueh, described by a friend as '*pint sized and soft spoken*' joined **Kuching H3** in 1966, (this was probably run number 2). On 2nd May 1989 he completed 1000 runs, being the first hasher in the world to reach this landmark with one kennel. As some earlier runs had not been recorded he had unofficially reached 1000 runs slightly earlier. (1000 hashes in 23 years averages about 40 runs a year.) The achievement was sent to the Guinness Book of Records but rejected as being too specialized. At the time of the

1990 'Thriller in Manila' he was one of 23 hashers who had attended every Interhash.



Seeking
nominations
for the letter L

Hash Legends

Horse Thomson

One of the 4 hash founders

- *Horse* - also known as Tommy - was an experienced paper chaser, starting around 1932 in Johor Bahru, where he claims “hashing” actually got started.

1932

- *Horse* worked as a manager at Malayan telecommunications, which in the 1920s & 30s was responsible for both telephone and telegraph services.

- *Hazukashii* suggests *Horse* first meet Gispert in Singapore.

- Around 1938 Gispert and Frederick *Horse* Thompson were both working in KL. At some point they started to discuss the idea of setting a paper chase.

1938

- *Horse* was probably present on the very first hash.

1938

- He took on the role of Joint Master and is credited with bringing an element of organisation to the club. He was Joint Master for three years.

1938, 1939, 1940

- *Horse* left Malaysia before the war and joined the RAF. He was in Hong Kong at the time of the Japanese invasion.

- He spent the war years as a P.O.W. This included being shot while trying to escape.

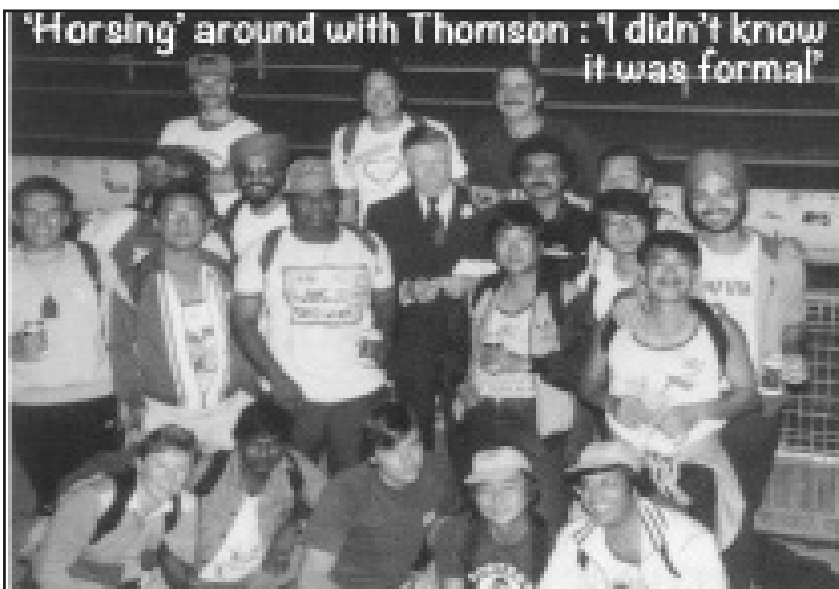
1941-1945

- After the war *Horse* returned to KL. The hash was probably already re-established by the time he returned.

1946?

- In 1951 he was Joint Master for the fourth and final time.

1951



In 1984, a sizeable contingent from Seletar arrived in Sydney for the InterHash. Despite the distractions of King's Cross (walking distance from our hotel), we all made it to the runs and On Ons. One of the 'high' points of this event was meeting one of the founding members of the original hash, a Mr. Frederick '*Horse*' Thomson, who was sponsored there by the organisers.

- That September the hash stumbled into a bunch of bandits, the famous Cheras Bandit Incident, after which *Horse* stopped running, “*having survived the war and subsequent P.O.W. life, I didn’t want my impending retirement stopped by bandits.*” 1951
- He retired around 1951 and moved to the Philippines to run a sugar plantation. 1951
- He made a guest appearance at the Sydney InterHash. *Ed: A little section of video exists in which Horse explains how the hash has spread 'like an amoeba splitting in half without any need for sex.'* 1984
- He made a second guest appearance at Interhash Pattaya. 1986

In The Spotlight - Frederick “Horse” Thomson

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8 Feb 2022

There are many unattributed references to Horse on the internet, as many hash websites practice the old mantra of plagiarism is most sincere form of flattery, but most actually go back to work done by John Duncan in the 1970s, and Mike “Father” Lyons and Tim “Magic” Hughes in the 1980s. Many of the accounts came from those who knew him on the hash, prior to his final departure from Kuala Lumpur in 1951. Horse was a founding member of the “Hash House” Harriers. Hash House is emphasized, as at the time, it was just another Harrier club of the day in SE Asia (it would be another 24 years before the HHH would begin to become the worldwide phenomenon it is today).

If you search the WWW, you will find a multitude of listings for Horse Thompson, but Horse is officially listed in the Mother Hash Black Book as THOMSON (HORSE), no first name, and more specifically, no P in THOMSON. Some old accounts also make reference to the names HORSE, TORCH, and G, as early references to hash names, but that is also incorrect. These nicknames were just names they picked up amongst their mates from daily life (as best I can tell from copious hours of research, hash names originated in Jakarta in the mid-1970s).

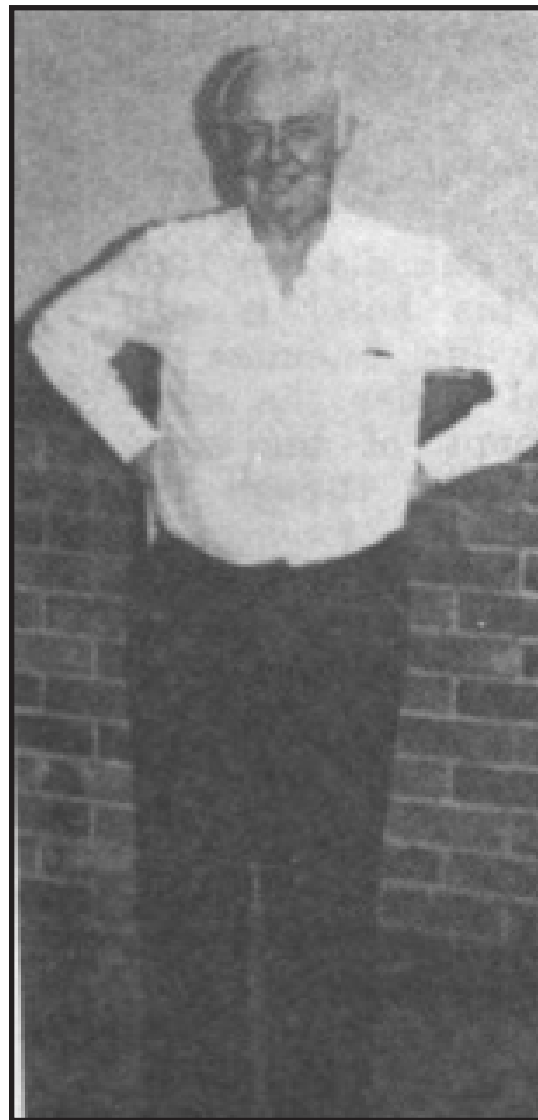
Why “Horse” you may ask? That nickname originated in his boyhood school days, stated Ralph Wadsworth, (Honorary Secretary of the HHH in 1963, and Joint Master in 1964), and was due to him having what could best be described as a face with equine (long) features. Like most of the other founding members, Horse was a British expat working in SE Asia. In his professional life, Fredrick Thomson was a manager at Malayan telecommunications, which in the 1920s & 30s was telephone and telegraph.

