Hash 636
Matthew Flinders Run
Sun 9 Dec 2012



Hare Pierre-André (left)

Hashers 60 (approx)

Beer maiden Philida (not Fazila, GM!)

Hash Trash Kay



First word

The Hash was named after Captain Matthew Flinders (1774 – 1814) (above right) who was a distinguished navigator and cartographer and who was the first person to circumnavigate Australia and identify it as a continent. On his way back from Australia in 1803 his ship, the Cumberland, stopped off in Mauritius for urgent repairs. The island was then under French rule and Britain and France were at war. Flinders was arrested and held captive for more than six years. A monument to Captain Flinders was erected overlooking the sea near Baie du Cap.

Trail





We assembled under the trees on the public beach behind Restaurant les Filaos at Baie du Cap on a very hot Sunday morning. The trail led eastwards along the beach then we crossed the road and started to climb up the steep hill behind the rows of houses that line the coast road.








We clambered over rocks, trekked through sugar cane, dragged ourselves up steep hills in the heat and then scrambled down again. The views of the rugged south coast and the turquoise lagoon were magnificent but it was so hot that a number of Hashers could not resist the temptation to return to the on-on when the trail reached the road again. They missed out on another steep climb and descent as well as the Matthew Flinders monument where the last box of the Hash was located. The Hare was waiting at the monument and instructed the few Hashers who reached it to touch it 3 times for luck.

Hash circle



Hashers were relieved to return to the shady on-on to get out of the heat. It was so hot that the ice chilling the beer in the cool bags had melted and flooded the back of Bob's truck. Thirsty Hashers saved the day by drinking the beer before it got warm!

Here's to the hare!

The Hare was congratulated on a fine trail. He had received no complaints so assumed that everyone had enjoyed themselves.

First timers

- Clément – from France, came with Elodie
- Tamara – from England, came with Aunt Sharma
- Seb – from England, came with Sharma
- Niamh (pronounced Neeve) – from Dublin, came with Jean-Marie and family, hopes to come back again and again and again!
- Vic – from Flacq, came with Jean-Marie and family

Second timers

None. The GM's supply of second timers from England seems to have run out so he was forced to take a down-down.

Announcements

Red Dress Run

The GM reminded Hashers that today was the last opportunity to buy tickets for the Red Dress event on 22 December. This is an all ticket event – no ticket, no entry.



Scribe

There were several interesting responses to the photo quiz. The Scribe had no idea what the strange concrete installation in Albion was (left) and hoped someone would be able to tell her. Some people submitted imaginative guesses like Harold's labyrinth (Tusia) but Jim had actually asked a local resident and discovered that the place we passed on the Hash was a Japanese fish farm so he won the prize.

RA

Down-downs

- Jean-Marie – had left his hat behind after the Hash at Moka and his daughter, Nadine, had claimed it for him at the Hash in Albion and had taken a down-down on his behalf
- Etienne – for stripping down to his Speedos at Albion and putting everyone off their drink!
- Sue – for getting the bus back to the on-on at the Hash in Pérébère.
- Kees – for getting a taxi back to the on-on at Pérébère.

Here's for settling the books!

- Claire and Tim – the dynamic duo had cycled to Baie du Cap
- Gilbert – for arriving at the Hash after the cyclists

Here's to the sinners!

- Claude – for driving a bus in Pérébère

Here's to the infamous!





- Marie-Andrée, Véronique and Noah – for letting their hats blow away on the beach

Here's to the family affair!

- Claudia - the name of the next cyclone! The RA asked for a definition of a cyclone and the responses included: hot and wet, wind and rain, terrifying, thunder, stormy, circling, intense. He then revealed the connection with Hash Cash, Claudia.

Here's to our own cyclone!

- Gilbert, the GM, Tusia, Tim, Clément and Rey – the only people who could give the correct answer to the Hare's question: "Where was the last box on the Hash?"

Here's to the sinners!

- Vic and Clément – new shoes
- Stefan – old shoes, the sole had become detached during the Hash and he dumped them in the bin afterwards

Here's to the flashers and loser!

Hash hostage
Sue was not at the Hash so the cowbell could not be passed on to a new recipient but the GM had forgotten about it anyway.

Next Hash
The Red Dress Run – full details on the website

Competition
Due to a hectic pre-Christmas period which includes assisting the GM in organising the Red Dress Run there is no competition this week. Despite this several entries have been received – all from the same person. In his quest to win the prize and replace the much missed Ryan as teacher's pet, a certain Hasher has submitted various questions and answers such as

Rsesrudnedr = red dress run

Guess who?

Photos
Thanks to this week's photographers – Jim and Elvira

Here's to the Hash! On-on……