

Run Nos: LSW 1736 & 1737 – LSWH3 Germany Reunion Weekend

The Beer n Bratties Tour
Celle, Germany
28-30 May 2010

28th May – The Warm Up

Well the Old School of LSWH³ gathered again for a weekend of merriment around the torture (the 2 runs). The Bratties we thought would be a reflection of "Bratwurst" sausages, a delicacy (?) Of German cuisine, but no. It was more like the number of **brats** on tour - i.e. the LSWH³ youth policy starting to kick through. A full complement of Posfords, two Comers, to Forbes', two Buckmans, two Etheridges, "**Speedy**" Jones (the 7 year old version), etc meant the adults, on all run options, were under some competitive stress.

Pinky Comer had spent the year organising everything to run like clockwork..... except the weather. The forecast looked gloomy. But not disheartened the pack starting arriving on the Friday, except the Etheridge clan in their "love shack" campervan that was driven all the way from the UK. Captain Slow managed to arrive 5 minutes before the run start on the Saturday!

Friday night started out in the C'Elo restaurant and bar which was to become "base camp" for the weekend. An excellent meal marred only by "**Smash and Grab**" dropping a plate in his enthusiasm to get to the buffet spread of meat. Plus more meat. Then some pork. Oh, and some token sauerkraut, but no "Spagel" - white asparagus, in season, was deemed too expensive and sophisticated for the LSW hash it seemed.

Once the food and drinks bills were settled, the pack cracked onto The Havana Club due to a show of hands rejecting **Pinky's** suggestion of the Transvestite bar around the corner. Here (most) of the men stood outside Alfresco (and cold), to admire the serving girl's frozen assets as she brought beer and rum & cokes for the thirsty brethren.

Shanghai joined the group and a devastatingly interesting discussion of St. Albans versus Glaswegian garden allotments then ensued. It was agreed that growing rhubarb in both places was a challenge.....

Roadrunner and **Bob Harris** arrived late in the evening to help **Peterfile** and **Special Branch** stay out to the wee hours, contributing to the local economy. (Well, the breweries anyway).

29th May – Morning Free Time

The morning was free for Shloss (Palace) viewing, the town tour train, and general relief of hangovers.

The pack gathered from hotels and campervans around 2pm, to be met, by all things, the local Press. **Pinky**, with his huge connections in the local media, managed to dust off the local English paper Reporter to see what hashing was all about. We look forward to publishing the resulting article and photos soon.

He was obviously pumped with insider information as he reappeared at B, camera and notepad (yes, there are still some Bronze Age journalists around!) in hand. Henry had his uses though as he took an official group photo with the LSWH³ flag!



1736 – 29th May – Pinky – Celle Town - A to B

The run went from the rathaus Tourist Information Centre, and headed into the palace grounds. A Check Back on the other side of the park saw a rejuvenated Hash Horn lead the way to the Celle Bahn (railway). Here another Etheridge, the younger **Forest Bear**, found the check across the bridge and down onto a long trail section leading to a small suburb of Celle.

A Check Back pulled the pack together with **Hopeless** now in front pursued by **Fraser Posford**, **Forest Bear**, and the new tourer **F³M**. 1km of forest running saw the leaders come out onto a main road and a long section out, across and back the same road.