Before arriving in Kuala Lumpur, Horse lived and worked in Johor Bahru, the capital of the state of Johor. Johor Bahru is located approximately 350 Kms south east of Kuala Lumpur, just across the Strait of Johor between peninsular Malaya and Singapore, both of which were part of Malaya in the 1930s (Singapore did not gain its independence until 9 Aug 1965). Horse is quoted as stating, that he had run paper chases in Johor Bahru as far back as 1932. He had also run similar type events in Malacca (aprox 150 Kms south of KL) as part of the Springgit Harriers (this is where Gispert was said to have first run paperchase events). Horse also claimed to have run pre-HHH type events with another club in Taiping

(aprox 250 Kms north of KL). They were all referred to as mixed (allowing women to run), and some even brought their dogs on trail. The runs were often on Sunday morning, and were followed by a curry tiffin lunch.

Horse was recorded as participating on the first run with the newly formed Hash House Harriers, and is listed as Joint Masters from 1938-1940 and then again after the war in 1951 before his eventual departure from Kuala Lumpur. *(Note: The traditional founding date of 1938 has been disputed by Torch Bennett, who suggests the summer of 1939 would be more accurate.)*

Various accounts state that Horse was first allowed to leave Malaya before the outbreak of hostilities on the peninsula, and subsequently joined the Royal Air Force (RAF), who posted him to Hong Kong. Unfortunately, Japan launched an assault on Hong Kong the same day (8 Dec 1941), that it began occupying Malaya. Horse was taken as a POW, but after a period of time managed to escape. Teaming up with other rogue forces they were recaptured, and Horse was shot in the neck. He was returned back to Hong Kong and recuperated, but left his head with a slight lean. He was released after the war, and returned to KL to resume his civilian life. He also rejoined the hash in 1946, when Torch got things going again. In 1951, Horse retired from



KEY FOUNDERS, 1st CHAPTER, THE HASH HOUSE HARRIERS



Federick Thomson
Joint Master
1938, 1939, 1940, 1951





“Imagine all the people
living life in peace”

John Lennon, 1971

Thinking of the people of Ukraine - *particularly any hash brothers and sisters* - caught up in these terrible events.

The Classic Hash T-shirt

As we edge slightly closer to the opening of a hash museum I started to think that there should be a whole section devoted to hash T-shirts.

What should we display in this T-shirt hall?

Here is a personal choice of the rarest, most historical and most recognizable hash T-shirts from the hundreds of thousands that have been designed over the years.

Please send your own suggestions.

Wish list

I could not find illustrations of:

Disant corners

Antarctica Hashes

Falkland Islands Hash

Historical T-shirts

Brunei Hens or earliest harriette T-shirt

The earliest US hash shirt (Fort Eurtis?)

A T-shirt from the early German military hashes

A shirt from the early British military hashes

Events

Indonesian Jungle Run T-shirt

Ides of March Run (Rome)

First African Inter-hash (Ethiopia)

The missing link

While Sydney H3 claims the oldest recorded hash T-shirt so far, I suspect there are older ones out there waiting to be discovered!

What is the world's worse hash T-shirt ever?

How about Dildo Dan's
DOBBIE Reunion Hash at the Sandy Balls Resort!

As far as I know Dildo is the only person to ever
wear it in public!

Illustrations

Editors own collection

Hash magazines

but a special thanks to Hazukashii and the

Digital Hash T-shirt Museum

Check it out at:

gotothehash.net/hashshirts.html

DOBBIE HASH no. 7



Censored

I like my
BALLS
SANDY

The pioneer T-shirts



Plain white sport shirt known to have been worn on a pre-war hash.

Status: Unlikely to exist.



The oldest known hash T-shirts.
Singapore H4 500th (1971) and
Sydney H3 250th (1972)

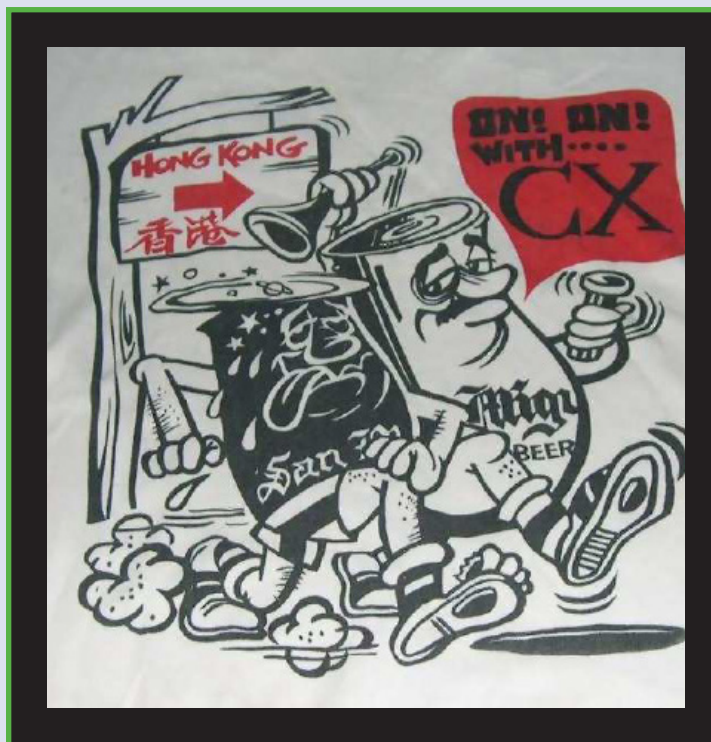
*Status: Probably no more than a dozen of
each still exist?*





Mother Hash 1500th Run.

The oldest hash T-shirt commemorating an international gathering. *Status - a dozen or so might still exist?*



The first Interhash

The oldest Interhash T-shirt. Hong Kong 1978.

Status - nearly 900 hashers attended and they would have been aware of the importance of the occasion. A hundred or more T-shirts might exist?



The first British T-shirt.

