Mauritius
Hash House Harriers

Hash Trash

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Run Number 692

Hares: Alan, Sara, Gilbert & Fran

Location: Benares

Something I particularly like about the hash is that you go to places you would never normally find and this week's run-site was an example par excellence. Lovely spot under the trees by an old sugar factory chimney.

Beautiful walk through cane fields,



…along the cliffs,

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….down to the beach



…and back through an avenue of royal palms.



I'm guessing about the royal palms – my knowledge of palms is not vast – whatever, they were definitely palms and they were so green at the top it looked like someone had given them a good wash. If they had, then whoever they are can they please go down to Jumbo supermarket and give them a few cleaning lessons. Sometimes I go in there and it smells like they've washed the floor with a dead dog – probably the remains of the one we saw on the last hash.

The GM rewarded the hares in the usual manner – they definitely deserved it.



There were no virgins but two second timers.



The RA hauled forth Mario as the representative vegetarian German and Kees as the hashing Dutchman about the sinking of 7 Dutch ships by the German navy exactly 98 years ago. I have googled the event but although it is recorded I have not been able to find any details so have no idea why it occurred. Popular vote ensured that the Dutchman got the down-down by way of commiseration.



Banglestein was awarded to Daniel to the tune of “If I had a Hammer” rather than the usual song – perhaps Gilbert was thinking we should use the Banglestien percussively?

Returnees Jack Sylvia and Abigail were welcomed back in the usual manner.



Jean, accused of short-cutting, admitted his crime but claimed that the GM told him to do it so the RA punished them both. Actually if I remember rightly, short-cutting is not a crime but being caught short-cutting definitely is one.

Ravin, Vincent and Jaetan were questioned about the lady in the last hash trash.



What colour were her shoes? The correct answer avoided the punishment.
Moral : Read the Hash Trash!

My French is virtually non-existent but I do attempt to translate and was puzzled recently about a sign in the supermarket so I asked No Trump to confirm my version and he agrees that the sign says " We are not allowed to sell cigarettes to smokers under the age of 18". Does that mean they can sell cigarettes to non-smokers under the age of 18? Or is this a quirk of the French language that is beyond my understanding? As my French is so limited that would not be a surprise. Languages are not my forte (anyone who has ever heard my appalling español would have to agree) so I find it comforting to know that others have a similar problem with English.

If you ever feel that the English language is beyond you then just read on. If you've learned to speak fluent English, you must be a genius! This little treatise on the lovely language is only for the brave.
Reasons why the English language is so hard to learn:
There is no egg in eggplant or ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France (Surprise!). Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.
Quicksand works slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea or is it a pig. Writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham.
If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese?
Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend. If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it? Is it an odd, or an end?
If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?
How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out, and in which, an alarm goes off by going on.
English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

A vote of thanks to Gilbert and his oft-times substitute Mario for keeping the beer cold and flowing!

I am glad to see a few people finally putting their names down to be hares but for those of you have not yet hared this year that doesn't mean you are off the hook! Stop procrastinating and put your name down with Harry at the next hash.

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