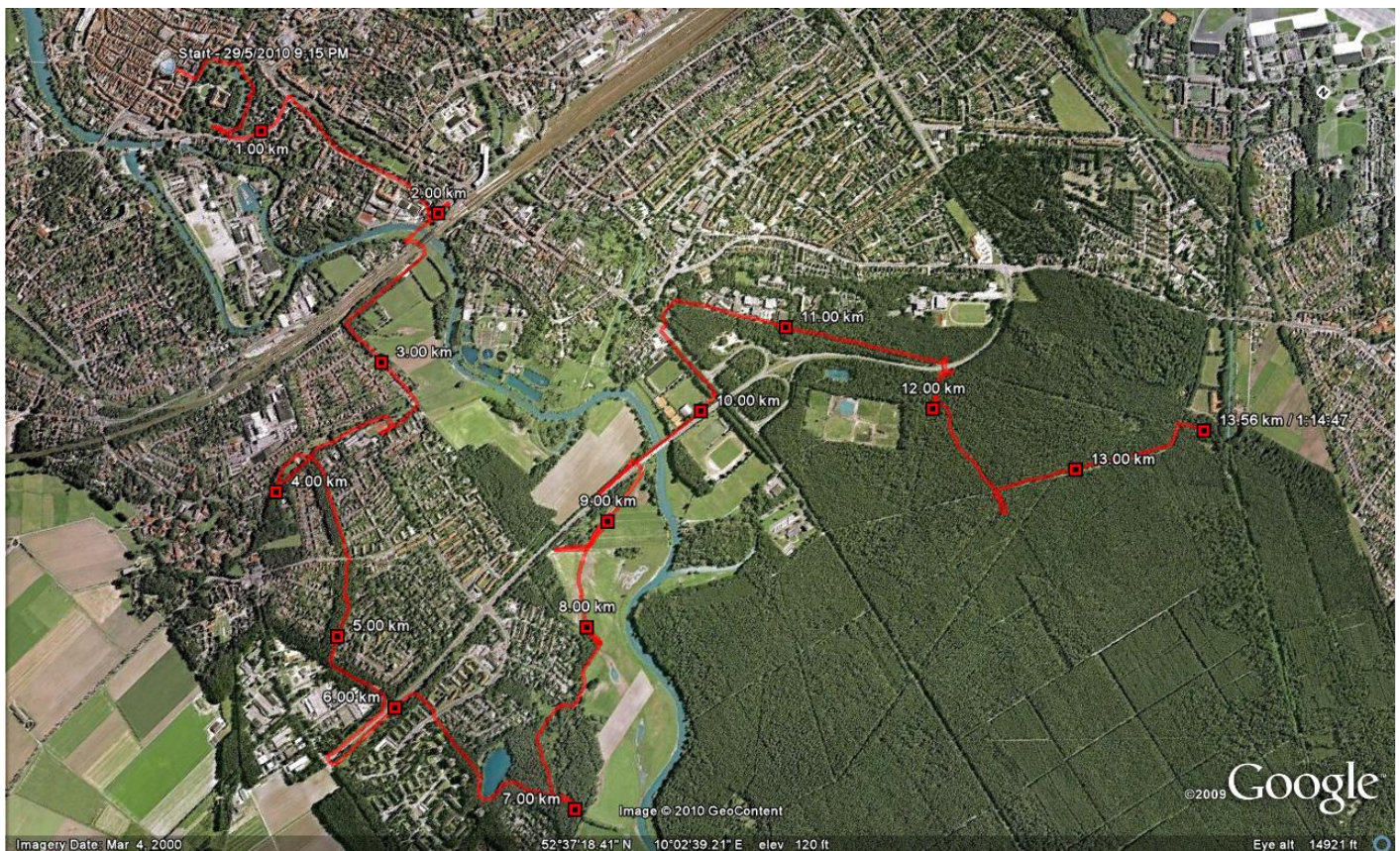
Spotting the runners across the main road, **Hash Cash**, **Peterfile** and **Hash Horn** took the chance for a 520m shortcut straight across the road, blowing raspberries as they did so!

Along section of running brought **Forest Bear** and **Fraser** out into a large field and a CB that pulled the front section of runners back together again. Check solved, the Rambos and Wimps joined up on another main road and a series of sections through forestry again, coming out onto the only elevated part of the run – a pedestrian bridge across to another large area of trees.

Some intrepid hashers cut out the “hill” (**Clive Posford**) and found the Wimp/Rambo split, where the Rambos wound their way again through forest trails, before finally **Hopeless** hit the last Check on The Rambos to lead **Fraser** to the finish, followed by **F³M** and **Forest Bear**. First Wimps in very shortly afterwards led by **Hash Cash** and **Peterfile**.

Children and dog finished within 90 minutes, an excellent and well planned run where the weather was great, the sun staying out and keeping everyone warm around the “bins” in the back of the Comermobil.

The **Hopeless** GPS map is below:



Dinner was at B, a nice restaurant on Zum Alten Kanal (road), with buffet a plenty – but no dessert!

The Down Downs by HOPELESS

The Hares – great run..... and a special edition shirt for the “prime” hare **Pinky**.