The Bicester H3 100th Run T-shirt is the oldest British hash shirt I could find. Surrey H3 might be able to contest that. Finding a T-shirt from the earlier and short-lived military hashes would be amazing. *Status: Must be rare by now.*



Hashing reaches Indonesia

The first wave of new kennels had been largely formed by military personal - by the 1970s it was bankers and oilmen who were spreading the word. This early Jakarta shirt represents this second generation of hash kennels. *Status: Still exists in numerous variations.*

Interhash



Out of Asia

In 1984 Interhash moved out of the Asian stronghold for the first time. This was a controversial decision and led to a debate about where the spiritual home of Interhash lay. *Status: There might still be a hundred or so Sydney T-shirts in private collections.*



Thriller in Manila bid shirt

Rob Denny proudly claims that the Philippines bid was the first to go in for 'bribery', with Manila offering beer and T-shirts to the Grand Masters who would casting the voted. It seemed funny at the time, but started the commercialisation of Interhash. *Status probably only a handful still exist.*



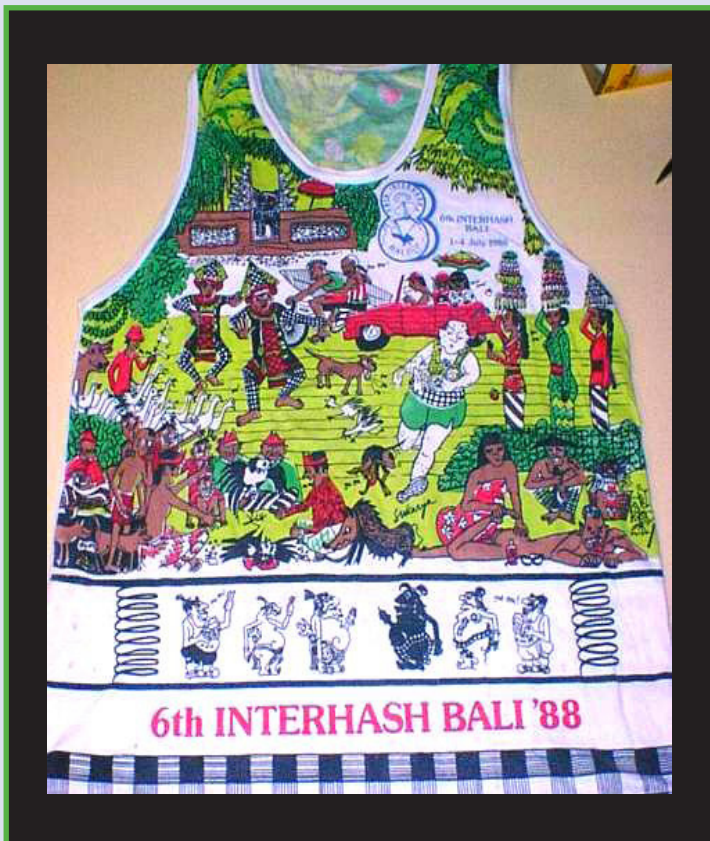
The split vote hash

There were three candidates for the 1996 Interhash with the Asian vote being split between Bandung and Hong Kong, allowing Cyprus to win with a minority of the votes. This would lead to a change in the voting rules, with a second or third round of voting taking place until one bid acquired a majority. *Status: Quite a few have probably been saved.*



Hashing for hashers by hashers

2002 was a great T-shirt and a great weekend. There was no kennel in Goa, so for the first time Interhash was organized by an international co-operative of hashers. *Status: You still occasionally see Goa T-shirts being worn in a circle.*



While 'favourite' is a personal choice, here are some of the 'classic' Interhash shirt designs. The '98 T-shirt is a more subtle design than the others selected but with a great deal of thought behind it. *Status: All are reasonably recent and should exist in considerable numbers.*

Interhash

Banned



The hash shirt that made world headlines

A box of Moscow H3 T-shirts, showing the 1980 Olympic Mascot (a bear) and the words KGB, was opened at Moscow customs. Not impressed with the explanation that KGB stood for 'Keep Getting Boozed' the authorities banished the offending T-shirts from the country. The shirts were eventually smuggled back in via an alternative diplomatic source but could not be worn in public.

Status - made in small numbers but a few have probably been safely tucked away.

Two inexperienced Jakarta hares staged the 'Hitler's Birthday Run.'

Even by Hash standards the concentration camp theme was in poor taste.

One of the hares, who worked with the railways, managed to provide a train with cattle trucks, the T-shirts were concentration camp stripes and a wire fence was erected around the on-in.

The BBC carried a story about the event and senior hashers were dragged in front of Ambassadors. Apologies were offered and the GM promised that all the offending T-shirts would be destroyed.

Jakarta Hitler Birthday Run T-shirt

Status: All believed to have been destroyed. It is possible that a couple were secretly saved.



Tiananmen Square Remembrance Run (1990)

Beijing H3 had just found a T-shirt printer and there was a rush to produce hash T-shirts. One hasher decided a **Tiananmen Square Remembrance Day Run** was a good idea. The police, who routinely inspected anything being printed, were not impressed.

The shirt shown here was for two runs later. The hare (your editor) had decided NOT to collect the shirts he had ordered due to the strong possibility of being arrested. However, a friend collecting T-shirts for his own run accepted them and delivered them to a grateful *Shakes*.

A couple of days later the helpful hare was invited to 'chat' with the security police and was interrogated for a full day, missing the hash! *Status - all the Remembrance T-shirts were taken by the police. It is just possible that they might still be tucked away in a box in a forgotten corner of a Beijing police station!*

The Girls join in

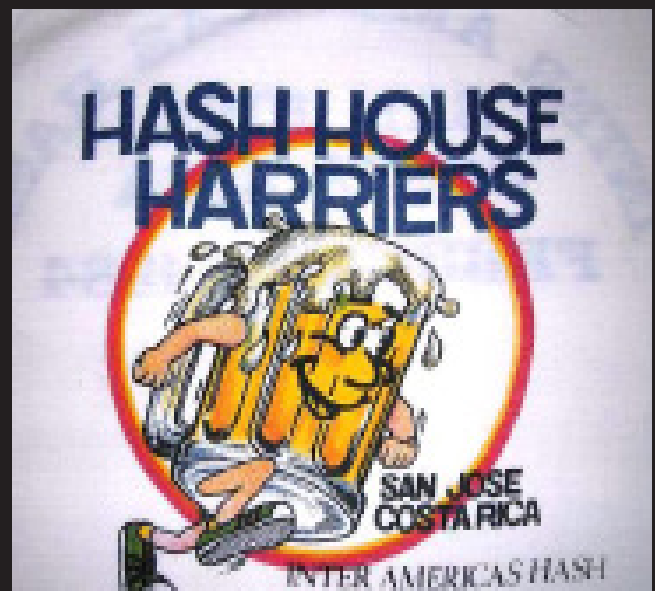
I was unable to identify the earliest Harriettes T-shirt.

The original Brunei Hens were unlikely to have issued T-shirts at such an early date (but please write and prove me wrong!) Therefore the oldest Harriet T-shirt will most likely be from either Ipoh or Singapore.



Hashing was initially (and perhaps accidentally) a male only activity. This led to the forming of the first Harriettes groups, where men were generally invited but expected to be low key. The first such kennel was **Brunei Hens** (1966) followed by **Ipoh** (1968) and then a growing number of new kennels in the early seventies. *Top*: A classic design from Bangkok. *Bottom left*: The legendary Jakarta Pussy design. *Bottom right*: A brilliant design from Japan, combining tradition, slutiness and beer!

First of the big events



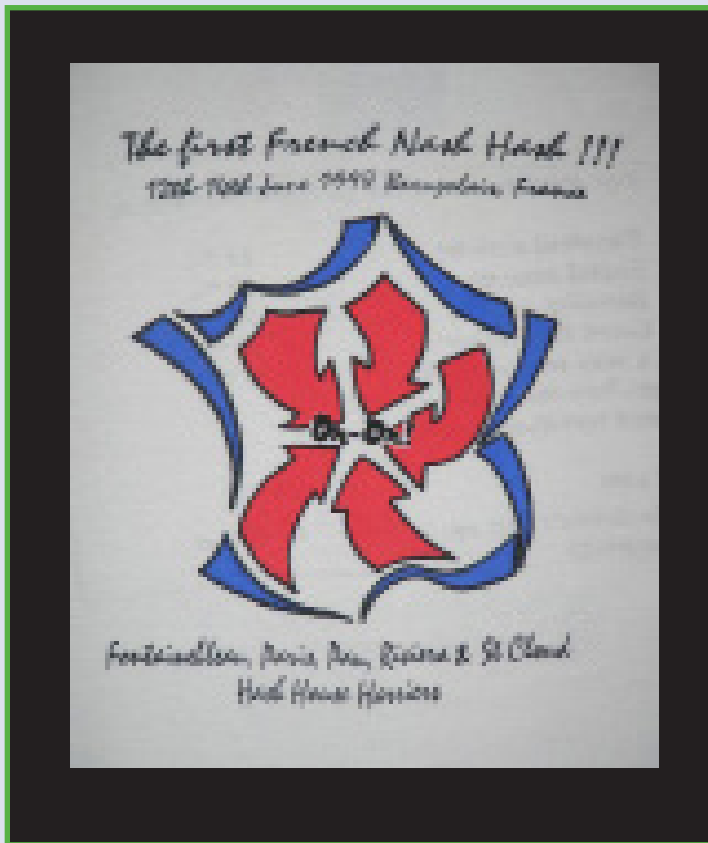
Top left: UK Nash Hash 1981. Top right: I was unable to find a T-shirt from the first African Interhash in Addis, although I suspect they exist. Here is the T-shirt from the second event in Kenya. **However, the Nairobi T-shirt claims to be Interhash Number 1, supporting the editor's belief that the Ethiopian event was actually organised as an anniversary run and only upgraded to the status of 'Africa Interhash' in retrospect.** Bottom left: The first Euro Hash. Bottom right: First Inter Americas. Opposite page. Top left: Pan-Asia. Top right: While The Dutch Nash Hash is really a Nash Hash, the event was far more significant in the early days of hashing and was one of the first events European hashers travelled to in large numbers.



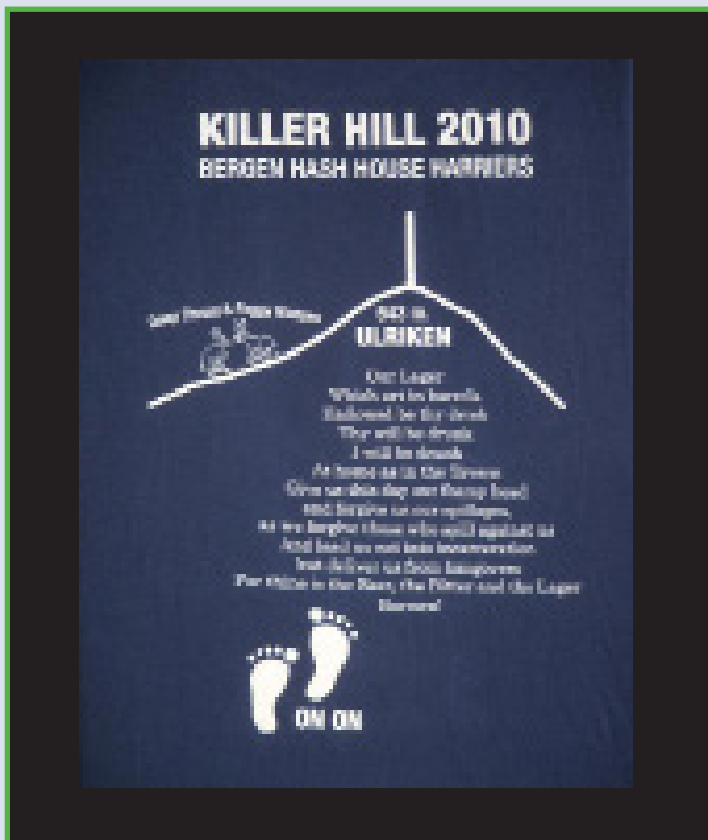
Nash Hash



A small collection of Nash Hash designs from around the world.

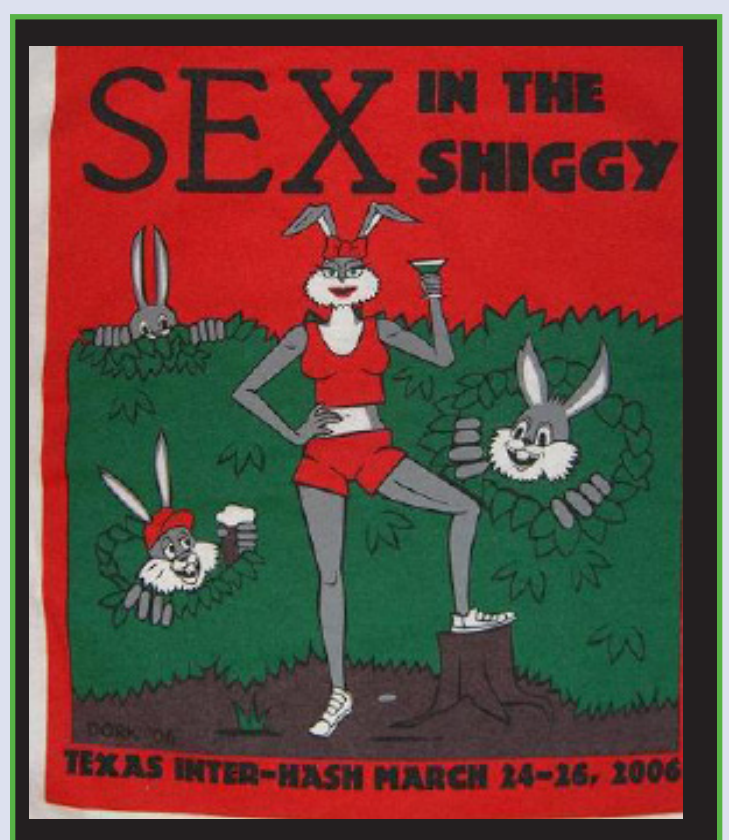


Special Events



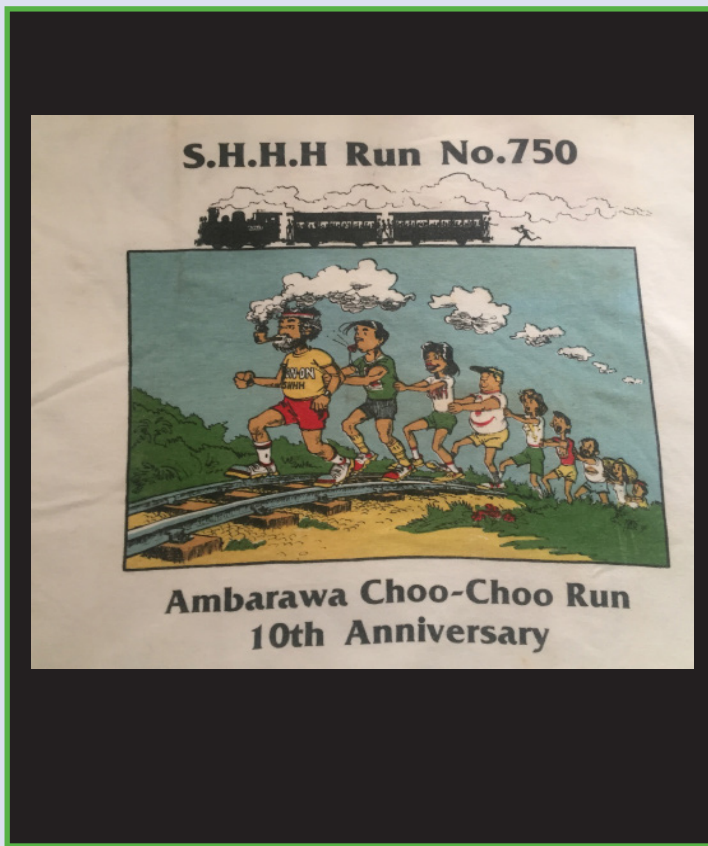
Killer Hill

Small but popular annual event organized by Bergen H3. *Status:* Probably only 50 or so T-shirts exist for ever event so reasonably rare.