Special Branch – special Hash (1700th) Rucksack ordered and delivered via **Peterphile**.

Big Bitch & Hash Cash – invitations for 60th birthday party and then an eruption. This time a volcano and not BB, thus reducing the catering bill (Scottish traits).

Hash Reunion newbies – **F³M**, **Forest Bear**, **Drop Top** & **Vulcan**.

The “cheerful hash weekend” with a visit to Belsen” – **Pinky**.

Farmville mates – and then retired – **Fraser** & **Imogen Posford**.

Exchange rate problems – if 1 Euro is 10 HKD, how much is 10 HKD? – **F³M**.

Son Of Paul – wanted a new lock for his HK furniture. **Hopeless** delivers 12 months later.

Charlotte The Harlot – the nomadic hasher. Even Motormouth has stopped trying to locate her.

So the other **Nomad** in – Katie.

Charlotte The Harlot – waking up hashers as her watch was at the right time but she was an hour ahead of herself.

Steve Gowling replacement this week – tight fisted **Hash Horn** for using a campervan for the event. Which turns out is the local “red light district” on the B5 road in. Double down down.

Touring with the kids in order to get permission to come – **Special Branch**.

Nice restaurant last night but broken plate – **Smash n Grab**.

Allotment boring talk last night – about Rhubarb – **MENSA**, **Shanghai** and **Peterfile**.

Followed by a Rhubarb pie Down Down.

Hash Pose – **Little Fighter**.

Racing on the hash – **Forest Bear** and **Fraser**.

Pinky – calling in The Press to cover the Hash and to get in the local paper.

Press asked “who’s the oldest”, which caused a dog fight amongst the men (**Vulcan**, **Roadrunner**, **Bob Harris**, **Hash Horn**), but in fact was likely to be **Charlotte The Harlot**.

Ladies toilet too messy as all the ladies had put the slips of paper with “B” on in their underwear and then it fell out when getting changed. Only **Big Bitch** could still produce hers so all the ladies up for a drink.

Leaving on a jet plane to live in Brisbane – **Son of Paul** and **Nomad**.

Changing shirts – wanted size swaps, **Charlotte** and **Tai Po**.

Appointed Religious Adviser – **MENSA**.

Namings:

Bob Harris – **Whisper** (grey whistle test DJ).

Sarah Morley – **Posh**.

Clive Posford – **Becks**.

Jackii Comer – **Dog Minder**.

New shoes – **MENSA**.

Vulcan – told a soliquelly to entertain the seated restaurateurs.

AND WE SANG THE SONG ! (The Hares and the old people.....).

1737 - 30th May – Pinky – Rohloff Ferienpark Huttensee– A to A

The morning had three options: (a) visit Bergen-Belsen Internment Camp, (b) kiddies ten-pin bowling or (c) lie in bed until 1pm for a bus pick up back in town. With **Charlotte The Harlot** exercising in (c) the rest of the group partook of (a) or (b) while the hare went out to set the trail.

Well it rained at (a). Then it was dry, then pouring down, then the bus arrived. By this time the hare had been out twice, and when we arrived at the Campsite at Huttensee, he was waiting, covered in flour, from his third attempt. Nice try **Pinky**, but only one Hare Count allowed for all your efforts.

With **Michelle Etheridge** opting to keep the hare company, the pack set off in dry conditions. As you can see from the map below, a lot of forestry in the first few km's and led by **Destroyer, Forest Bear** and **Fraser. Hopeless** seemed to be nominated to solve Checks or the occasional intelligence test – "There's an arrow with a W but I don't understand this one that is two arrows?" asks Forest Bear.

"That's because", says the wily old fox **Hopeless**, "if you move slightly to the side you can see it is actually an arrow with an R!"

The run went past farms, farm dogs, and long long fields of some kind of grain. The Wimps cut right while the Rambos did a big loop around the green fields, before coming back through forestry to join the Wimps.

Another W/R split meant a 2km loop for the Rambos that mysteriously found **Big Bitch** and **Dame Edna** walking along. By this stage **Forest Bear** and **Fraser Posford** were trail blazing home as another intense cold downpour came down to soak most runners in the last 10-20 minutes of their runs.