Texas Inter-hash

A major annual event in Texas. *Status:* The event can attract 300 plus hashers so there are plenty of T-shirts in circulation.



Choo-Choo Run

A trip to the centre of Java and a ride out to the run site on an old steam train was a popular event for Indonesian hashers during the 1990s. On one famous occasion the train came off the tracks.

Status: Produced in small numbers but a few have probably been saved.



Vineyard Hash

A popular European trip - a chance to hash in one of Europe's many wine producing area.

Status: Plenty of T-shirts in circulation

Historical Landmarks



The Hash spreads out

Early landmarks - an early USA T-shirt from Washington DC and the first ever Chinese hash shirt.



Red Dress

The original red dress worn by Donna Rhinehart when she visited San Diego H3 would be a star item in the museum!
Status: Unlikely to have been saved but the family might have a dress that she wore to later events.



Hashing goes international

There are several international groups that get together to travel (DRIFTERS, GONADS, Essex Full Moon) but no other group has had the impact on world hashing as **The Thinking Drinking Hash**.



The Fall of the Iron Curtain

The fall of the USSR heralded a golden period for East European hashers, with western experts (many of them hashers) flooding in to help with modernization. As the nations of the old Soviet block modernized new entrainments opened up and hashing lost popularity.



The end of the empire

Hashing had been born in the British Empire and the handing back of Hong Kong was the passing of an era. *Status: Everybody was aware of the importance of the occasion so there must be quite a few T-shirts safely tucked away.*



Post 9/11

The world changed with 9/11 and the American response led to wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. The Kabul hash became famous for their burqa runs and it is rumoured that by ordering bright colours they influenced the whole Kabul fashion scene!

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thought



about
it ...
seriously!

Interhash in trouble

Around the turn of the century Interhash saw marred by increased commercialisation and voting scandals. When Higgins lost the vote for 2014 he staged **A Beer Odyssey** but this was *not* marketed as a rival event and actually marked the start of a healing process in a fractured hash world.



Arab spring

If George Bush senior had changed Eastern Europe, then his son was going to bring democracy to the Middle East. It didn't work out particularly well, as symbolised by this T-shirt from the once active Damascus Hash.



COVID

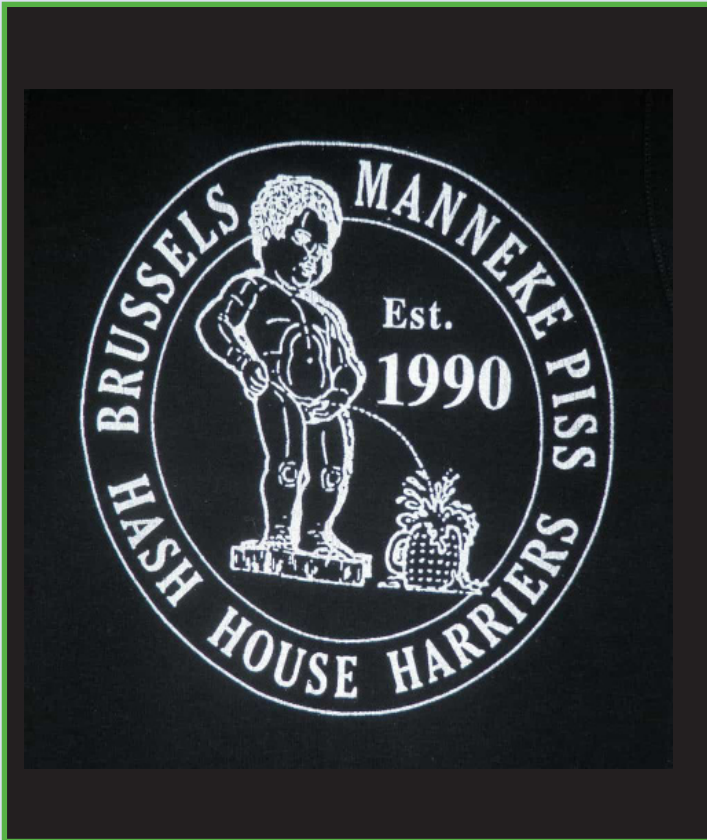
Hashing changed with COVID. Groups that had hashed through riots, volcanoes and floods were suspended. Interhash was postponed. Solo runs and zoom circles became the norm.

Classic Designs



Here are a few iconic designs you often spot when visiting a new kennel. *Top Left:* A classic Seoul Men's orange T-shirt - the colour you have to wear if attending their hash. *Top right:* Phnom Penh have been using the landmine symbol since their founding. *Bottom left:* The classic West London Underground map (an idea copied by several other hashes). *Bottom right:* Simple, clean and a symbol of the city - the famous Vinobana T-shirt.

Classic Designs



Top left: Few T-shirts have set the tone for a kennel like the Rumson pirate design. Gil Jackson saw the original T-shirt in a gift shop and adapted it to hash use. *Top right:* The Royal Selangor Hash generic T-shirt, inspired by the pre-war links between the club, the hash and a pet dalmatian. *Bottom left:* Manneke Piss generic design. The T-shirt was once placed on the famous statue and the boy produced beer for passing hashers. *Bottom right:* The picture doesn't do it justice. The classic Stockholm Absolut Vodka T-shirts - good material, close fitting to a hasher's manly body - always a popular purchase with visitors.

Mother Hash at war

1941

December 4th

A Japanese attack force sail from Samah Harbour on Hainan Island. Additional ships join the convoy from Saigon.

Horse has already left Malaysia to join the RAF and is stationed in Hong Kong.

December 7th -8th Japan launches attacks on Pearl Harbor, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Thailand and Malaya.

Gispert is trying to return from leave in Australia. He reaches Singapore where, unable to travel to Malaya, he joins the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

December 8th

The invasion of Malaya begins with a bombardment at around 00:30 local time on 8th December. The Japanese carrier planes flying toward Pearl Harbor are still 50 minutes away from their destination.

December 8th

The United Kingdom and United States declare war on Japan.

December 10th

Two British warships, HMS Repulse and HMS Prince of Wales, are sunk by a Japanese air attack.

December 17th

Penang is abandoned to the Japanese.

11th December

The hash set their 117th run. It will be the last hash for five years.





1942

January 7th

Indian troops are beaten back at the Battle of Slim River leaving the road open to KL.

January 11th

Japanese troops enter KL. All of northern Malaya is now in Japanese hands.

January 14th

As Japanese troops approach the state of Johore they clash with Australian troops for the first time.

January 20th

The final Commonwealth defensive line in Johore (Batu Pahat–Kluang–Mersing) is attacked along its full length.

January 27th

General Percival orders a retreat across the Johore Straits to the island of Singapore. The British force and their allies cross the causeway and destroy it.

There is a lull as the Japanese rest and resupply after their lightning campaign.

February 8th

Around 8.30 pm Japanese troops move across the straits. The bulk of allied forces are stationed on the eastern side of the island but the 22nd Australian Brigade hold the invaders for an hour.

Cecil Lee spends time on the KL airfield working alongside anti-aircraft gunners who have retreated from Penang.

December - January

At some point John Wyatt-Smith is in a group that escapes by boat to Sumatra, and from there to Java. They eventually reach South Africa having survived a torpedo attack.

Lee is in the force that has retreated to Johore where he meets the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He describes them as '*much depleted and battered*' but still '*an effective fighting force*'.

At some point Bennett and Lee go searching for Gispert, who they have heard is nearby. The three meet in a trench while taking shelter from a Japanese air raid.

Lee later writes that he was expecting a battle for the causeway. However, there is no contact with the Japanese and first the Australians, then the Argylls and finally the volunteers make their way across.

February 9th

There is heavy air fighting after which the few surviving RAF planes are flown to Sumatra.

February 10th

Fighting moves inland along a defence line known as the Jurong Line

February 11th

Japanese troops are worried about their depleted supplies and feel vulnerable to a counter-attack.

February 12th/13th

The allies attempt to form a final defensive perimeter around Singapore city.

February 13th

The causeway is repaired allowing tanks to move across

February 14th

Japanese troops break through and reach Alexandria Barracks Hospital.

10th/11th February

Gispert is with a mortar crew helping to defend HQ. A Japanese patrol creep through the rubber plantation and take them by surprise them. This quote is from the regimental history: *"About 0400 hrs a considerable force of Japanese from track junction 751150 moved up the track for 200 yards to within ten yards of Battalion H.Q. and halted. They surprised and silently caught Captain Gispert, the mortar officer, and three men and killed them."*



February 15th

The allies commanders stage a 9.30 am meeting to decide between counter-attack or surrender.

That afternoon Percival ignores orders from London and capitulates.

About 80,000 British, Indian and Australian troops in Singapore became prisoners of war, joining 50,000 taken by the Japanese in the earlier Malayan campaign.

General Gordon Bennett hands over command of his mixed force to his number two and escapes in a small boat - an action he will later be heavily criticised for. M.C. Hay - present on hash run number one - is believed to have escaped with him.



The basic fact and some of the unanswered questions:

Gispert is the only hasher to die in the war and his death is well documented.

Hay and *Wyatt-Smith* are known to have escaped. *Ross* is also believed to have escaped from Singapore but we have no details.

Horse, *Frank Woodward*, and *Lee* were all taken prisoners. We know very little about their time as prisoners. A few comments from *Lee* are printed in *Tales from the South China Seas* by *Charles Allen*.

Was the Selangor Club used by the Japanese during the war?
We do know that all the records were lost.

There is no indication of what happened to *John Barratt*, *Morris Edgar*, *Eric Galvin*, *Don Kennedy* or *Phillip Wickens*.

The Private Papers of A. R. Westrop

Arthur was a veteran of earlier paper chases and noted for being older and of a higher social rank than the average pack member. He had won the Military Cross during World War 1 and was apparently a keen runner who didn't touch alcohol. He was too old to join the army and was interned as a civilian, spending time in Changi Prison and then being transferred to Sime Road Camp. His wife was in Rhodesia and Westrop was freed at the end of the war.

He later moved to Malawi (then Nyasaland) where he died in 1965.



Imperial War Museum London

Six exercise books containing 'letters' and other writings to and for his wife while he was interned in the Sime Road camp in Singapore during May 1944 – May 1945 (with typed transcriptions, 185pp), having been amongst the first party of internees to arrive there from Changi prison, describing his new accommodation in the North Area (Kita) in some detail, describing also the rich and varied wildlife in and around the camp ("a naturalist's paradise"), inspection visits by General Masatoshi Saito, Commander of Malaya POW camps, other events and daily routines in the camp, food and health issues, mail, books accessible to the internees and cultural activities, the death and funeral of 'prominent' internee and former Acting Colonial Secretary Hugh Fraser, air raid precaution measures in and around the camp by the Japanese using internee labour, the introduction of 'private gardens' for internees to grow their own food crops, frequent references to the Jewish internee population, an extensive account of Christmas in the camp (December 1944), the regular sermons delivered by the Bishop of Singapore, Leonard Wilson, also a Sime Road camp internee, vivid descriptions of Allied air raids from late 1944 onwards, also an interesting description of an 'opinion poll' he conducted amongst the internees on the "drawbacks and advantages of internment".

Changi Chapel and Museum

'Civilian internee Arthur Westrop, who kept a diary in the form of lengthy letters to his wife in Rhodesia - present-day Zimbabwe - from December 1942 and hid it beneath floorboards from his captors. One entry reads, "I myself feel that 'If I should die today,' I have had a very fair share of this life's pleasures, joy and sadness too, but I should hate to pass on until I have had a chance of seeing what the children are making of their lives, Alastair in particular."

When he was finally released in 1944, Westrop's diary ran to 400 pages. (*Ed: These notes from the museum appear to have got the dates wrong.*)

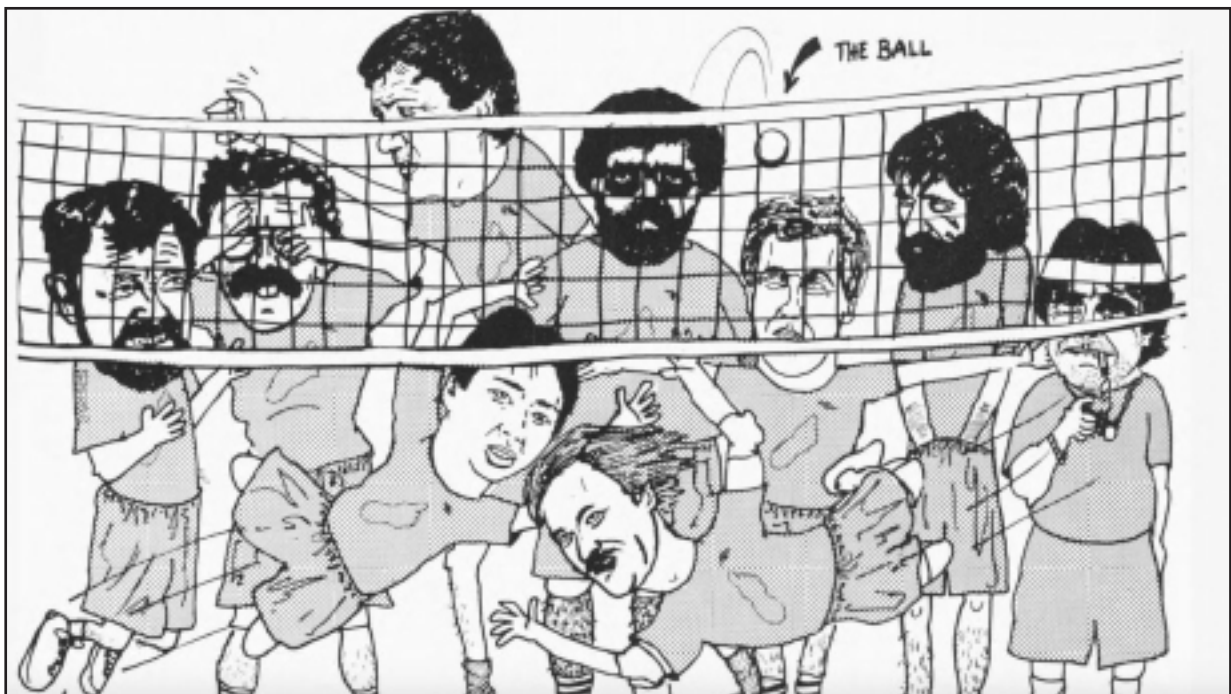
The diary, a gift from Westrop's family, is one of 82 new artefacts and objects that will be on display at the Changi Chapel and Museum (CCM) when it reopens next Wednesday (19 May, 2021), three years after it shuttered its doors for a major revamp.