The Hopeless map of The Rambos:



Another good trail, with a lot of the flour surviving the persistent weather. A short stay by the bins before we all clambered onto the red "Bahn Bus" for the journey to the Officer's Mess, and a VERY up market ONON curry with silver service and a personalized bar.

Drop Top & Vulcan had to leave early so were given a "Fukov Down Down" prior to their departure.

The Down Downs by HOPELESS

The Hare – setting the run three times – **Pinky**.

Hash Crash yesterday – **Big Bitch**.

Forest Bear – father suggested a renaming of FB(M) – Future Beer Monster.

Tai Po – for ordering 5 batches of pink mayonnaise in C'elo last night to go with the chips. ("Pomme Frites mit girlie dressing bitte.....?") !!!!

Eurovision song contest fascination – **F³M**.

Winner – the Germans – **Charlotte The Harlot**.

MENSA – can name every winner since 1967. (True!).

F³M – asking a German at a dinner party – "Did you like that film Inglorious Basterds?".

Big Bitch and **Hash Cash** – Spain's Triple-A rating is down to Double-A – so they aren't moving out of Spain anytime soon as the Euro is about to collapse.

Hash mistake – **Hopeless**. Failed to recognize the Youngest Hasher yesterday.

Little Fighter – youngest hasher!

Son Of Paul – stripping off in the Cafeteria of the Bergen-Belsen Internment Camp.

Annoyance – winning the Pokémon contest.

Forest Bear – winner of today's hash, in front of **Fraser** and **Hopeless**. **Hopeless** passes the cap to the new generation.

Hash Couple – **Whisper** and **Roadrunner**. Inseparable on tour, running, walking, sleeping!

Nomad – tells **Son Of Paul** “don't leave me on the run” and then proceeds to leave him behind when he is too slow.

Sandy Bay – ran past the green arrows to start doing the whole run again.

Dame Edna – “So **Big Bitch**, you're living back in HK again?” – Alzheimer's DD.

Speedy – winning the Quiz set by **Pinky**.

50th birthday this year – **Becks**.

Religious Adviser – **MENSA**. For today's appalling weather.

Clarifications of namings:

Bob Harris – **Whispering Bob** (grey whistle test DJ).

Jackii Comer – **Hund Meister**.

Big THANK YOU to the Hares for a great weekend and organisation.

Candidate Cities : Purley/Etheridges (2nd place), so next year awarded to: ST. ALBANS with Hares **Special Branch** and **Peterfile**.

Down Down to **Pinky** as “it was cheaper entertaining 30 hashers than having a dinner party at my place”.

On to Celle and C'elo and fond farewells.

If I missed people or topics for Down Downs, my apologies, but with some limited time and opportunity I may have missed some of you – sorry for that.....

**ON ON
HOPELESS**

ATTENDEE LIST

Family Name	Adult	Child	Hash name
Arrandale	Phil		Roadrunner
Bourton	Peter		Peterfile
Buckman	Adrian		Special Branch
Buckman		Nick	
Buckman		Andrew	
Comer	John		Pinky
Comer		Jack	Annoyance
Comer		Joe	Smash n Grab
Comer-Crockett	Jackii		Hund Meister
Etheridge	Colin		Hash Horn
Etheridge	Denise		Dame Edna
Etheridge	Michelle		
Etheridge		Forest Bear	Forest Bear
Davies	Hadyn		Vulcan
Davies	Cathy		Drop Top
Forbes	Derek		Son Of Paul
Forbes	Katie		Nomad
Forbes		Matthew	Destroyer
Forbes		Jessica	Little Fighter
Grant	Alan		MENSA
Grant	Jill		Shanghai
Grant		Sandie	Sandy Bay
Harris	Bob		Whispering Bob
Hope	Mark		Hopeless
Jones	Jo		F3M
Jones	Colin		Tai Po
Jones	Sue		Twinkle Toes
Jones		Callum	Speedy
McLeod	Eric		Hash Cash
McLeod	Seonaid		Big Bitch
Mitchell	Charlotte		The Harlot
Posford	Clive		Becks
Morley	Sarah		Posh
Posford		Imogen	
Posford		Fraser	
Posford		Ethan	

PHOTOS

Posted on Hopeless's Facebook and available on CD on request and receipt of Beer Tokens.