Hash volleyball

Back in the days when we were all younger **Cambridge H3** organized a volleyball team.

They played in the Cambridge District League *'annually bludgeoning themselves into the runners up spot.'*

They played on Friday nights and might have trained on Sunday.



The team consisted of:

Allen Endersbe

'amazing tree-like mobility'

Warrne Dasanjh

'always turns in a faultless display particularly in the bar afterwards'

Tom Cowley

'recently taken up sailing - a good move'

Mistopher Chrills

'has a keen tactical brain - but has to leave her at home on Friday'

Mick Harper

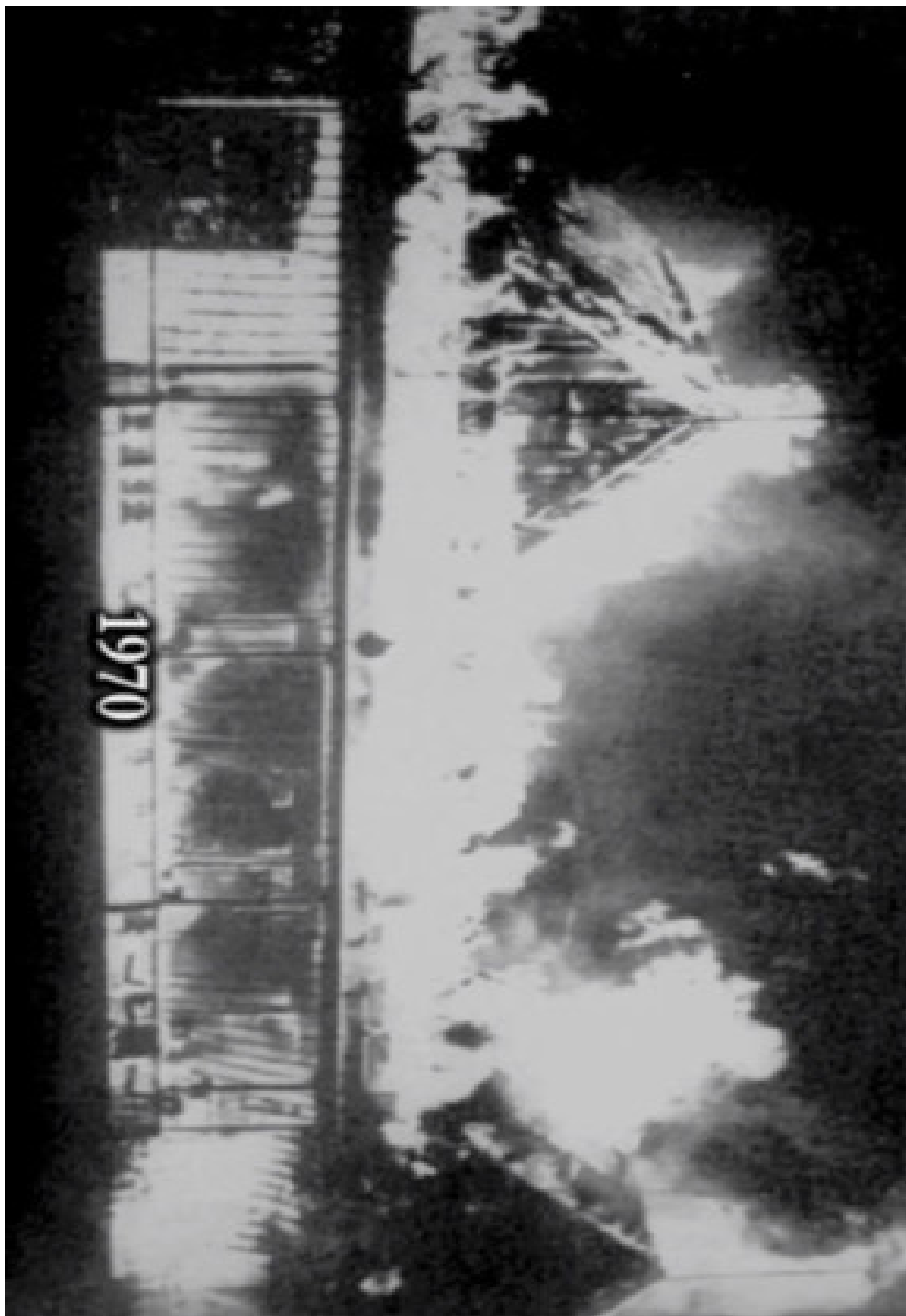
'keen disciplinarian, often punishes himself'

Johnny Legs Barker

'retired as volleyball was interfering with his drinking'

Joe Chan

'rushes around like an headless chicken'



Hash Literature

I am always interested when the Hash gets a mention in a non-hash publication and I wandered across this tale of ex-pat life by Ruth Nave Leibbrand.

FULL circle - "The Life and Travels of an "Oil-Patch" Wife is the tale of an extraordinary life even by ex-pat standards.

Ruth was born in India and spent much of her childhood there. A second overseas life started when she and husband Don, who worked in the oil industry, were posted to Venezuela.

By 1983, with Libya, Algeria, Iran and another half dozen postings under their belt, Ruth and Don were informed they would be posted to China where their company, Phillips, already had a small presence.

Ruth and Dom were aware this would most likely be their last overseas posting.

They were first housed in the White Swan Hotel, a newly opened luxury establishment in Guangzhou. There were several ex-pats from the oil industry here and they could share memories of Algeria, Nigeria and Singapore.

After two months Ruth and Don moved to Skekou. At the time this was '*a somnolent little fishing village in a snug harbour on the Pearl River.*'

The nearest city was Shenzhn, 45 minutes away by car. It was easier to take the ferry to Hong Kong.

Skekou had one popular restaurant the *Nam Sham Tsui Hag*, better known as *The Village*, which had a Hong Kong manger.

It was clear the small town would quickly change and a luxury hotel was already

being built on the river.

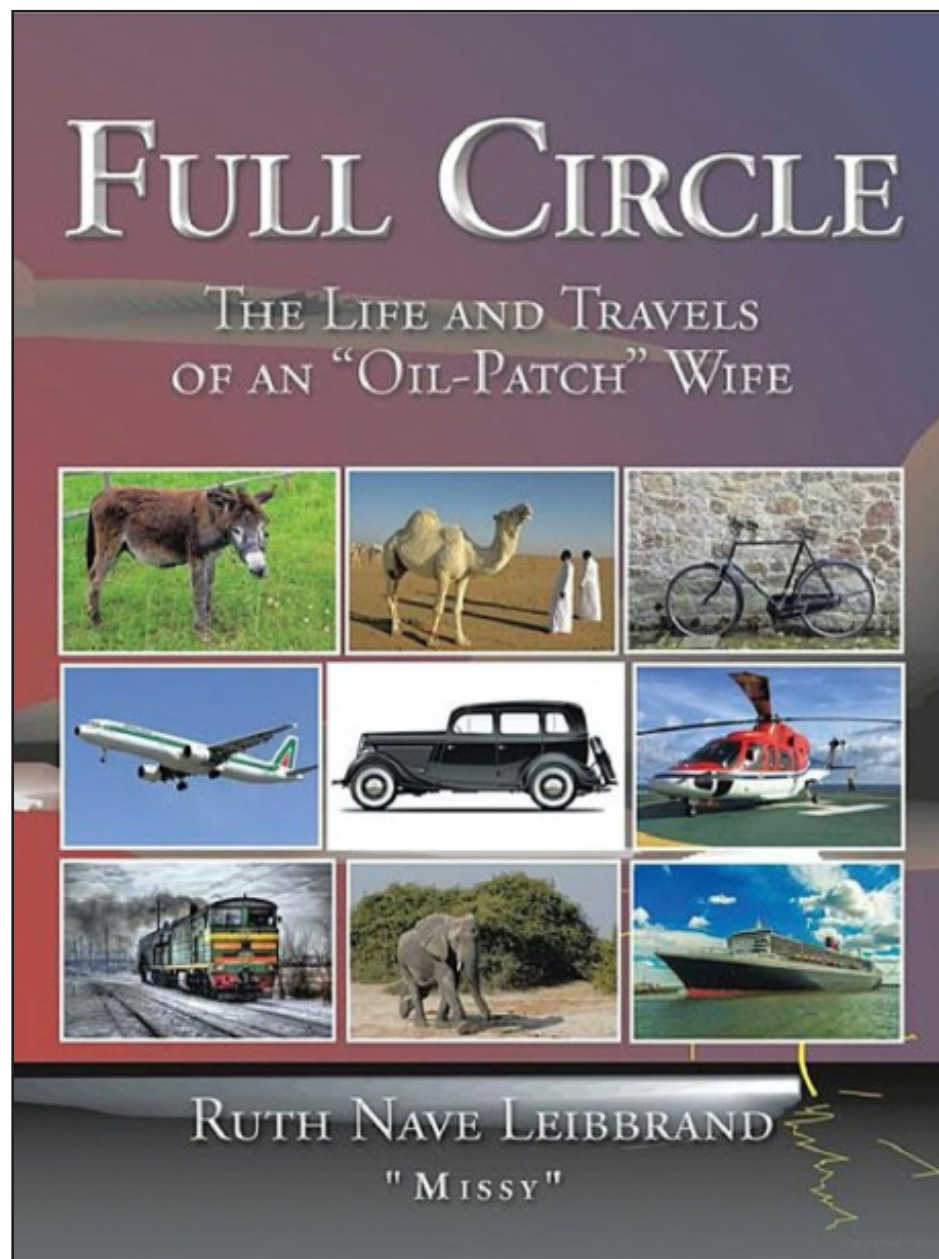
At this stage there was still little to do and the couple joined the Hash soon after they arrived.

Ruth make no mention of having hashed in any of their previous postings.

The GM was Colin Martin, an Aussie bachelor who lived next door to Ruth.

She also mentions Jenny (probably Jenny Ramsey, a 'Miss fix-it' Indian who was divorced from her British husband). One day Jenny was trying to be too bossy in the circle and was thrown into the river.

Don was given the hash name *Godfather*, due to his age. Ruth became *Grizzly*, which she claims was because back in the USA she lived in bear country.



Note: I could only find a copy on Google Books and not all the pages were available.

Background : Shekou in 1983

Shekou is located on a peninsula at the far south-western end of Shenzhen Bay. The housing estates in Yuen Long, which is in Hong Kong, could be seen across the bay, and there was a ferry service to what was then still a British colony.

"Shekou" literally means "Snake's Mouth" due to its position at the tip of the Nantou peninsula at the mouth of the Pearl River. The Shekou Hash logo, a snake on a rock, is derived from this name.

As late as the 1980s Shekou was still a small fishing village but that changed rapidly with the founding of the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone (1979). Many westerners came to Shekou after the offering of oil concessions.

There wasn't much for oil personnel to do, so in 1984 the Shekou Hash was founded by Steele *Bullwinkle* George and Colin *Tampon* Martin. The Hash soon became one of the mainstays of Shekou life and was very popular with the oil crowd.

Some three years after the founding of the hash the Shekou Sports and Social Club (a.k.a. "The Snake

Pit") was established (this was 1987). It was the first expatriate bar in China, with Steele George and Colin Martin among the founding members.

The Snake Pit was originally located in a ground floor location on an alley near the end of Taizi Road. Soon afterward local bars with names like "Mustang Sally", "Manilla Bar" and "Flower Girl Bar" opened up, offering colourful night-time entertainment for visitors and locals alike. The street became known as Shekou Bar Street or "Chicken Street" by those who live here.



The Royal New Zealand Navy Hash

The idea of a Royal Navy Hash was thought up by Flinty - 'the only good idea he ever had!'

The first Navy hash took place when **HMNZS Waikato** visited Suva in Fiji. Around twenty of the crew took part. This started the tradition of inviting local hashers back to the ship.

The idea spread to other ships thanks to **OBS** and **Some Mothers**.

The most noted hash ship of all was **HMNZS Monowi**. **Scouse** and **7UP** were the key figures on board and they arranged runs with Napier, Gisborne,

Wellington Dunedin, Sydney and Tuvalu. (*Ed: was this one cruise, or over several trips?*)

The run with the **Sydney Posh Hash** was noted for T-shirts and the first singing of the Choo Cha Cha song.

When the **Monowi** returned to Sydney the Harriettes, led by **Old Fashion Girl** and **Gypsy**, complained they had not been included, so the boys (being gentlemen) hashed with the Harriettes.

When the **Monowi** reached Fiji, 75 of the 130 crew are thought to have turned up for the hash (presumably a few had to stay to guard the ship).

In 1991 the New Zealand navy celebrated its 50th anniversary and **OBS** and **Seadog** thought this merited a land bound hash

This was staged at Devonport and attracted over 320 hashers. The entire mess from the **Waikato** was moved on a truck for the circle, where **OBS** was GM. It was then on on to the Navy Sports Club and then the Splade Bar.

There was enough money left over for another hash on the Wednesday. With a large number of locals turning up (and being able to take over the organization) it was agreed to stage a Royal Navy hash on the last Saturday of every month.



Scouse, Hold This and Flinty



HMNZS Canterbury



HMNZS Waikato - *The travelling hash*
A Leander class frigate

HMNZS Canterbury - *The Can hash*
Leander class frigate operated by the Royal New Zealand Navy from 1971 to 2005.

HMNZS Southland - *The Rambling Rams Hash*
Formally the HMS Dido before being transferred to the Royal New Zealand Navy.
Remained in service until 1995.

HMNZS Wellington - *The Gumboat Hash*
A Leander-class frigate. Originally commissioned in 1969 for the Royal Navy, she was sold to New Zealand in 1982.

HMNZS Monowai - *Ghost of the Coast Hash*
A hydro graphic survey vessel.